

Zoom11: "Obedience" Does not appear in Torah

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OBEDIENCE is a Hallmark of Western Society and Western Religion

Obedience is a hallmark of Roman culture

shrine, where the standards reposed, ritual center of the encampment.⁸⁴ The rigorous discipline of Roman military life, the demanding obedience to authority represented in centurions, military tribunes, and commanders, broke down the cultural norms of non-Roman troops and fostered Roman values in their place. Fighting for Rome almost continually in the period from 264 (First Punic War) to 91 (Italian War), Italians eventually came to share much in common with their Roman comrades.

Inevitably the long involvement with the Roman army shaped the assimilation experience of many ordinary members of Italian society. As a result of campaigning with the Romans, Italian allies firmly embraced the Roman sense of organization, regularization, and order. These deep attributes of Roman culture, embodied in the Roman military, held out the promise of security in somewhat precarious lives, as did supply and labor markets in towns. Taken on by non-Romans, these attributes were reinforced by the tangible rewards of military service, land, and cash. Italians and Latins as well as Romans received allotments of land either in colonies or as individual grants. Usually they were resettled in the same units in which they had served. Regularly they received

The Laws of the Roman People: Public Law in the Expansion and Decline of the Roman Republic/ Callie Willaimson

Obedience is a Hallmark of German Culture

Norbert Elias (1996, 400) noted how the German state, founded in 1871, indeed managed to inculcate in Germans a strong disposition to submit loyally and unconditionally to its demands: it implemented the German idea of liberty as service by the individual to the State and the Nation. Troeltsch (1925, 97), indeed, concluded that 'the liberty of the German is willed discipline, advancement and development of one's own self in a whole and for a whole'. This 'willed discipline' bears the stamp of Prussian militaristic values and expresses itself in values such as obedience to orders, asceticism, stark simplicity and devotion to duty. In other words, Troeltsch holds that the German idea of liberty is in fact Prussian, and hence militaristic. In a similar way, Alfred Weber (1947, 165) identified this German discipline as 'Prussian robot-like obedience' while Elias (1996, 382) called it 'corpse-like obedience'.

Theorizing European Societies By Marinus Ossewaarde p 96

Obedience is a Hallmark of Medieval European Culture

Historians divide the entire period into two parts. In the early Middle Ages, from about A.D. 500 to 1000, Europe adjusted to the changes caused by the fall of the Roman Empire and the formation of new kingdoms by Germanic peoples. In these years, the Christian Church took form and Europeans withstood new invasions. In the late Middle Ages, from about 1000 to 1500, medieval life and culture matured. This period saw population growth and economic expansion, the rise of towns and universities, the building of great cathedrals and mosques, and the launching of the Crusades.

Medieval Kings

As landowners, knights and their lords belonged to a rich, privileged elite—the top 10 percent of the population. Other members included kings, bishops or senior clergy, and leading merchants. The rest of medieval society—peasant farmers and ordinary townsfolk—were poor and disadvantaged.

Medieval kings claimed to be God's deputies on Earth. They demanded loyalty, reverence, respect, and obedience. It was their duty to defend their

Knights, Castles and Warfare in the Middle Ages - Fiona Macdonald p5 and 8

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[Hebrews 5:8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he ...](#)

Son though he was, he learned **obedience** from what he suffered

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[Romans 1:5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call ...](#)

Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the **obedience** that comes from faith for his name's sake. ...

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[Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man ...](#)

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the **obedience** of the one man the many will be made righteous. ...

[//biblehub.com/romans/5-19.htm](#) - 19k

[2 Corinthians 10:6 And we will be ready to punish every act of ...](#)

And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your **obedience** is complete. ...

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[Romans 16:19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice ...](#)

Everyone has heard about your **obedience**, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. ...

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[Philemon 1:21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing ...](#)

Confident of your **obedience**, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. ...

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[2 Corinthians 9:13 Because of the service by which you have proved ...](#)

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the **obedience** that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ ...

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[Romans 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to ...](#)

... yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to **obedience**, which leads ...

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[2 John 1:6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his ...](#)

And this is love: that we walk in **obedience** to his commands. ... The love of which I am speaking consists in our living in **obedience** to God's commands. ...

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[Luke 23:56 Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. ...](#)

... perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in **obedience** to the commandment. ... perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested in **obedience** to the Commandment. ...

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[2 Chronicles 31:21 In everything that he undertook in the service ...](#)

In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in **obedience** to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. ...

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[1 Kings 2:3 and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in ...](#)

and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in **obedience** to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of ...

[//biblehub.com/1_kings/2-3.htm - 21k](#)

[Zechariah 3:7 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will ...](#)

..... This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in **obedience** to me and ...

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[Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in **obedience** to all that the LORD your God ...](#)

Walk in **obedience** to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. ...

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[Psalm 128:1 A song of ascents. Blessed are all who fear the LORD ...](#)

A song of ascents. Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in **obedience** to him. ...

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Deuteronomy 5:30

BIBLEHUB: Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. (NIV)

(30) follow only the path that the LORD your God has enjoined upon you, so that you may thrive and that it may go well with you, and that you may long endure in the land you are to possess.

דברים ה':ל'

(ל) בְּכָל־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲתָכֶם
תֵּלְכוּ לְמַעַן תַּחְיִיו וְטוֹב לָכֶם וְהֶאֱרַכְתֶּם יָמִים
בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר תִּירָשׁוּ:

Walk in the whole path that HaShem
...your God tells-commands you

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[Jeremiah 42:6 Whether it is favorable or unfavorable, we will obey ...](#)

Whether it is favorable or unfavorable, we will **obey** the LORD our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it will go well with us, for we will **obey** the LORD ...

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[Romans 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to ...](#)

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you **obey**--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to ...

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[Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is ...](#)

Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ... Children, **obey** your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ...

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[Colossians 3:22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything...](#)

Slaves, **obey** your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and ...

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[Mark 4:41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? ...](#)

... is this? Even the wind and the waves **obey** him!"

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[2 Thessalonians 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and ...](#)

He will punish those who do not know God and do not **obey** the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ...

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[Matthew 8:27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is ...](#)

... is this? Even the winds and the waves **obey** him!"

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[James 3:3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them ...](#)

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them **obey** us, we can turn the whole animal. ...

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[Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for ...](#)

Children, **obey** your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ... Children, always **obey** your parents, for this pleases the Lord. ...

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[Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God ...](#)

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must **obey** God rather than human beings! ... But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must **obey** God rather than men. ...

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[Hebrews 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of ...](#)

and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who **obey** him ...

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[Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so ...](#)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you **obey** its evil desires. ...

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[Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy ...](#)

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who **obey** him ...

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[2 Thessalonians 3:14 Take special note of anyone who does not obey ...](#)

Take special note of anyone who does not **obey** our instruction in this letter. ... Take note of those who refuse to **obey** what we say in this letter. ...

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[Deuteronomy 30:2 and when you and your children return to the LORD ...](#)

and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and **obey** him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today ...

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Deuteronomy 30:2

BIBLEHUB: and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and **obey** him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today ...

(2) and you return to the LORD your God, and you and your children heed His command with all your heart and soul, just as I enjoin upon you this day,

דברים ל':ב'

(ב) וְשָׁמַתָּ עַד-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹלוֹ כְּכֹל
אֲשֶׁר-אָמַרְךָ מִצִּוַּת הַיּוֹם אֲתָהּ וּבְנִיךָ כְּכֹל-לְבָבָהּ
וּבְכָל-נַפְשָׁהּ:

v'Shamata v'kolo - and you will listen to
His voice - listen to what he is saying to
you... listen to his words he is telling
you

BIBLEHUB SEARCH for OBEDIENT

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[2 Corinthians 2:9 Another reason I wrote you was to see if you ...](#)

Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be **obedient** in everything. ...

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[Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled ...](#)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to death-- even death on a cross! ...

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[Acts 6:7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in ...](#)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became **obedient** to the faith. ...

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[1 Peter 1:14 As **obedient** children, do not conform to the evil ...](#)

As **obedient** children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ... So you must live as God's **obedient** children. ...

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[Titus 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and ...](#)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be **obedient**, to be ready to do whatever is good ...

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[Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and **obedient**, you will eat the good ...](#)

If you are willing and **obedient**, you will eat the good things of the land;

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[Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was **obedient** ...](#)

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was **obedient** to them. ... Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was **obedient** to them. ...

[//biblehub.com/luke/2-51.htm](#) - 18k

[Romans 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to ...](#)

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as **obedient** slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to ...

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[2 Corinthians 7:15 And his affection for you is all the greater ...](#)

And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all **obedient**, receiving him with fear and trembling. ...

[//biblehub.com/2_corinthians/7-15.htm](#) - 19k

[Deuteronomy 30:17 But if your heart turns away and you are not ...](#)

But if your heart turns away and you are not **obedient**, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them ...

[//biblehub.com/deuteronomy/30-17.htm](#) - 18k

[Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and ...](#)

... Slaves, be **obedient** to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ ...

[//biblehub.com/ephesians/6-5.htm](#) - 18k

[Exodus 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to ...](#)

... Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be **obedient** ...

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[Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be ...](#)

... But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become **obedient** from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed ...

<http://biblehub.com/romans/6-17.htm> - 19k

[Proverbs 25:12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold ...](#)

... As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reproof upon an **obedient** ear. ...

<http://biblehub.com/proverbs/25-12.htm> - 17k

[Titus 2:9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in ...](#)

... Exhort servants to be **obedient** unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not talking back ...

<http://biblehub.com/titus/2-9.htm> - 18k

Deuteronomy 30:17

BIBLEHUB: But if your heart turns away and you are not **obedient**, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them ...

(17) But if your heart turns away and you give no heed, and are lured into the worship and service of other gods,

דברים ל':י"ז

(יז) ואם יפנה לבבך ולא תשמע וגדחת והשתחית לאלהים אחרים ועבדתם:

*Lo Tishma.. you do not listen
hear
..pay heed*

Exodus 24:7

BIBLEHUB: Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be **obedient** ...

(7) Then he took the record of the covenant and read it aloud to the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will faithfully do!"

שמות כ"ד:ז'

(ז) ויקח ספר הבְרִית ויקרא באזְנֵי הָעָם ויאמְרוּ כָּל אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע:

*Na'aseh v'nishma - we will do and we
will hear - internalize - understand*

COMMAND - Tzav - An imperative - something one is told to do - that connects you to the one telling you to do it.

A Mitzvah - is an action that one requests someone else to perform/ or abstain from for the benefit of the one being asked to do it, in order to deepen the relationship.

A Tzav - is an "order" or "command" an "imperative"

לעשות *La'asot* - To do, perform

לשמור *Lishmor* - To keep, guard, protect, observe

לשמוע *Lishmoa* - To listen, hear, understand, internalize, heed, hearken,

What is the Relationship Between God and Mankind?

In each of the relationships.. what emotion is the relationship based on?

Master - Slave - Dependence
King - Servant - Awe/Fear
Father - Child - Trust
Husband - Wife - Love

Pirkei Avot 4:2

(2) Ben Azzai said: ... For the reward for performing a commandment MITZVAH is the MITZVAH and the reward for committing a transgression is the transgression.

משנה אבות ד':ב'

(ב) וְשָׁכַר מִצְוָה, מִצְוָה. וְשָׁכַר עֲבֵרָה, עֲבֵרָה:

The King - Servant Relationship is Usually Based on Fear/Awe

Pirkei Avot 1:3

(3) Antigonus a man of Socho received [the oral tradition] from Shimon the Righteous. He used to say: do not be like servants who serve the master in the expectation of receiving a reward, but be like servants who serve the master without the expectation of receiving a reward, and let the fear of Heaven be upon you.

משנה אבות א':ג'

(ג) אֲנִיגְנוּס אִישׁ סוֹכוֹ קִבֵּל מִשְׁמַעוֹן הַצַּדִּיק. הוּא הָיָה אוֹמֵר, אַל תִּהְיוּ כְעֹבְדִים הַמְשֻׁמְשִׁין אֶת הָרֵב עַל מִנַּת לְקַבֵּל פָּרֶס, אֲלָא הָיוּ כְעֹבְדִים הַמְשֻׁמְשִׁין אֶת הָרֵב שְׁלֵא עַל מִנַּת לְקַבֵּל פָּרֶס, וִיהִי מוֹרָא שְׁמַיִם עֲלֵיכֶם:

Highest Level of Relationship is based on Love -- Husband/Wife Relationship

Rashi on Song of Songs 1:1

(4) **The song of songs which is Shlomo's.** Rabbi Akiva said, "The world was never as worthy as on the day that Shir Hashirim was given to Yisroel, for all the Writings are holy, but Shir Hashirim is the holiest of the holies."

רש"י על שיר השירים א':א'

אָמַר רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא: "לֹא הָיָה הָעוֹלָם כְּדַאי כִּיּוֹם שֶׁנָּתַן בּוֹ שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים לְיִשְׂרָאֵל, שְׁכָל הַכְּתוּבִים קִדְּשׁ וְשִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים קִדְּשׁ קִדְּשִׁים."

Rashi on Numbers 7:1

(1) **AND IT CAME TO PASS ON THE DAY THAT MOSES HAD FINISHED [RAISING THE TABERNACLE]** — The word כלות is written defective (without ו after the ל) thus indicating: on the day that the Tabernacle was erected Israel was like a bride (כלה) who goes beneath the marriage canopy (Midrash Tanchuma, Nasso 20).

רש"י על במדבר ז':א'

(א) **וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם כָּלוֹת מֹשֶׁה.** כֵּלֶת כְּתִיב — יוֹם הַקָּמַת הַמִּשְׁכָּן הָיוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּכֹלָה הַנִּכְנָסֶת לַחֲפָה (פְּסִיקְתָּא; תַּנְחוּמָא):

Let's look at this verse in the context of a Husband/Wife relationship

Exodus 19:5

KJV: Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

שמות י"ט:ה'

(ה) ועתה אם-שמעו תשמעו בקולי ושמרתם
את-בריתי והייתם לי סגלה מכל-העמים כי-לי
כל-הארץ:

HEB (5) Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine,

LITERAL/LITERARY: Now, if you will hear me (take to heart) and listen to (and act on) what I say, and you keep to our (marriage) vows, you will be my treasured (wife) from among all the women in the world... because I can choose whomever I want.

שמעו תשמעו hear and listen ---

doubling up the word intensifies the verbs... Do you hear me? Are you listening? have you ever said to your husband or wife -- "Your not hearing me.. if you'd only just listen to what I'm saying ... "

A looser more accurate rendering would be "Now, if you pay close attention to what I say to you and you keep my covenant (I made with you)

When you say to your spouse, "You are not listening to me, you're not hearing me!," what is bothering you, is that they are being distracted by something that they are giving more priority to than their relationship with you. Not that they are disobeying your "voice."

Once, one of our teenage sons was grounded.

He snuck out of the house - breaking the "commandment."

We didn't get upset because he disobeyed us and we told him so.

We told him we were disappointed because he was making whatever he snuck off to do more important than his relationship with his father and mother.

We asked him if whatever he wanted to do was more important to him than his relationship with us.

He chose to stay grounded 😊

Listen means, stop, focus, and pay attention.

Hear means take those words to heart and make them part of yourself.

Where Obedience is Appropriate and Inappropriate

Obedience is appropriate in a General/Soldier relationship.

Obedience is expected in a Human Master/Slave relationship.

Obedience is expected in a Human King/Serf relationship

because we want to take away their will, and replace it with ours.

Obedience is expected by Parents of Small Children

because the children don't have the proper judgement to act in their self interest, so we take away their will and replace it with our own.

Obedience is expected by Owners of Dogs.

because a dog's instincts may act against their owner's interest, so we try to replace their instincts with our desires.

Obedience is totally out of place in an adult/adult relationship, especially a Husband/Wife relationship.

The essence of a Human Being is the ability to have free choice. The last thing God or we would want to do is rob a human being of their free will. We need to earn respect so the other will choose to make our will their will, thereby making an intensely strong bond with each other.

Pirkei Avot 2:4

(4) He (Rabban Gamliel the son of Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi) used to say: do His will as though it were your will, so that He will do your will as though it were His.

משנה אבות ב'ד'

(ד) הוא הָיָה אֹמֵר, עֲשֵׂה רְצוֹנוֹ כְּרְצוֹנְךָ, כְּדִי
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