

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

4.5.2020

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Give me oil my lamp.

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

We live in a society that is lacking of God. Most do not read the bible, they do not know much about God or believe that he exists. If God did not exist, life would be meaningless, there would be no hope of deliverance from sin.

But, God does exist, and there is the hope of salvation, and coming to know God and his love, the only thing we must do is believe in him.

Salvation is a free gift, but a gift is not a gift unless it is accepted. It is received by faith. Those who have accepted the gift and follow after Christ will seek to live according to his ways.

To live according to Gods ways, we must know his ways. To know his ways we must, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and prayer, immerse ourselves in the word of God.

Psalms 119: 105 – Says: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sometimes in our life it seems like the lamp is flickering, it looks like everything in our life is going downhill. The lamp or the word, which is Christ, represents the light of God, once lit, is never to be extinguished, the flame is evidence of the Lords presence.

Although the word of God is our lamp, it does not mean it is always lighting our path.

Believers might always carry the word with them, but not always in them.

The lamp of the word has to have something to keep it burning and that is the oil. If you have the lamp and not the oil, the oil is what causes the lamp to burn brightly.

The oil, the Holy Spirit, or the work thereof, is something that each one alone must acquire from God.

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

Samuel ministered to the lord before Eli.... The Lord called Samuel...

V.10 – And Samuel answered, speak for your servant hears.

As we read this passage of scripture we see a resemblance to our church age today, the children of Israel had religion, but were without the Spirit of God.

Israel had become a pagan nation and had lost the perception of the things of God.

The only remaining light was the lamp of God flickering in the temple and if the light went out entirely there would be nothing left in the world but darkness.

Like Israel there are times in our lives that the light is flickering, it seems, it is leaving us standing in a world of darkness.

Just as God spoke to Samuel he speaks to us in our time of darkness and let us know that we, need oil in our lamp, to continue burning bright for the Lord.

The anointing oil used in the old testament was a type of the anointing himself, the Holy Spirit, revealed in the new testament, given by God, through Christ, after the resurrection and ascension into Heaven. The power from on high, the comforter, to dwell within those who have accepted the free gift of salvation from God through Christ

2 Corinthians 1: 19 – 22,

.... And has anointed us in God,.... Sealed us and given us the Spirit.....

... Christ preached, was not yes or no.... But yes.

Yes and no would relate to how mankind changes his mind and his plans. Undecisive, wavering, never a solid surety of life itself. Mans plans change to suit our own desires, always on an emotional roller coaster, never planted firmly on a solid foundation. This is not of God. This is not how God works. Gods plans and promises are certain, sure, permanent, eternal. God does not change his mind to suit the circumstance, he creates a circumstance to strengthen the spiritual mind. God makes the promise, Christ declares the promise, we as Christians carry out the promise through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit to the praise, honor and glory of Christ. We accept and depend upon Gods promises in our daily lives.

The Spirit or the Oil, establishes us: being secure in the favor of God that can never be removed. It is anointing us, the giving of spiritual gifts for the service of the Lord, which is Gods work, not mans. It is God who establishes us in our faith and has guaranteed our eternal security in Christ.

Paul talks about four things in these two verses, truth for the continual filling of our lamp provided by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

- #1 We must stand firm in Christ.
- #2 We must receive the anointing the spirit has to give.
- #3 We must profess Christ to all.
- #4 We accept his guarantee as a promise from God.

#1 We must stand firm in Christ

1 John 2: 20, 27

... You have an anointing.... The anointing from him abides in you.

When like Samuel, as the Lord comes and calls, and we answer: speak for your servant hears. God is well pleased. He is pleased in our faithfulness, our maturity, our love for himself and others. God takes possession of us. Possession of the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that comes through him and in him. **Matthew 3:17**, when Christ was baptized by John, and the spirit descended upon him, the Father said this is my son in whom I am well pleased. We are in Christ, we strive for perfection in Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit which descended upon us through salvation, we have become part of Christ and God is well pleased. This anointing is our spiritual encouragement from God himself.

This anointing is without measure. True believers with lamps that will never go out, who have received the fullness of grace in Christ. Grace which is oil in the vessel of the heart.

This anointing, given to meet head on, the problems, the uncertainties, the deceptiveness of the world around us.

This anointing, the Holy Spirit, does this through the word. But... we must let the word abide in us, dwelling our heart and taking over our life, which requires us to continually come to the word. (Christ) who received the anointing to make it possible for us as believers to receive it as well.

This anointing, these graces made possible by Christ, first poured out on him, without measure, from him, descends to all the members or believers, teaching, giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding, strength and power for all spiritual things, necessary for salvation.

#2 We must receive the anointing (gifts) the spirit has to give.

The purpose of the anointing is to identify, or buildup, exhort, encourage, and comfort the church. To manifest Gods presence in the body of Christ, the church.

Acts 4: 11 – 16 – This is this stone.... Which is become the head of the corner.

Man always has and always will continue searching for the meaning of life.

God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who has made us in their image, from the beginning has given to man that meaning of life.

So why can we not find it, and yes, that includes Christians as well.

The true meaning of life is love. Gods love, which is Salvation, Eternal life, through Christ and the Cross.

Sinners can not find it because they are looking for it in the world and it is not of the world or does it exist in the world.

Believers can not find it, because although we have it within us, we do not understand it, we do not understand it because we are not growing and maturing in it, we do not grow and mature do to disobedience to God and his word. We do not pray as we should, study as we should, fellowship as we should, proclaim Christ as we should.

Let us Glory in God, fix our hearts upon him, grow and mature in him, listen to his still small voice. For there is salvation in no other name, but Jesus.

Christ, who is our perfect example, when ascended into heaven, sent back the anointing, the Holy Spirit, to be the primary manifestation of the presence of God on the earth. God distributes this anointing, gifts, among the members of the body, the church, so we as believers may now glorify God through this anointing.

Romans 12: 3 – 5 Not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

God has not given the whole eternal plan to anyone believer. That is why he did not give each believer all the anointing oil, gifts. But chose to give each his or her motivational anointing, gifts, in an unlimited supply so that we may all work together for the same eternal outcome and purpose, which begins with professing Christ to all.

#3 We must profess Christ to everyone.

As believers we must continually profess Christ and salvation to others. We live in a day, in that society believes in the, do good religion, doing good things for themselves and others. But this will not get them to heaven. Man tries to combine Christian beliefs with many different types of religions in order to harmonize their lives.

To believe in Christ, means to fully trust and believe in him and him only. To walk and work with him according to his will.

Colossians 3: 12 – 17 Whatever you do, do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.... And be thankful...

We are chosen by God, he would not have created us to turn around and not choose us for his purpose. The key is, we must choose him as well. It is the first time in our lives, that we, choose something out of, humbleness, unselfishness, without pride, with no worldly desires or lustfulness in our hearts and receive a free gift. A gift that will change our lives forever. A gift that instills within us, compassion for others, moral goodness, humility, meekness, patience, and the greatest of, Gods Love. Through his love, the bible says: I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13. The (all things) he is talking about, Paul mentions in **Galations 5: 22 – 26**, (Look up, read and study) pertains to that which God has instilled within us, by and through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Gifts that he has given unto us to profess the Love of God and the saving grace of Christ to everyone.

These characteristics of the believer, given by God, is our guarantee of the promises that God through Christ has made into us.

#4 We accept this guarantee of Gods promises.

Ephesians 1: 13, 14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth.... Having believed....

We have the promise of the message of truth, which is the word of God. We have Gods own oath to confirm that promise, and we have the seal the indwelling Holy Spirit. As believers, this is our deposit of the spirit, so to speak. Like any thing, the deposit, initially made by God through the promise of Christ and salvation needs to grow into an account, worthy of the service that God has intended for us. Being complete in the Lord, Christ refers to as having oil in our lamp or the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit. Like Samuel the lord is calling us into service, to keep the lamp, or light of God burning in this world. We must continually pray for the oil in our lamp to never run low.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

Tim Hughes

304.376.3177 – Text or talk.

Tim.hughes1962@gmail.com

<https://hollowolfarm.com/>

