

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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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.

Obeying Gods Word

2 Chronicles 7: 12 – 16

What should be happening in our lives as believers who have truly believed and obeyed the gospel of Christ.

What are the proper results of our salvation.

Our salvation comes through faith in Christ. Our faith is our obedience to God, who has called us to believe in the Son as our Lord and savior.

Obedience to the gospel, leads to purification. Through salvation we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ. It is not due to just hearing the word, but by obeying the word.

2 Chronicles 7: 12 – 16,....I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place....if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house....

The key to understanding and obeying Gods word is allowing the Holy Spirit to bring it into context for us. At times in our lives the meaning and the importance of the word changes when the Holy Spirit brings it to a more significant application, when put in context with the overall passage.

The first thing we learn is when we quote, read, study and meditate on any verse of scripture, the application should begin within ourselves.

We must not pick out random verses of scripture to apply to situations in our lives or the lives of others without the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so we allow ourselves and others to be misled into a false sense of direction.

In this passage of scripture, Solomon had finished dedicating the temple and presented it to God. He was awaiting God's response.

Even though we recognize God's response as one that pertains to Solomon's time and place, God through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit allows the message to relate to us as well.

Most people will just quote verse 14 on its own....if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land....

The problem with quoting this one specific verse of scripture without allowing the Holy Spirit to put it in context with the scripture before and after is, we do not allow it to become personal to us. We quote it looking at the wickedness of the world around us and do not allow ourselves to experience the true meaning of the application God has in store for us to see.

1 Corinthians 3: 16,....do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you....

The temple in Solomon's day was a building that he built. In the grace dispensation period that we live in, we are the temple.

God created, or built this temple, and even before time began as we know it, he chose to make it a place for himself. By our invitation, he heard our prayer and we became the house of sacrifice, which comes through Christ and the cross.

Just as God entered into a covenant with Israel, through salvation, he enters into a promise with us, to love us, to take care of us, and to give us spiritual prosperity, if we are obedient to him.

2 John 1: 6,....this is love, that we walk in obedience to his commandments....

Due to our relationship with God, we have direct communication with him. Communication between our obedience and our spiritual prosperity, as well as between our disobedience that brings hardship in our lives.

Due to disobedience, God will at times, send judgement upon all nations.

This insures that every believer has a personal interest in the judgement that God has sent.

V.14 – My people, or believers, called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways....

Just as with the nation of Israel, it should be understood here, that the Christians, the true believers in Christ Jesus, born again through salvation, that make up the church of Christ, was never promised by God that if a righteous few would request and pray for their nation, that the nation as a whole would be spared. Now, do not misunderstand, it is our duty as believers to continually profess our sins, pray for each other, pray for our nation, pray for all nations, all leaders, that if it would be Gods will, his grace would bless the nations as result of those prayers, but there is no guarantee of a world wide deliverance from the judgement of Gods wrath, and we as Christians should not quote scripture and make promises that only God can keep.

What we are guaranteed through the promises of God is salvation. That promise is made to all mankind, if only they will believe.

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 6,....exhort that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks be made....who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth....

God does not guarantee that there will not be trials, tribulations, sickness, pain, sorrows, or even economic hardships. He does however, promise, that through salvation he will use his believers to accomplish his purposes. It is our duty as Christians to live holy lives, seek God, pray, and share the Gospel, knowing that all who believe, shall be saved.

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.

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