

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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.

Giving God our undivided attention. Part 1

Jeremiah 29:11

We are going to ask ourselves this morning, do we give God our undivided attention.

We have all had these conversations where we notice that people we are talking to are not paying attention to us. We have also found ourselves not paying attention to others while in a conversation.

Sometimes we just find it difficult to give our full attention for an extended period of time.

The reason is, because we cannot turn away from what we are naturally conditioned to do. It takes a firm commitment to stay focused. Those things that easily beset us, distract us. Therefore, we allow it to hinder our relationship with God and others. As Christians it hinders our ability in prayer, our union with God and the knowledge of his will.

We recognize we spend half our time thinking about other things while performing or should I say attempting to preform our perspective services.

So, the answer to the question do we give God our undivided attention. Is no.

How do we turn this around.

Jeremiah 29:11 – 12,....for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, you will call upon me, and go and pray to me, and I will listen to you....

To turn this around we must ask another question. Do we have Gods undivided attention.

The answer is Yes.

That is what we are going to look at.

Gods undivided attention.

What a powerful example given to us by God to enable us to understand how God gives us his undivided attention without us asking him for it.

God always leads us by example.

Jerimiah 29: 11,....for I know the thoughts that I think toward you....

Gods thoughts do not wander.

Gods thoughts do not waiver.

God gives us his full attention.

We are going to look at three promises that shows us Gods undivided attention toward us.

He is going to give us a future.

He is going to continue to give us hope.

He will always listen to us.

He is going to give us a future.

John 14: 1 – 3,....let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my fathers house are many mansions....I go to prepare a place for you....

This is the eternal future God has in store for us.

Some of the things that go along with our eternal future.

Completeness - **Philippians 1:6**,....he who has begun a good work in you will complete it....

Perfection – **1 John 3:2**,....we know that when he us revealed, we shall be like him....

Joyfulness in the Glory of God – **Rev. 21: 3 – 4**,....they shall be his people, God himself will be with them....God will wipe away every tear....

He continues to give us Hope.

Hope of inheritance – **Ephesians 1: 17 – 18**,....that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance....

Hope of Salvation and Eternal Life – **1 Thess. 5: 8 – 10**,....and as a helmet, the hope of salvation, for God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation....

Hope of a new life – **1 Peter 1:3**,....according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope....that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you....

Hope of always being able to serve God through Christ – **1 Peter 1:21,....**who through him, believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God....

He will listen to us.

1 John 5: 14 – 15,....this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us....

God listens to our prayers which gives us the confidence to know that he heard them.

God attends to our prayers which means he has taken care of them and gives us confirmation.

We have confidence in this, and have faith and hope in knowing he sees the thoughts and intents of our hearts. It is not a matter of whether he will hear us or not, but if we have the faith to expect his answer.

Gods plan for our life is for us to repent, believe in him, be sober, be clear minded about the salvation of God, and walk wisely in his knowledge. Making the most of our time, that he may be glorified in us and we are satisfied in him.

To be continued:

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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