

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.

Our Time of Visitation

Luke 19: 41 – 44

Many times in our lives, we pray for a visitation from God. Before this happens, God wants to see if: We can handle his power when it comes (when he gives it), if we are willing to do what ever it takes to allow his will to take place in our lives, and, if we are really ready with spiritual preparedness for a visitation from God.

Gods plan for us is always to protect us. We should recognize that when God visits us, it will bring to us wisdom and knowledge which will help to avert and overcome any destruction in our spiritual life.

Visitation from God is a manifestation of his presence. A moving of the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of furthering Gods plan of redemption.

Luke 19: 41 – 44,....if you had known the things that make for peace....because you did not know the time of your visitation....

Right before this Christ instructs his disciples to go into the city and get a colt. – Triumphal Entry.

V.41 – Christ.... Saw the city and wept over it.

As the time of the crucifixion drew near, the compassion that Christ had for his people also continued to grow. One would think that his compassion would have been at its highest when he accepted the responsibility to come and give himself as the ultimate sacrifice for our sin debt.

It says, that as he saw the city, he wept over it. Part of it being the misuse and the lack of the up keep and regard for the things that God created and allowed man to bring into existence by his hand, and part of it being the sinfulness of the people that led up to all the destruction. But, mostly it was due to the people and the sinfulness of the hearts of those that lacked the faith, the faith to see the grace and mercy of the Father. This was needed to see the glory of what he performed through the Son for their sake of salvation and eternal life.

Christ, who was touched with concern and moved with compassion over the infirmities of the people, and the temple ruin in Jerusalem. Christ compassion showed concern for the proper deity, doctrine and grace, relating to the spiritual and eternal salvation of Gods (his) people.

We as believers need to experience the same love and compassion for those that God brings into our lives for the purpose of living our lives before them as an example of salvation.

V.42 – If you had known.... In this your day, the things that make for peace, but now are hidden from your eyes.

Did we not recognize the opportunity when God offered it. Everything that happens within and around us in our lives is an opportunity of Gods salvation.

We need to learn to recognize the times of Gods visitation, after all, how can we expect something if we do not know what it is.

Here in Luke we see 3 reasons why the destruction in the spiritual lives of the people is not diverted. But God allows so, that we may recognize his compassion and take hold of his salvation and eternal life.

V.42 – If you had known the things that make for peace.

The 1st thing we want to look at:

#1 – We lack the right kind of knowledge.

God gives to each of us according to his word. The abundance of what he brings is according to the room that we have made for him in our lives.

This abundance, or knowledge, is the right kind of knowledge. It is the Love of God.

John 14: 20, 21, 23,.... Has my commandments and keeps them... Loves me. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word...

Christ spoke to his disciples about the Holy Spirit, then about his time here on earth, his ascension, grace dispensation period, his return for the church, and his eternal glory.

Visitation brings us into the plan and purpose of God.

V.42 – But now they are hidden from your eyes.

The 2nd thing.

#2 – We do not recognize the time of our visitation from God.

Not always do we recognize the times when God comes to help us. Visitation, does not come by chance. It comes to those who are seeking God.

A great example is when the promised Holy Spirit was given.

Acts 2: 1,2, 5 – 12....with one accord, diligently waiting and seeking God...

They were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, whatever could this mean.

They were confused, they were amazed, they marveled, they were perplexed, what could this mean – but... they came together.

Most people focus only on the speaking in other tongues when it comes to this passage of scripture, but more importantly, aside from the languages and the words, everyone was assured of the facts of salvation, all nations and nationalities were represented on the day of pentecost, this shows that the salvation of Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit was offered to all who would believe. The call for deliverance and the importance of the saving grace and mercy of God, came through the coming of the Holy Spirit.

V.21 - ...and it shall come to pass, whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Even though the message of salvation was made clear to them, they were still at a loss in their minds of the cause of the visitation.

Where did it come from.

Who was responsible for it.

What was the reasoning behind it.

What was going to happen next.

V. 34, 44 – in the next couple verses, Christ here was prophesying the events that was going to take place against the Jewish people over the next forty years.

For us it demonstrates another judgement, more terrifying, a judgement of eternal death, separation from God.

Without the cleansing blood of Christ, we die an eternal death. The difference lies in Christ and the cross. Rejection of Christ results in judgement and destruction. Acceptance of Christ and the cross results in peace and life.

All this happens due to the 3rd reason we are going to talk about.

Brings us to the 3rd reason.

V.44 – Because you did not know the time of your visitation.

#3 – We did not realize God was bringing wisdom, knowledge and a solution for the events happening in our lives.

When Gods visitation comes to us, we need to be walking in the Holy Spirit when it happens so we can recognize it. If we do not recognize his visitation, we risk judgement and destruction due to the outcome of the events taking place in our lives.

Romans 8: 1 – 5,....There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the spirit....

Visitation from God delivers us from ourselves which allows us to see the spiritual peace and joy which comes through redemption, justification and sanctification in the everlasting and unchangeable love of God.

The first time of visitation is so that we may respond and receive Christ as our Lord and Savior. For believers it is a call to servitude, a time to mature in a closer and deeper walk with God.

We all have times and seasons of various visitations in our life from God.

Anything the Lord has in store for us to do is for our benefit and the benefit of his kingdom.

We must strive so that we do not miss or neglect our time of visitation from the Lord.

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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