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I. Some introductory comments

- A. Children are included in the epistle and addressed by God
- B. We are all children and hence the passage applies to all of us
- C. The passage is addressed to dependent children

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II. Some important observations

- A. God has marked covenant children as saints
- B. Children obey parents IN THE Lord
- C. Dependent children honor their parents by obedience

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III. The commandment with a promise

- A. The first commandment with a specific promise
- B. Obedient children are promised a good and long life on the earth
- C. There is unity between the Old and New Covenants

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IV. Obedience is the right thing to do & it pleases the Lord

- A. Children must obey in order to believe the Lord
- B. Children must obey because they believe the Lord
- C. Children must obey to honor parents and the Lord

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IV. What is obedience and what does it look like?

- A. Grumpy obedience is disobedience
- B. Partial obedience is disobedience
- C. Delayed obedience is disobedience
- D. Deaf obedience is disobedience
- E. Forgetful obedience is disobedience
- F. Rationalized obedience is disobedience

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IV. Some concluding reflections

- A. Obedience enlightens the eyes
- B. Obedience is never complete
- C. The way you think and how you act must match
- D. Children must be eager to hear their parents
- E. Your children learn from you in the way you obey the Lord
- F. Obedience is the sign of maturity

