

# *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.

Learning Obedience Through Suffering

## Hebrews 5: 5 – 9

Sometimes in our life, it is very difficult to understand the relationship between our spiritual, Christlike, divine nature, which is our salvation, and the humanity of the world which we live in. This is due mostly to emotional distress, brought about by the deceptiveness of worldliness which plays upon our natural human compassion, and is mostly for personal or worldly gain.

In our relationship, as Christians, with humanity, we must learn, and experience, through trials and tribulations, our obedience to God. Through Christ as our example, we might endure the calling that God has appointed unto us in our life, here upon this earth.

**Hebrews 5: 5 – 9,....V8**.....though he was a Son, yet he learned obedience, by the things which he suffered....

Christ, who is our greatest example, chose to experience the human weaknesses, which we must go through, in our lives upon this earth. He learned, or experienced obedience to the Father, by becoming aware of his sufferings, not to make his sufferings the focus of his life, but, to show that the endurance of these sufferings was unto salvation, that which God the Father had called him to do.

Not only did he choose to experience these weaknesses, but he also chose to experience learning and growth as well. As believers, we are taught by God's word. Learning is experiencing, and often times it is in conjunction with what we see as sufferings.

Just as Christ, who is our greatest example did, we must look to and rely on, God.

There are three distinct things the bible says about God.

#1 He is omnipotent, meaning all powerful.

#2 He is omnipresent, meaning he is everywhere.

#3 He is omniscience, meaning he is all knowing.

Let's start with, God is omnipotent. And we can start right at the beginning.

**Genesis 1: 1,....**in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

This one is pretty self explanatory. As we look around us, through spiritual eyes, we can see the power of God in all things. Through everything that is happening, and has happened down through time, people have been praying for God to take back control. God has never, not been in control. We as Christians must learn that, and hold onto that.

**Psalms 33: 9,....**for he spoke, and it was done, he commanded, and it stood firm....

What a reassuring promise of God's power, and all by the word of the Lord. We struggle so much with things that have no eternal value and all that is needed in our lives is to remember, that God spoke, and it was done. Not only that, but Christ said that we have the same anointing within us through salvation.

**Matthew 10: 20,....**for it is not you who speaks, but the spirit of your father who speaks in you....

**Colossians 1:17,....**he is before all things, and in him all things exist....

Gods omnipotence means that he is able to do anything that is consistent to his holy character. Everything that he does is holy and wise. We must learn to carefully follow Gods instruction, which comes through obedience to his word.

Next, God is omnipresent, he is everywhere.

David, in the Psalm gives us one of the greatest examples and best definition of this.

**Psalm 139: 7 – 12,....**where can I go from your spirit....

God plainly states throughout his word, that he is aware of everything. All of our actions, every where that we go, every moment of the day, God is watching and wants nothing more to be in control of our life, if we would allow him. He sees both the good and the wicked. David says, God is beyond the earth itself, and nothing can contain his presence.

**John 4: 24,....**God is a spirit....

God has no physical form, he is present everywhere and in everything, and everything is within his presence. He is universal, no one can hide from him, no one can escape his presence.

Lastly, God is omniscience, he is all knowing.

**Isaiah 55: 8 – 9**,....my thoughts are not your thoughts....my thoughts are higher than your thoughts....

Gods wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of all things is perfect. He does not have to learn anything, and he has not forgotten anything. He knows everything that is going to happen, and everything that man has not yet discovered. His knowledge is absolute.

**2 Chronicles 16: 9**,....for the eyes of the Lord move to and fro....

Gods knowledge is without limitations. We, as Christians must realize, one day we will all stand before a sovereign, all knowing, all loving God, who will evaluate the way that we have lived our lives.

**Romans 2: 1 – 2**,....therefore you are inexcusable, oh man....the judgement of God is according to the truth....

We will stand before God without excuse, meaning, there is nothing that we can say to God that he does not already know the truth about in our lives.

As believers we are secure in the knowledge of Gods word, knowing, that nothing about ourselves is a surprise to God. God is able to righteously judge humanity, because he is a God of infinite wisdom and knowledge.

As Christians, we would prefer to go through life and never suffer, but, suffering is a part of life. It is through suffering that we learn the valuable lessons in our life, this is how we become obedient to God.

Christ whole life from birth to the cross was an education for us, showing us how we should live our lives on this earth in the manner that God wants us to.

Christ teaches us how to live as obedient servants to God, entirely dependent upon him as our sole provider and protector.

Christ, who became a part of his own creation, in order to deal with, and rectify all the damage that was done to Gods creation through the sinfulness of man, has also rectified our sinfulness through the cross, so that we might have eternal life.

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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