

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

7.11.2021

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 God's word.

Hezekiah Rallies Judah's Army

2 Chronicles 32: 1 – 8, 22 – 23

As believers, we know that the Lord, through the crucifixion and resurrection, has rescued us from the slavery of sin. Sadly though, there are times in our lives, when the problems of the world surround us, that our hearts fail, because of worldly fear. It is at these times in our lives that we must hold fast to the word of God, remembering that he has promised to lead us, and to guide us into the safety of his unfailing protection. As we learn to believe in God's word, and as we gain confidence in his faithfulness, and as our trust in salvation begins to mature within us, we must never forget that the challenges in which we face in our everyday life are very important opportunities for our faith in God to grow. Through these opportunities, the Lord will allow us to rest in his love, and in his trust, for he will do, what he has promised us he will do.

2 Chronicles 32: 1,....Sennacherib kin of Assyria came and entered Judah....and thought to win them himself....

Today's lesson is going to teach us about spiritual warfare. Humanity is always in a life and death struggle against the forces of worldly sinfulness, which attacks mankind both externally and internally, pushing him in the direction that has him continually rebelling against God. Even though God gives humanity numerous opportunities to turn to him, we are by nature sinful, and we tend to follow after that sinfulness, which wishes to control our inner being. We soon learn, that in our life we are most vulnerable, when we allow ourselves to think that we are strong and that we are able to withstand anything.

1 Corinthians 10: 12,....wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall....

Just because we feel that we have liberty and freedom in God, this does not mean that it gives unto us a license to sin. The word of God, in accordance with our obedience or disobedience, is our example of how that we should conduct ourselves in our Christlike relationship. Our actions and attitudes play an important role in our spiritual walk. The word warns us against becoming complacent in our Christian walk. Becoming overconfident, and not recognizing the danger of spiritual warfare, can cause us to fall prey to sinfulness in our life, and therefore can cause us to suffer the consequences of that sinfulness. We must understand and realize that all sinfulness grieves the Holy Spirit, and dishonors God. Therefore, when we thirst, instead of standing secure in the Lord, we become careless, complacent, and over confident in our spiritual warfare, which will lead to spiritual destruction in our life.

2 Chronicles 32: 2 – 6,....Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he purposed to fight against Jerusalem, he took counsel with his princes and mighty men....also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall....and set captains of war over people, and gathered them together....

As believers, when, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Lord begins to show unto us that spiritual warfare is coming, it is at this time that we must begin to prepare, and we must encourage others around us to prepare as well. The time to prepare for these trials and tribulations that are coming, is before they come upon us. Prayer and meditation upon the word of God is key in our spiritual preparation. Prayer helps us to keep our spiritual senses sharp, and meditation on the word helps us to see and to acknowledge Gods will in our life. The battles of our spiritual warfare are won or lost through meditation and prayer.

Ephesians 6: 10 – 11,....be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil....

We live in a world in which we are always engaged in spiritual warfare. A conflict that is fought, which requires a heavenly power, a power that can only come from the Lord. In our own strength, we are no match for the devil, but we are strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Only when we are conscious of our own weaknesses and inabilities, do we look to the Lord for the strength that we need. We must recognize our own weaknesses, and die to self, so that we might receive the power of an almighty God and live unto him.

2 Chronicles 32: 7 – 8,....be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed....for there be more with us than him....with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles....

The church, or the body of Christ has the Lord God to help them and to fight their battles with them. No matter how strong sinfulness and worldliness may seem to be, they are powerless before an almighty God. When we stand in confidence, and remain steadfast in our faith, the Lord will allow us to be victorious against all worldliness. God may not always fight our battles for us, but he will always care for his people, and in the end, he will deliver us from evil, and keeps us safe within his loving arms.

Psalms 46: 1 – 3,....God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof....

No matter how intense our spiritual warfare may seem, God gives unto us his unfailing assurance that he is with us, and will never leave us, or forsake us. We can turn to him for protection and safety in times of trouble. We must learn to be still, and to listen, so that we will know, and understand that it is God that is our strength, and he will continue to be with us, no matter what is happening in our lives.

2 Chronicles 32: 22 – 23,....thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem....and many brought gifts unto the Lord....so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations....

Those who choose to believe in God's word, and to know the truth of God's word, will be victorious, and will be saved by God's word. We must remember that even though we believe in Christ as our saviour, and have trusted him as our redeemer, and have placed our faith in him to salvation, it does not mean that we have chosen to abide in the faith of his word, and as a result, we can become prey to the deceptiveness of false religions that distort the truth of God's word. All believers are not necessarily disciples of Christ, but disciples of Christ are certainly true believers who have learned, and are continuing to learn, and to grow spiritually in Christ Jesus. When we are obedient to God's word, we grow in our wisdom and knowledge of Christ, and our spiritual understanding matures. The more that we grow, the more freedom we develop in our spiritual life, set free, by Christ, to live our life in spirit and in truth. Thus, the Lord saves us from the defeat of the spiritual warfare in which we are battling every day in our life.

1 Peter 4: 10,....as everyman hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God....

As believers, each gift, is a holy stewardship, received from the Lord, and to be given back to the Lord through the works of our faith. These gifts to God are for the building up of the saints and to the glory of God. These gifts given, are to fulfill a special function within the body of Christ. We, are instructed, by the Holy Spirit, to use them in accordance with the proportion of our faith, in which we have received. The result of the inflow of our spiritual gifts from God, should be an outflow of his grace to all those around us.

Revelation 4: 10 – 11,....the four and twenty four elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne saying, thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are created....

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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