

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 Judges the Sin

Exodus 32: 25 – 35

To follow Christ means that, we live for him, dedicate ourselves to him, in all matters, whether it is in a position of truth, morality, or our salvation.

How easy is it to say, when things are going well in our lives, that we are on the Lords side. The Israelites, upon arriving at Mt. Sinai said: We will do everything that the Lord says. And then after Moses spoke to them the word of the Lord, the people also promised that: everything the Lord has said, we will do. But, do, to spiritual unrest, we find it easy to stray away from the Lord's side, and put ourselves with the majority of the world, disobeying God's command in our lives.

Exodus 32: 26,....then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, who is on the Lord's side....

This is the example we want to look at in todays lesson. Choosing sides: those who are on the Lord's side, those who are not. Mankind's thinking is that, they can get Christ on their side, instead of accepting to be on his side, therefore in thinking so, they would not have to make the choice to choose, they would have the best of both worlds. We must see that, this irrational thinking comes through worldliness, and that God requires all of mankind to make an eternal decision during his on life upon this earth. We must choose the Lord, or we have already chosen the world.

Psalm 39: 1 – 8,....Lord make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days....and now, Lord, what do I want for, my hope is in you, deliver me from my transgression....

All people are called to make an eternal decision. This most important decision that we must make in our life, often times is put off, and becomes the last decision that we will make in our life. Unfortunately for some, it will come to late, and therefore the lack of making a decision, becomes a decision already made. Meaning, that if we, have not made the decision, to be on the Lord's side, then we are already serving a sinful corrupt world. There is, only two pathways, and we are living in one of them. There is no neutral position.

As Christians, instead of chasing the things that the world has to offer, while trying to serve God, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to be our complete guide, so that our priorities, may change, and our course of action would be one that seeks after a deeper relationship with God.

Matthew 6: 33,....but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness....

Realizing eternal value, over the value of temporary things in our life, will help us to value our spiritual relationship with Christ.

James 4: 14,....where as ye knew not what shall be on the morrow, for what is your life, it is even a vapor, that appeared for a little time, and then vanished away....

Exodus 32: 29 – 30,....consecrate yourselves today, to the Lord....I will go up....peradventure, I shall make an atonement for your sin....

As believers, we are to set ourselves aside, and dedicate ourselves to that which is of the greatest importance to us in our Christian life, that is, the deity of a sovereign God. This means, that we set our lives aside wholly for the worship of God, and we are no longer living in, or striving for the ways of the world. Each one should live in the image and likeness of God, dedicating completely, our soul, heart, mind and body to the Lord.

Romans 12: 1 – 2,....present your bodies a living sacrifice....do not be conformed to this world, be transformed by the renewing of your mind....

The body hungers for the ways of the world, but the spirit within us, which is the Holy Spirit, is thirsty for the ways of God. Focusing our life on God's word, not only prepares us, but helps us to continue to pursue after the will of God for the rest of our life, here upon this earth.

Exodus 32: 30,....I will go up....I shall make an atonement for your sin....

Atonement, which is to offer sacrifice to God, in order to reconcile those that have sinned, to a Holy God. Transgression must be compensated for, this atonement, was to help to restore, the imbalance caused by the sinfulness of the children of Israel. Disobedience brings about sin, which then comes between God and his people, so that they could not participate in the intimate relationship, that they once had with God.

Philippians 2: 5 – 11,....he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross....

In this grace dispensation period, our atonement came through Christ and the cross. For this to happen, Christ became as humanity, was tempted in all ways, overcame this temptation by the strength and will of God the Father, and never sinned. Christ, the only human being in all history, who was completely pure and without sin, but yet, crucified as a criminal. He took upon himself the punishment for the sins of the whole world, so that we might have the gift of eternal life.

Exodus 32: 35,....and the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf....

Just as the children of Israel were Gods chosen people, we have become the same, through salvation, and are now a part of the body of Christ. Although we are a part of the body of Christ, we still fall prey to deception, and therefore transgress against God. Even though, we consecrate ourselves to God, and are forgiven, due to the atonement provided by Christ, there still comes consequences for our sinfulness.

Hebrews 12: 5 – 8,....for whom the Lord loves he chastens....if you endure chastening, God deals with you....now no chastening seems to be joyful....

As Christians, we must suffer the consequences of our sins, this helps us to grow and mature, and shows us, the love that God has for us. Yes, God forgives our wrongdoings, but, those wrong doings, or sins, will lead to consequences, which will consist of his punishment and wrath. Facing these consequences will point us back to God, and as we draw close to him, and mature in our salvation, it will serve as a constant reminder, of his goodness, mercy, grace, and love towards us.

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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