

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.

Samson against the Philistines

Judges 15: 9 – 20

Sometimes, we get to the place in our lives, that we look around at all the pain and destruction, and ask ourselves, how did I get here. If, we are honest with ourselves, the answer would be one step at a time, on our own. Now, no one sets out to ruin their own lives, and the word of God says that we will reap what we sow.

The choices that we make in life, either leads us toward God or away from God. Choices that lead us away from God, sinful choices, will take us places that we will not want to go, and bring upon ourselves trials and tribulations that we do not want to endure.

How do we guarantee that we will make the right choices, we must seek the Lord. Seek, his grace, his mercy, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Judges 15: 14,....and when he came to Lehi, the philistines shouted against him, and the spirit of the Lord came mighty upon him....

Samson, a type of Christ, whose betrayal and death are prophecies concerning Christ betrayal and crucifixion. Samson provided worldly deliverance, where as, Christ provided spiritual deliverance. Samson, when enabled by the mighty spirit of God could not be bound by the enemy. Christ, who John saw the spirit of God descending on like a dove, and lighting upon him, could not be bound spiritually by the enemy.

As believers, by the salvation of Jesus Christ, baptized, with the mighty indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we should not in any way allow the sinfulness of the world to have any kind of hold or binding upon us.

Isaiah 55: 6,....seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near....

During this grace dispensation period, mankind is classified in one of two categories. Unbelievers and believers. Unbelievers need to seek the Lord so that they might find salvation. Believers need to continue to seek the Lord to remain in the Love of God.

Seeking the Lord, first of all means to pray, to call upon the name of the Lord. To call upon the name of the Lord, we must have faith.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith. It is not of yourselves, but it is a gift of God....

Matthew 21: 21 – 22,....assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt....whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive....

It takes discipline and obedience to seek the Lord. We cannot seek the Lord in the world. Worldliness is sinfulness, therefore Christ cannot be found in the world, because Christ cannot be found in sin.

Gods word, stands for so many things in our life, because it pertains to everything in our life. It requires discipline to have meditation in the word of God. Discipline, that produces the peace of God, which passes all understanding....**Philippians 4:7**.

Hebrews 12:11,....now no chastening (discipline) seems to be joyful for the present, but painful, never the less, afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it....

As Christians, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Christ, who, through obedience to his father, suffered and died on the cross so that we might have salvation.

Due to our imperfect life, we learn obedience through discipline. It is our willingness to learn from our experiences, and through them, develop a deepening trust in God and the willingness to a greater relationship with him.

1 John 2: 16 – 17,....for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. The world is passing away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Through obedience to God we learn not to grab hold of temporary things that we cannot keep and will not last, but to cling to those things which are eternal. We must be aware of the deceptiveness in the things of this life and not allow them to lure us away from God's permanent pathway of his wisdom, knowledge and understanding of salvation. We must set our hearts on the will of God.

Matthew 6: 32 – 33,....your heavenly father knows that you have need of all things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you....

Judges 15:18,....and he was sore athirst, and called upon the Lord....and now shall I die for thirst....

1 Corinthians 2: 10 – 11,....for the spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man, which is in him. Even so, no one knows the things of God except the spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit reveals to us things about God that we would never dream of. This revelation comes through and by the word of God. It is revealed to those who have developed a desire for God and his word. This truly is a missing element in a lot of churches today.

How can we continue to develop a desire for God and his word. Like Samson, once we experience the mighty spirit of God upon us, we must continue to cry out to God to quench our thirst.

The key to this is to be sincere in our cry. Shall I die for thirst.

In our natural life, when we are thirsty, we are already dehydrated and do not know it. In our spiritual life, our thirst for God is often not recognized as well. It may be an empty feeling, a sense of longing, even a sign of loneliness which we cannot explain. To fulfill these desires in our life, we must turn to God.

Isaiah 55: 1,....Ho, everyone who thirst, come to the waters...

To come to the Lord, in the beauty of his holiness, we need to see with our spiritual eyes, hear with our spiritual ears, and understand with a loving, spiritual heart. This allows us to accept the invitation for the truth of the gospel of God. To come and drink freely so that we should never thirst again.

John 6: 35,....and Jesus said to them, I 'am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst....

When Christ returns to the earth, with his saints, to set up his millennial kingdom, there will be a lot of thirsty souls. It will be our responsibility to make sure that these thirsty souls will be satisfied. It is very important, that we as believers spend as much time as possible now in our Christian life in preparation for such an event. A time then, as it should be now, that the earth is filled with the glory of God.

God miraculously provided water for Samson. It is nothing short of a miracle that he provides for our thirst as well through Christ and the cross.

John 7: 38,....he that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water....

Revelation 21: 6,....I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirst....

Revelation 22: 1 – 5,....And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God....

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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