

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 God's word.

A Blasphemer Stoned

Leviticus 24: 10 – 23

The name of the Lord is holy and should never be used in vain. Sadly, in the world that we live in, using the Lord's name in vain is not considered something that is a serious offense against God, it is just seen as a format of verbal punctuation. Christian values are changing dramatically, that is why, as believers, we must be sure that our speech remains in reverence to the Lord. We can only do this by committing fully unto God, in obedience to his word. We will learn in this week's lesson, that when it comes to obedience to the word of God, that God is no respecter of person.

Romans 2: 6 – 11,....for there is no respect of persons with God....

Christ alone came as our perfect sacrifice, paying our sin debt, so that we might be redeemed by his blood, having been justified by his crucifixion and resurrection, and upon accepting his greatness, and his free gift of salvation, we now have inherited eternal life with God.

So, this morning we will look at four things the word teaches to us through this passage of scripture, concerning our obedience to the word of God.

We must always strive for unity within the body of Christ.

We must always consult the Lord, no matter what the choices are that we must make.

We must take seriously the cost of the consequences of our disobedience against God.

We must love one another.

Leviticus 24: 10 – 11,....the son of an Israelitish woman....went out among the children of Israel....and this son....and a man of Israel strove together in the camp....and the...son blasphemed the name of the Lord....

As believers, we must always strive for unity within the body of Christ. Within the body of Christ, the spirit of each believer should be as one, when it comes to the fundamentals of our faith in salvation. As we commune with one another, we should strive to be patient, kind, and gracious in all our dealings, which can only come from the indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ. As Christians, we ought to love one another, and enjoy our common bond in Christ, as well as a common goal of providing our example of salvation unto the world. We are all one in Christ, and therefore we should set aside any differences or disputes, so that we may come together for the same goal of salvation. As we put off the old man, with all its sinful lust, and put on the new man, then our new life is placed in union with Christ and assigned his own righteousness and love. It is Christ love that binds all our Godly characteristics together. If Godly love is lacking, then our spiritual unity is flawed. The inflow of God's love into our lives as spiritual believers, transforms into an outflow of his love to others. This love can only come from God himself, through his Son, Christ Jesus, all for his honor, and his glory.

Ephesians 4: 13,....till we all come in unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ....

As we place our faith in the finished work of Christ and the cross, justification happens in a single moment, and we begin, our God given, lifelong process, of progressive sanctification. This is the prepared way, that Christ has given to all who will receive, so that we are united together in his faith, bound by his grace, and given a fullness of the knowledge of his love. This comes through the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts given, so that we may attain spiritual maturity, and come to a full measure of spiritual development in him. Even though, true unity will only be completed when Christ calls the church out to be with him, we must strive for that perfection that is in him, living every moment of our lives for his honor and glory. As we use our spiritual gifts to serve one another, and to encourage one another, we must strive to build each other up in faith, coming into the unity of that faith, until we are all perfected in the fullness of Christ.

Leviticus 24: 12,....and they put him inward, that the mind of the Lord might be shewed them....

We must always consult the Lord in all choices that we make.

So why ask God. Because God wants to be completely involved in our decision making. This is because God would like for us to grow in his grace and in his mercy, so that we might make smart decisions in our life. Remembering, that the more experience that we gain, the more likely we are to follow after these smart decisions that we will make in the Lord. As we become transformed and renewed in Gods will, his desire for our life becomes more evident. Our decision process begins as our heart, mind, and soul becomes more Christlike. In order, for us to do this, we must study and meditate on the word of God, and we must spend time in prayer. As we seek his wisdom and knowledge, then are we able to consult in him, in all of our choices, with the ability of our spirit filled mind, which comes through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 19: 21,....there are many desires in a man's heart, never the less the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand....

Life is full of changes and challenges because things do not always work out the way that we want them to. We cannot avoid change, so what we need to store in our hearts in the midst, of this change, is that which God purposes for us, and that his will might prevail. We will, make plans for our lives in which we do not realize what the outcome will be. In Gods eyes these are foolish plans. Therefore, it is good to know that Gods plan, and purpose will not waiver because he has all knowledge, and all perspective, for he is wise. This should lead us to submit our plans to his purpose, and his purpose is salvation. We must pray for Gods plan of love, mercy, and grace to prevail in our life.

Leviticus 24: 13 – 16,....and the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp....thou shalt speak....whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin....and he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death....

We must take seriously the cost of the consequences of our disobedience against God.

Sin causes conflict between us and God. Sin leads to death and destruction, because there are consequences when we go against that which God has designed for us to live by in obedience to his word. Sin breaks our relationship with God, which reflects our spiritual maturity. We must be very careful not to allow sin to bring us to a place that we will never attempt to turn back to God. All choices that we make, will bring with those choices, consequences. All sin, no matter if we think that they are big or small, deteriorates our joy in the Lord, and will hinder Gods love in our life which will threaten our peace of mind. God calls us to live a holy life and follow after him, also to be obedient to his word, and strive for perfection in Christ Jesus. As we look to Christ, he will guide us in the way of escape, and will take our sins, and the consequences of those sins, and use them for our good, and his purpose.

Hebrews 12: 11,....now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby....

We are born into sin therefore we are enslaved by sin, however, through accepting the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we have become children of God, with the promise of eternal life and no longer enslaved to sin. Because of deception, and finally to temptation, we should expect the chastening of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The word tells us that we should embrace these various chastening's, knowing that this testing produces patience, which will bring us into our spiritual maturity in Christ. This is why that we must develop a right attitude toward the discipline of God. For those whom the Lord loves are the ones which he disciplines.

Leviticus 24: 17 – 23,....he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death....if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor....so shall it be done unto him....breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth....ye shall have one manner of law....for I am the Lord your God....and Moses spake....that they should bring forth him that cursed out of the camp, and stone him....and the children....did as the Lord commanded Moses....

We must love one another, we must act justly toward our neighbor, because all men are equal in respect to God's word.

Romans 2: 11 – 12,....for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law....

We must always see the seriousness of the consequences that will come upon those who are self seeking and disobedient to God's word. God's wrath and judgement is unavoidable for those who sin against him and obey unrighteousness. Those who reject God's gift of salvation are already condemned because of not believing on the only begotten Son of God. Because God is no respecter of person, he will render unto every man according to his works in which the unbeliever will receive his indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish, because they did not believe. God will judge all men righteously, and his judgement will depend not only upon the order in which he lived his life, but also upon the understanding that he had concerning the things that he has done. All humanity, without exception, is under Gods eternal wrath. The only thing that can save mankind, is faith in God, and trusting in his word. Man is a sinner in need of a savior, and Christ is the only answer.

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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