

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

8.16.2020

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.

Saul's attempts on David's life.

1 Samuel 19: 8 – 17.

As we live our Christian life upon this earth, the word of God, by and through the Holy Spirit, is continually revealing unto us the lustful things of the flesh, that come against us daily.

Galatians 5: 17,....the flesh lust against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary to one another....

One of the most painful, dissatisfying, unflattering, unfulfilling work of the flesh that we most deal with daily in our lives is jealousy. Jealousy, which is also selfishness, comes through temptation, when we are enticed to compare those things which we think that we have, to those things which we believe that those around us have acquired.

1 John 2: 15 – 17,....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.

Through this worldly comparison, we lose sight of the love that God has instilled within us for the salvation of others, and we begin to pinpoint and focus on what we believe to be their sinful imperfections, all due to the emotional inferior feelings that we allow to rise up within us when we want something that another person has or is able to do.

From the beginning, sinfulness started with jealousy. We might think that it started with the temptation of Eve, when she was tempted into believing that God was keeping something from her that he did not want her to have and due to temptation she was led to believe that God just wanted it all to himself. As we mature in the word of God, we realize that God was protecting man by withholding this knowledge from him, in the same way that he withholds things from us today.

The sinfulness of jealousy began in the heavens, which led to the downfall of Satan and his followers, but, began on this earth when Satan saw what God had given to man and wanted it for his own. Due to this jealousy, and also through the temptation of jealousy, sin entered the world, and Satan managed to take over Adams position on this earth, but, only to the degree which God did allow. This also influenced man to inherit the selfish sinful nature that we have.

This means, that we need to know Gods will for our lives, and that we need to accept Gods will for our lives, in order to overcome this sinful nature that we have inherited. Gods will for our lives is salvation.

1 Samuel 19: 9,....the evil spirit, from the Lord, was upon Saul....

As we look at todays lesson, we must understand that everything that happens is allowed by God. This does not necessarily mean that it is Gods will, but, because of free will, and the ability given to us by God to make choices, he allows us this freedom.

James 1: 13 – 15,....each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed....

Gods intentions for us is, that through the temptations and struggles in our life, we will see the opportunity that is given unto us, to deepen our trust and faith in him. However, there is no doubt, that through temptation, we often times disobey God, becoming unfaithful to him, and we find ourselves pulling away from the security of our salvation, which is in Christ Jesus.

This comes from within, and since it is not coming from the Holy Spirit, then it is coming from the evil spirit, the old nature, that still resides within us. When we are tempted, we have a choice. We can allow ourselves to be enticed into sinfulness, to become a slave to sin, to be controlled by our old sinful nature, or we can resist the sinfulness, allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and walk in the spirit of truth, which gives glory to God.

Due to the old nature, we have not completely lost the desire to sin.

Jeremiah 17: 9 – 10,....the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked....

The source of temptation that comes from within is only transformed into sin when we yield to its enticement.

When we resist temptation, then it becomes a test of our faith, this God uses, for his greatness and his glory to salvation.

Romans 6: 1 – 4,....how shall we who died to sin, live any longer in it....even so we also should walk in newness of life....

As the temptation of sinfulness increases, Gods grace for the believer increases even more. We cannot out sin Gods grace and forgiveness. This does not mean that it is ok then to sin so that the grace of God will increase, there are consequences to our willingness to sin in this life.

Christ death on the cross, that paid our sin debt, broke sins hold on our lives. We have not lost the desire to sin, but, we now have the power in Christ, to stop sinning.

The golden text: **Psalm 34: 19**,....many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all....

Through salvation, a dramatic transformation occurs. This change has already taken place in our life. Every spiritual desire was given unto us at the time of our salvation.

Christ death on the cross allows us to have a closely identified relationship with the Father. This he did, so that we would be able to walk in, and experience, spiritual life. Gods desire for us is, not only to walk in newness of live, but to participate in it as well.

Like Saul, we all experience jealousy in our lives. Satan's desires of temptations, is to defeat our spiritual joy and happiness that comes through our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Our loyalty to God means that he will always accomplish his purpose in our lives. We must follow after the example of Christ, as he prayed in the garden, not my will but thine be done.

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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