

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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.

The Redeemer Will Come

Isaiah 59: 1 -4, 15 - 21

As in Isaiah's day, people today wonder why it seems that God does not rescue us from the trials that we go through.

Mankind, who often times, suffer in chaotic, immoral surroundings, does not hesitate to cry out to God, to bring our trials and tribulations to a merciful end. They pray, but, do not get an answer, see no changes, or realize any guidance from the Holy Spirit. They feel there is no end in sight, to the agonies that they are experiencing.

What is the answer.

As people, crying out to God to end the crisis, man must realize their own guilt of committing the same immoral actions, and their responsibility in intensifying the crisis they are living in.

Even though they are crying out to God through prayer, they are not repenting to a gracious, merciful God who is waiting for them to be sincere, to be obedient to his word, to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them into spiritual maturity in Christ. This is a hard lesson that must be learned.

Isaiah 59: 1 – 4,.... Your iniquities have separated between you and your god.... None calleth for justice, nor any pleaded for truth....

As Christians, through salvation, man has been allowed to overcome the separation between ourselves and God. So, when it speaks of Gods people being separated from him, it speaks of sinfulness that separates us from the fellowship of God. This separation keeps us from his blessings, from the benefits of his love, and from the protection that he has provided to us in our lives through trials and tribulations.

Numbers 32:33,... But, if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure that your sin will find you out....

Our misdoings will always come to light, eventually.

This passage of scripture came to light, when, after wandering for forty years in the wilderness, the preparation was underway to cross the Jordan river and go into the promise land. Some tribes, liked it right where they were and wanted to stay in the land they were living. They had to be reminded that it was this very same sin, the lack of the desire to enter in, which brought about their destruction beforehand.

Our lack of desire, is not due to the presence of sin, (God has given us an answer for that), but, it is due to the unwillingness to admit to it, and commit to God. We are unwilling to admit that we contribute to the problems that we face.

Isaiah 59: 15 – 21,....and wondered that there was no intercessor, therefore his arm brought salvation....so shall they fear the name of the Lord....the redeemer shall come....this is my covenant....my spirit that is upon thee....

If we feel that our prayers are not being answered, it is not due to God not listening, it is due to our prayer life wavering. We cannot actually know God, without access to God.

People pray for relief, expecting God to answer. When the answer comes, but, his reply is not what we wanted to hear, it brings about rebellion in our relationship with God.

Reconciliation is necessary, but, reconciliation cannot be one sided, we should not expect God to do everything.

Roman 3: 5 – 26,...how will God judge the world....condemnation is just....for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God....

God's judgement comes to us, due to our wrongful attitudes and actions. God is omniscient, he knows everything. Therefore a sinner does not have the kind of relationship with God, that he wants for us, and we need with him.

The Son of God, came as a redeemer, and then gave the Holy Spirit as a sanctifier. The word of God will always be spoken, by the faithful, interpreted by the Holy Spirit, and tried according to the scriptures.

As believers we live our Christian lives in one of two ways:

#1 Maturing in faith, growing in grace, drawing closer to God each and every day, through humbleness and obedience to him and his word.

OR

#2 In carnalness of mind, our spiritual intimacy with Christ begins to regress, due to disobedience and unbelief which stunts our spiritual growth.

Do not misunderstand, through salvation we are eternally secure in Christ, but, there are consequences that come due to disobedience and unfaithfulness.

Like Isaiah, we are not to pass judgement upon those who are disobedient, but, we are, no matter how unpopular it may seem to make us, tell others the truth of the gospel. Not only about salvation, but also of God's impending wrath. All must understand that God's punishment is due to disobedience and unfaithfulness to him.

God is good, God is faithful, and will keep his promises, but, demands in return our faithfulness and obedience to him. Never forget that salvation, although a free gift, came at a high price.

Living a life of faith and walking in spirit and truth, allows us to enjoy our ongoing fellowship with God, through Christ our savior.

God loves us, and desires a loving relationship with us. This relationship must be based on truth. There can be no love without truth. Truth defines love. When we fall away from God, it is not because his love failed, it is due to our straying away from the truth of our salvation. When truth is restored, God's love will flourish.

Lesson notes:

The book of Isaiah offers hope to a sinful rebellious people. In spite of their sins, the Lord promised to bless them.

The fall of Israel is directly attributed to the sins of the people.

The Lord miraculously delivered Israel, giving them more time to repent.

God does not change, he does not lack the ability to save his people.

Israel's iniquity put separation between them and God. They created a wall between them.

No one was seeking justice or truth, they were abusing Gods system to escape judgement and to gain advantage over others.

There was no one to act as mediator between the Holy God and sinful people. The only solution, the only hope of salvation, was for the Lord himself to become the intercessor.

By his power alone he would save his people.

Gods judgement of sinners is always in accord with their deeds.

The people were given real hope of a coming redeemer.

Christ, Israel's redeemer, will deliver them and save them, when they repent. He has paid the price of their redemption on calvary.

Our sin, creates a barrier, in our relationship, with the Lord.

The ability to discern, what is right and what is wrong, comes from God alone.

Those who chose a life of sin, rather than repentance, will reap what they sow.

We have no reason to be afraid when the enemy surrounds us, for the Lord will protect us.

It should give us great joy to know that we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

The world is deprived of Gods justice and righteousness. We need a savior, who can redeem us.

Christ provided salvation at Calvary, which is comfort and hope for our future.

Jesus is coming back, and he will judge sinners, and reward his people.

Salvation is something Christ accomplishes for us, we need only to believe.

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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