

DISOBEDIENCE

—According to Saint Nektarios—

Disobedience is insubordination to a commandment that has been given.

Disobedience is disrespect toward the person who has given the commandment. Disobedience is rejection of the validity of a commandment. Disobedience is enacted in order to have one's self-will prevail; it is a tendency toward self-rule and a desire for self-governance.

The disobedient person has declared war against the Law-giver and has become His enemy. The disobedient person disregards the Law-giver and opposes His will. He is pleased with anarchy and delights in unruliness. Such a person loves immorality and relishes in sin. He does not accept authority and does not know how to conform. Disobedient people are foolish—for it is extremely foolish not to comply with laws. They who are disobedient amass evils upon their own heads, they are truly wretched and pitiful, and they go through life in misery.

The Holy Scriptures state: **“Whoever disregards the law will be disregarded by it. However, he who respects commandments will prosper” (Pr. 13:13).**

Whoever does not listen to the voice of his Lord and God, and does not keep all of His commandments, is actually rejecting the law of God, and the Lord's wrath will eventually come upon him.