

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.6.2021

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.

Joshua Commands The Sun To Stand Still

## Joshua 10: 1 – 15

In our life as a believer, worldly fear, if we allow it to, will cripple our ability to be victorious when we are facing the strongholds of sinfulness in our life. But God has promised us that the one who seeks the Lord will find in him the strength to overcome worldly fear, if we search for him with all our heart. The Lord is close to those who are ready and willing to seek him in times of distress, even if we are the ones who agreed to these circumstances without consulting Christ first. As we seek the Lord, and proclaim our trust in him, we gain the ability to testify of his goodness, and of his power, and his strength, which will allow our joyful hope to shine forth with the radiance of his saving grace. This will also give hope to those around us. As people who have been saved by grace, through faith in Christ, we are able to testify, that due to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, that showed unto us our need for a savior. That we sought the Lord for the forgiveness of our sin, and he graciously delivered us out of the hands of the enemy, so that we might triumph over sin and death, redeeming us from eternal hell and giving unto us the hope of an eternal life with an almighty God.

**Joshua 10: 1 – 5,.....**it came to pass....Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem heard....Joshua....had utterly destroyed....Jericho....and Ai....and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel....they feared greatly....

When we learn to fear God more than whatever it is that we are facing in this world, we will then be able to turn toward him as our source of courage, because we will then realize that it is God who makes all our problems and fears seem small. This spiritual courage will give unto us the ability to go from worldly fearfulness, to having confidence in the Lord's faithfulness in our lives. Fearing the Lord means respecting his will as we come into obedience to him and his word. We must be dependent upon the Lord in all circumstances, trusting in the power of God to carry us through all the pressures of this world, which Satan uses, to try to get us to abandon the truth of Gods word. Fearing the Lord means the beginning of our knowledge in Christ.

**Romans 8: 31,.....**what shall we say then, say to these things, If God be fore us, who can be against us....

The word describes Gods gracious purpose for all who will trust in him for salvation. No matter what worldly circumstances life throws at us, no matter what difficulties come up against us in our earthly walk, no matter what problems that we may face, God through his mercy and grace, will help us to conquer every situation, using it for our eternal benefit, and his greater glory.

**Joshua 10: 6 – 8,.....**the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua....come up to us quickly, and save us and help us....and the Lord said unto Joshua, fear them not, for I have delivered them into your hand.

When we give unto someone our God given word, whether we confided in the Lord or not, God expects us to maintain that relationship, even when it becomes difficult. We must remember that God places us in these relationships for a reason. God knows our shortcomings, and he allows us to be in these situations to keep us humble, and to teach us how to love, selflessly. God does not allow obstacles in our life to discourage us. We should see each, and every one of Gods purposes as an opportunity to further his kingdom, which means that we should accept these trials and tribulations as opportunities. Gods will would be that we utilize these events in our life as a way of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to reach out to others so that they may see the need to rely upon the power of God in their life.

**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....

God is the one, the only one, that can tell his children not to fear, and we should simply take him at his word. Faith in God's word is what he desires for each of us, and unless we trust in his word, we cannot please him. Through spiritual maturity we learn that Christ is our righteousness, and he is ever present in our time of trouble, because his grace is always sufficient for our needs. Therefore, we should be obedient to his word, and trust in his promises, for Gods word is trustworthy and true.

**Isaiah 10: 9 – 1**,....Joshua therefore came unto them....and the Lord discomfited them....and slew them....as they fled....the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them....they were more died with hailstones than they were the children of Israel slew....

As we learn to fear the Lord, then God will cause our enemies to run before him in confusion and he will cause them to be afraid. We do not need to fear our enemies because the Lord himself fights for us. This means that when we are obedient to his word, he will establish us, and as we walk in his ways, we are welcomed into his inheritance. This means that the final enemy that Christ will defeat for all mankind is death itself. It began with his resurrection and will continue with the resurrection of all of those who believe upon him. When all of his victory over sin and death becomes complete those who believed upon his name will be free for all eternity.

**Colossians 2: 15**,....and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it....

Christ, crucifixion and resurrection, enabled us to obey the Lord in spirit and in truth, and to live Godly lives in Christ out of Godly love for him, and not because of worldly fear. We are called into the truth of his word through prayer, which enables us to keep our eyes upon Christ, knowing that Satan is already a defeated enemy.

**Joshua 10: 12 – 15**,....then spoke Joshua to the Lord....and he said....Sun, stand thou still....and then moon....and the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, and there was no day like that before it or after it....

Humanity may not have a valid explanation of how that God performed this spectacular miracle, but God himself knows how, and why, that he supernaturally provided the light necessary for the battle to be won. Heavenly miracles do not have to be proven, just accepted, by faith, so therefore we must see, and accept these miracles as evidence of his faithfulness to our salvation. There are no lengths in which God will not go to demonstrate his faithfulness to his people. God is faithful, and his word is true. He cannot lie, and he cannot break a promise that he has promised to fulfill. No matter what sins we have committed, God is faithful to forgive us our sins if we accept Christ as our savior. God is so faithful, that anyone who seeks him, will find him. As we put our faith to work, we will begin to realize more and more about God's faithfulness to us.

**1 Corinthians 1: 9,....**God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord....

We are all called of God, chosen of God, enriched through God's grace, simply because we believed in his word, and trusted in his redemptive saving grace of Jesus Christ for our salvation. For this reason, God is faithful and just to fulfill all that he has promised to those that are called and have chosen to trust in his word.

Today's lesson touches upon many different happenings, that reflects upon our own Christian lives, and the way in which we live them, including, unexpected, unexplained miracles. Through all of this we learn that God is the one who called us, and chose us, and he is faithful to keep his word, even when we are unfaithful toward him. We must strive to live our lives for him, through the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and savior.

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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