

# *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.

Elijah Rebukes King Ahab

## 1 Kings 21: 17 – 29

Today's lesson is not only going to teach us about a loving God, but also about a just God. Which means, that although God is a loving God, he is fair unto all, and therefore he will punish sinfulness. It would not be fair for him to allow someone to continue in sin, without some kind of punishment. God is very patient, and gives humanity many opportunities to repent, and to turn to him. But mankind still insists on having things done their own way. We do not realize the goodness of Gods desires for us, and we do not understand that his ways are the best ways. We think that we know better than God and because of this, God will bring upon mankind, punishment for pridefulness, selfishness, and disobedience. These are the consequences for worldly wickedness. One thing we will learn through this is that, if after all the sinfulness that we have done, if we will repent God will show unto us his grace and his mercy, because he is a loving God, and will give unto us every opportunity to turn from our sin, and turn to him. Remembering though, that God is a just God, and will still punish the sinfulness.

**Proverbs 16: 3 – 4,....**commit thy work unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.  
The Lord hath made all things for himself, yea even the wicked for the day of evil....

In order, to begin understanding the word of God and the scripture verses such as this one, we first must allow the Holy Spirit to discipline our heart so that we may have the spiritual ability to consider the wisdom and the knowledge that God is trying to teach unto us. Even for Christians, sometimes it is hard for us to understand that God has made all things and has made all things for his purpose. This understanding can only come through great faith, due to the fact that, man cannot always explain the things that were created. The world that we live in, even though we see it as world that rejects and rebels against an almighty God, it is a world that still fulfills Gods eternal purpose and plan. Even the wicked are fully Gods ultimate purpose when the day of evil comes. So does God make wicked people, no. This verse speaks of a humanity, who has descended from the sinful nature of Adam. God, who cannot sin, works, in spite of the fall of mankind, to accomplish his eternal plan. So therefore, even the wicked are purposed into Gods works. Gods ultimate goal is for all to accept him. For those who have rejected him through their sinful choices and desires, even unto their own death, they will experience the consequences of their choices through Gods eternal punishment in hell. For this reason, the wisdom of the word of God is very important, it shows us that sin is not just a concept, it is a personal choice, a choice of either dying in ones worldly, sinful self, or living in God.

**1 Kings 21: 17 – 22,....**the word of the Lord came to Elijah....arise, go down to meet  
Ahab....speak unto him saying....thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord....behold I will  
bring evil upon thee....for thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel sin....

The Lord will not allow unrepentant sinners to escape punishment for their wrong doings. But all the while the Lord is carrying out his judgement upon the sinfulness of mankind, he will still show mercy toward those who will recognize their sin, and repent. The only way to avoid punishment, is to turn away from sin, and humble ourselves unto the Lord, and trust in his promises of grace and mercy.

**Romans 1: 18,....**for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and  
unrighteousness of men....

God hates all sinfulness. This statement describes God's attitude towards the sinfulness of all humanity. This results in our disobedience when we reject him and when we do not come unto him in faith believing. So instead of experiencing God's righteousness, we now experience the wrath of his anger and judgement. This is due to our unrighteousness, or the lack thereof that suppresses or holds back the truth about who God truly is. We do not believe simply because we do not want to believe. So, God builds a case against the sinfulness of mankind. This is because we are all deserving of his punishment because we are all under sin. We are not sinners because we have sinned, our sin debt has been paid in full. We are sinners because we are disobedient to the word of God, and we do not accept the truth of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Yes, it is sin that will one day condemn humanity to hell, but it will be due to the fact that mankind did not acknowledge Christ, and the sacrifice that he made to pay our sin debt. The word of God gives unto us clear guidelines on how to be saved by grace, through faith in Christ Jesus, which makes us a part of Gods family, joint heirs with Christ.

**Romans 14: 12,....**so than every one of us shall give account of himself to God....

As believers we will give an account of our works unto Christ, whether they are lasting works or worthless. We will be rewarded for lasting works, and we will suffer loss for the worthless works. We alone are responsible for the way that we conduct our life. We must take seriously this issue of our personal responsibility and make it our primary focus to motivate ourselves into living a life that is glorifying to God. The body of Christ should be a place where all will find unity and peace, and come to the knowledge, that all who accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ now belong to him.

**1 Kings 21: 23 – 29,....**and of Jezebel also spake unto the Lord, saying, the dogs shall eat Jezebel....it came to pass when Ahab heard these words, he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and humbled himself before me, I will not bring evil in his days, but in his son's days will I bring evil upon his house....

Above all, we must repent, and declare that God is just, and he is holy.

**John 3: 36,....**he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him....

We have two options in life, to trust in Christ, by faith believing unto eternal life, or to remain in our sinfulness, separated from God, and face the judgement of an eternal hell. God wants all people to be saved, so through his word, and the example set by the body of Christ, he makes himself visible, so as to encourage mankind to seek him. Those who die separated from God, do so, because they have chosen to do so. God has given unto the Son the power, and the authority to bestow upon all who will trust in him, everlasting life.

**2 Peter 3: 9,....**the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance....

Humanity holds on to the deception that Christ is not coming back because it has been to long. The word of God points out to us that God does not see limitations of time the way humanity does. We cannot apply worldly demands of time to the promises of God. God keeps every promise according to his perfect timing and for his glory. As Christians, we should see the delay of Christ coming as a blessing and an opportunity for mankind to trust in God to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Every day that passes is one more day of Gods longsuffering grace toward mankind. We must understand that time is in the hand of God. At his appointed time, we will step into Gods eternal presence, to be forever with the Lord.

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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