

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.

God gives victory over the Amalekites

Exodus 17: 8 – 16

In our lives, the one whom we put our faith and trust in, is very important. Our hope in God is necessary for life and living, for death and dying. The strength that we need, to have a heart that trust in God, comes from Gods sufficient grace. We need a desire and a willingness in our life, to put our trust and abilities in God, who will supply all that we need.

Exodus 17: 9,....choose us out men, and go out, fight....

When Joshua was told to choose out men to fight, he did not just pick any able body man based upon what he saw outwardly, he needed those, who not only had the physical abilities to go to war, but also the mental and spiritual capabilities as well. There had to be a desire and willingness to go, as well as a passion and a humbleness of heart to rationally motivate the cause of the battle.

In this same manner has God chosen us.

Ephesians 1: 4,....just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love....

Most Christians are under the misconception that once they accept salvation, then God chooses them to come into his service. This all took place before creation. Had God, not already chosen us into his service before creation, he would have never brought us into existence. God's perfect, eternal plan, has brought each of us into this world, at his perfect time and place, to fulfill his expectation of the need that was to be fulfilled. Sadly, when, and if we did not accept this salvation, at God's appointed time, then the task that we were created for, came void. Our predestined time of existence is, very important to God, and his eternal plan. The purpose of our time upon this earth, is salvation.

Romans 8: 28 – 30,....to those who are called according to his purpose....whom he foreknew he predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren....whom he did predestinate he called, whom he called he justified....whom he justified he glorified....

Before creation, not only did God chose us, but determined, that he would save us, and this would come through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, and him alone. This choice was made before the existence of any church, any religious practice, or denominations, because God did not want man to be dependent upon any of these worldly systems for salvation, these things cannot save us.

2 Timothy 1: 8 – 9,....the power of God, who has saved us, and called us, with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

So how important was it, when Moses told Joshua to chose us out men, and go out, fight....

It is a type of God's choice of us, which is most important, for if he did not choose us, we would have not existed. Because he did choose us, and gave us the ability, through Christ to accept him, then we have the privilege of being predestined to serve him, to go out and fight.

Ephesians 6:11,13,....put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil....that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand....

What are we fighting for, is only that which has eternal value, and that is salvation. Anything and everything else is worldly, and will be revealed by fire.

1 Corinthians 3: 13,....each ones work will become clear, for the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test each ones work....

Believers today, fight under the standards as the Israelites fought for Joshua. With desire, with willingness, with humbleness, with compassion, with motivation, not relying on our own strength, but on the strength and abilities, that we have in Christ. Abilities that were chosen for us, before creation, abilities, that not only led to our salvation, but also to the salvation of others.

Exodus 17: 14,....write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it....

In a book most likely symbolizes the scrolls kept by Moses, containing the laws, the events, and the happenings, that took place throughout the journey of the Israelite people as they made their way toward the land that God had promised unto them. Probably not known at the time to Moses, that the book symbolized, and would become a part of the greatest asset that was ever given to humanity, and that was Christ himself, the word of God. Not only was Moses commanded to write, but, was also given instruction what to do with those writings, and that was to rehearse it.

Our greatest spiritual asset as Christians, as we live our life upon this earth, as we journey through this life, which is represented here by the wilderness, toward our eternal life with God, the land which God has promised unto us, this great asset is Christ, the living word. We are to rehearse it, study it, meditate on it, apply it to our lives as a guide book, to give unto us wisdom, and knowledge, and understanding, as we travel our pathway of life toward our promised destination.

There are so many scriptures that come to mind, just from reading this one verse of instruction, which was given to Moses, by God.

Corinthians 11: 24,26,.... take eat this is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me....for as oft as you do eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lords death until he comes....

The most glorified memorial written in the word of God, is the one that reminds us to recall the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ.

We are not only reminded to take part in that which symbolizes the crucifixion, but to rehearse it, or in this case, Paul tells us to proclaim it, until Christ comes after his church.

This written word is very important to us in our life as believers, and also to all those that God directs us to be a service to in our life.

1 Timothy 4: 15 – 16,....meditate on these things, give yourselves entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all....continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourselves and those who hear you....

In order, to have the ability to do these things we must,

2 Timothy 2: 15,....study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth....

God's power, not only chose us, but also gave us the freedom and the ability to choose a life in him. This is a very significant choice to understand, for it had nothing to do with our understanding of life and death.

Deuteronomy 30: 19,....I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live....

The choice of salvation, in our life, will not only change our life, but as God gives us the strength and ability to rehearse it, daily, allows us to daily make changes, which allows for spiritual growth and maturity, and it will change the lives of generations to come.

As we meditate on Gods word and pray, he will guide us, and give us the strength to make wise choices.

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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