

# *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.

Do not interpretations belong to God.

## Genesis 40: 6 - 8

Sometimes situations in our lives seem to drag on endlessly. As Christians we should study the word and pray without ceasing. We pray to God, we question, as to why these things are happening, and why we do not seem to receive an understanding of these situations. It becomes difficult to see a way out, or a way to endure. We need to be willing to set aside prideful, worldly thinking, and rely upon God as we seek the correct interpretation of the situation, through the word of God.

Genesis 40: 6 – 8,....and Joseph came in.... and saw that they were sad....saying, why do you look sad today....we each had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it....Joseph said....do not interpretations belong to God, tell them to me, please....

That thing, that Joseph pointed out, his observation, was that he saw, that they were sad. So he ask, why do you look so sad today. Our action, or reaction allows others to see the loss of spiritual joy in our lives. A lot of times as Christians, we feel that circumstances in our lives, cause us to lose our spiritual joy. In order to find an answer, then we must look much deeper into Gods word.

The two men told Joseph, that they each had a dream, and there was no interpreter of it. In other words, they were not looking deep enough, to see past the circumstance, that they were in, to find a God given understanding of it. So, God, sent Joseph to help them to see past the circumstances, to find understanding. The direction he pointed them in, was to God.

Our direction to God, is through the word. Which is the living word, Christ himself.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 13,....**we thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God....you welcomed it....as it is in the truth, the word of God....

We are going to look at three things that will help us to see, and allow us to find understanding, so that we may regain our joy.

#1 Observation: What does the scripture say.

#2 Explanation: What does the scripture mean

#3 Application: How do I apply the interpretation

#1 Observation, what does the scripture say about observing Gods word.

**Hebrews 4:12,....**for the word of God is living and powerful....and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart....

Only Gods word can help us to distinguish between the Godly and the ungodly. The soul and spirit is an example how the word separates those things that are completely intertwined. The joints and marrow express things that are hidden away, and hard to reach, the things that we blame on the circumstances that are happening in our lives.

#2 Explanation, What does the scripture mean to us.

**James 1: 22,25,....**but be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....a doer of the work....will be blessed in what he does....

We must allow God to interpret his word to us, which means that we accept his word in our minds and we agree to it in our hearts. We take the time to hear, to understand, and to do what the word tells us to do. This allows us to produce good works, by walking in the spirit of truth, for this glorifies our Father in heaven.

**Ephesians 3: 14 – 19,....**that he would grant you....to be strengthened....through his spirit in the inner man....that Christ may dwell in your hearts....that we may be able to comprehend....to be filled with all the fullness of God....

Through prayer, God grants us strength through his spirit. Strength to see the interpretation of understanding, due to Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith. This helps us to become rooted and grounded in God's love, which helps us to comprehend all things, but, only when we are filled with the fullness of God.

**1 Peter 1: 22 – 25,....**you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit....love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again....through the word of God which lives and abides forever....but the word of the Lord endures forever....

#3 Application, How, do we apply the interpretation to our lives.

Applying God's word is our spiritual duty. To get to know God, to learn his ways and to understand his purpose which is redemption, through his saving grace. God's word gives us a solid foundation for applying spiritual principles in our lives.

**Hebrews 5: 12 – 14,....**you need someone to teach you again the first principles....by reason of use, have their senses exercised, to discern both good and evil....

How we study, pray, and meditate on God's word, is the degree to which we understand it, and how it applies to our lives.

As Christians we must remember we are not alone in trying to understand, and apply Gods interpretation to our lives. We should allow the spirit to guide us into the will and word of God.

**Psalms 119: 11,....**Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

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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