

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.

The people sin against God

Exodus 32: 1 – 14

Our scripture lesson today, starts off by showing us, that once again, the people, Gods people, had become impatient in their waiting for the promises that had been given unto them from God, through Moses, and had decided that it was time to do for themselves, what God had promised to do for them. In order, to move forward with their plan of self preservation, they needed to persuade someone to lead them, and they done so by selfish, worldly justification. Before we ever thought of seeking after Gods redemptive justification in our lives, we participated in selfish, ambitious, justification in the world. This all started in the garden of Eden through sin, and will continue in the world, until sin, through the grace of God, is abolished.

Philippians 3: 9 – 11,....not having my own righteousness....but that which is through faith in Christ....if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead....

Our works, justified through worldliness, can never be sufficient for redemption of sin. Not only, can it not save us, but will hinder our relationship with Christ. Anything that we allow in our life, above, or before Christ will build separation between ourselves and our fellowship with him. True justification comes through our faith in Christ and our complete dependency on him.

John 14: 6,....I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me....

This is certainly true when it comes to our saving grace in Christ Jesus, but what about once we have become believers. Yes, it is just as important, as believers, to understand, that all pathways to God the Father, goes through God the Son, by way of the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must never come to believe, no matter, who's leadership that it might be under, that we can never, justify our actions, by declaring, immoral, selfish, ambitious, worldly actions, to be our representation to God the Father. As the children of Israel soon learned, so do we learn, that worldly justification, will only bring about the consequences of Gods judgement and wrath in our lives.

Now let us look at the role that God had prepared for Moses to participate in, through all that was going on in the lives of the children of Israel.

God had three distinct opportunities in store for Moses as he dealt with the sinfulness that was going on within all those around him. These opportunities, which also apply to our lives today, was to test, to strengthen, to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, all of these to enable us to mature in our abilities that are given unto us by an almighty, all powerful God.

The first opportunity that God had in store for Moses was to understand himself. In our Christian life, when faced with the adversity of others, it becomes very easy, in our lives to retain the feeling of being the only one that is standing for the truth of the gospel.

Exodus 32: 7 – 9,....the Lord said....go, get thee down, for thy people....have corrupted themselves, they have turned aside quickly....behold, it is a stiffnecked people....

At this point, just as we must do through our tests, in trials and tribulations, Moses had to come to an understanding, concerning the struggle going on within himself, which is that struggle between, following after the old self, or remaining steadfast in the divine nature of God. We must realize that, while we see the worldliness in humanity, and recognize that there is a need for the redemptive saving grace of forgiveness, mankind still believes that there is nothing for which they need to be forgiven for.

The second opportunity was for Moses to experience, and to see himself as a type of Christ. God enabling us to see ourselves as types of Christ means, that everything that we do points to Christ and his salvation. It allows Christ to shine forth in our life, by showing his promise and fulfillment in our life, through our obedience to him, which allows him to expand our mind, enrich our soul, and bless us with peace in our time of tests, through trials and tribulations, a peace which surpasses all understanding.

Exodus 32: 11,....Moses besought the Lord his God....why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people....

Moses sought intercession for the children of Israel, by standing between their sinfulness and a holy, righteous, powerful God. Moses intercession was from the heart, it was full of the love and compassion of God. Moses pleaded with God not to destroy his people.

This intercession, which is also instilled within us, was predestined for us, even before the beginning of time, it was given by God, through Christ and the cross, who's intercession for us on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice of love and compassion for all mankind, taking our place, overcoming death, hell, and the grave, so that we may overcome eternal separation from God, by faith, accepting the free gift of salvation offered unto us through Christ.

The third opportunity that God allowed Moses to experience was one of becoming a great ambassador of God to the children of Israel.

As being chosen by God, we accept the honor bestowed upon ourselves as believers, destined to follow, after Christ divine righteousness. As those chosen to follow, we are sent to represent the knowledge of Gods eternal plan.

Exodus 32: 12 – 13,....turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people....and the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people....

Just as we are in our life today, through the sinfulness of the people, God used this as an opportunity to give unto Moses the ultimate test of his faith and truth in him. Through these tests of trials and tribulations, God allows us to see the opportunities given unto us, to allow the light of salvation to shine forth, by understanding our life in God, realizing that we are all types of Christ, while seeing our destination as ambassadors for him.

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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