

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.13.2021

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.

Gideon Destroys Baals Alter

Judges 6: 25 – 32

As Christians, we are to stand firm in our faith, to act like Godly men and to be strong in the Lord. This is because, Satan, who is the enemy of our soul, will try to approach us as an angel of light, and through deception, using false prophets and deceitful workers, he will try to get us to compromise our faith. For this reason, it is very important that we stay alert, and remain continually in a state of preparedness, so as to continue looking unto Christ, who is our blessed hope. So God, call us to be courageous in our Christian walk. We are not to compromise in any way our faith, but we are to strive to remain in his love, which is good, honorable, righteous, and pure. As we do this, and as we trust in the Lord with our whole heart, then will we be devoted to the saving grace of all humanity. Our life in Christ entitles us to the fulness of the power of an almighty God, giving unto us the ability to overcome, and to be victorious over all the sinful worldliness that presents itself before us, and will come up against us.

Judges 6: 25 – 26,....the Lord said unto him, take thy fathers young bullock....and throw down the alter of baal....and cut down the grove that is by it....and build an alter unto the Lord thy God....and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shall cut down....

In todays lesson we are going to start with learning how that we must be obedient to God. Obedience to God takes great faith, and the word tells us in:

Romans 10: 17,....so then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God....

This means that great faith requires significant preparation, and this preparation comes through the word of God. In order to hear what God has to say to us through his word, we must listen, and then by listening we must believe, and accept that which God has in store for us in our life. Sadly, people hear the gospel, but due to disbelief they do not accept the gospel. This disbelief comes simply because they do not want to believe. Following God is a personal choice that is given unto each one. Often times, following God means that we must go against the beliefs and practices of the world around us, in order to be obedient to his word. This is all part of God preparing us for the life that he would have us to live, and also to have the ability to accomplish, and to be victorious in our battles so that we may overcome the ways of the world, and allow the saving grace of Jesus Christ to shine forth.

Luke 9: 23,....and he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me....

It is our choice to make, to either hold on to the old worldly nature, or to let go of it, and trust in our new life in Christ. As we learn to be obedient to the word of God, we began to trust in the Lord and we will see that our life meant nothing without Christ. Our obedience to God is spiritually connected to the personal relationship that we have with his Son, Christ. Therefore, we should always see our obedience in conjunction with our love in Christ.

Judges 6: 27 – 30,....Gideon took ten men of his servants....because he feared his father's household....that he did it by night....when the men of the city arose early. They said one to another, who hath done this thing....they said Gideon....then the men of the city said unto Joash bring out thy son that he may die....

Even though we are obedient to God, and we place our trust in him, there will be times in our lives, due to circumstances that involve those things that we cherish in our lives, that there will be times, that we will allow worldly fear to take control of our lives. Worldly fear will come upon us when we least expect it. Unfortunately, there is not a limit to what is in our thoughts and in our minds to those things that we might potentially fear. Although the word is a constant reminder to us not to fear, we often times are deceived into allowing worldly fear to overcome us, which will lead to confusion and anxiety in our lives. And although we continue in the will of the Lord, our wavering faith keeps us from performing the duties that God hath given unto us to do, and to have the ability to do them in the manner that he has intended. This will not only bring about difficulties in our life, but God through the Holy Spirit will show unto us the need for more spiritual growth and preparedness, in order for us to continue on in his work. Christ reminds us to trust in God, because he will fight for us, he will cover us, and he will protect us. He will calm the fearfulness in our lives, if only we will allow him to do so.

Isaiah 41: 10,....fear them not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness....

Faith in his word is what God desires of us. This is due to the fact that God knows, that in our life, doubt and discouragements can be triggered by so many things. For this reason, he extended unto us his loving words of comfort, always emphasizing his loving kindness toward us. Through the power of his grace, God raised up a deliverer in Gideon. This deliverer was raised up out of the same family that was leading the people into idolatry. In order to make peace with God, Gideon would have to make war with the Midianites. In the same way was sin pardoned for all of humanity. God raised up a deliverer, out of the same family that would worship idols and reject this deliverer and crucify him. But God through his great mercy and grace, who allowed this to happen, also resurrected this deliverer, so that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Judges 6: 31 – 32,....Joash said unto all....will you plead for baal, will you save him, he that will plead for him, let him be put to death....therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal....

Even though the obedience of Gideon came through an act of worldly fear, God still used this to open the eyes of his father so that he might recognize the sinfulness of the idolatry in which he was committing. So, because of this one simple, faithful act, Joash was able to see that baal was no God at all.

Romans 5: 18 – 19,....therefore as by the offense of one, judgement came upon all men to condemnation, so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one mans disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous....

The result of disobedience is sin, but the result of Christ obedience ensures righteousness through faith. Christ death on the cross was an act of true obedience to the Father. Due to Christ obedience, all of humanity now possesses the possibility of obedience to the cross of Christ. As obedient believers, we are called to devote our lives to Christ by forsaking worldly influences in our lives and focusing all our spiritual strength to serving him.

Philippians 2: 8 – 9,....and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Whereby God hath highly exalted him and given him a name above every name....

Just as it was in Christ, we must have humbleness to be obedient. This humility is not for show to mankind but is part of our obedience to God. This is all part of Gods plan for our life, to be just as Christ was, which was a sacrifice for sinners, to all who will believe and call upon the name of 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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