

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

9.12.2021

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.

Death of Nadab and Abihu

Leviticus 10: 1 – 7

Our life as a Christian should be one of constantly examining ourselves, to see if we are continuing in the faith of God. Our confidence in Christ should not become careless, and our security in him must remain rooted and grounded in his daily keeping, and not in our past decisions. The safest place for us to be, is at the feet of Jesus. If we make the choice not to be at the feet of Jesus, and turn to worldliness, then God's wrath will be against us. The word of God helps us to let go of all those worldly traditions and rituals and will give unto us the ability to come to terms with the new covenant that God has given unto us, which was made possible through Christ and the cross. God's word cannot be broken, and his kingdom cannot be shaken, so there should be no question, that we should live our life in God's righteousness, offering unto him our acceptable service, with reverence to his mighty power. All that God has done for us, should inspire us to sincerely seek after the goodness of our salvation, recognizing his boundless mercy and grace, so that we might show to all those around us his saving grace. Through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we have the ability, to give God the glory, honour and praise that is due him. This week's lesson is going to teach unto us the value, and the importance of maturing in our Christian life, so that we will understand our service to the Lord, and also understand when the call of the Lord is upon us.

Leviticus 10: 1 – 3,....Nadab and Abihu....took either of them his censor....and offered strange fire before the Lord....there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them....the Lord spake saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified....

As Christians, we are chosen through our salvation to come near to the Lord, in doing so we must come in a holy manner, so as to reflect the holiness of Gods image. If we try to come near to God in our own way, then our actions are not those that God has commanded or mandated. This means that we have no association with atonement on sacrifice, and therefore leave God with no choice but to judge the ones that sin against him, and we must understand that God's judgement is always righteous. The result of our spiritual immaturity will often times lead us into a place of deception, where we will reject the mercy and grace of God, which will cause our worldly pridefulness to overcome our spiritual humbleness, and therefore will cause us to find ourselves doing those things which are not pleasing unto God. God's word shows unto us the proper ways in which we ought to serve him, anything other than these ways will result in, not only our rejecting him, but also being rejected by him. Our obedience to God, is based upon our faithfulness to his word. The importance of how we serve God is a matter of life and death for our soul.

Malachi 3: 18,....then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not....

So, why serve God. This question often arrives in the life of the believer due to discouragement that comes about in our lives from worldly emotional distress. When this distress arises in our life than the Holy Spirit will create a need in our life to see things from Gods eternal perspective, which can only come through our faith in him. Sinful, selfish perspectives will bring about our emotional distress. As believers in the body of Christ, we must encourage one another to continue serving God in spite of all the worldly pressure that pulls against us and encourages us to give up our service unto him. If we allow it to do so, the circumstances that we often find ourselves in, will cause us to elevate ourselves above the humbleness of our service to God into a state of self righteousness, and self preservation, and therefore breaking our communication with the Lord. If we are persistent in our resistance to the obedience of God's word, than we will suffer the consequences of this sinfulness.

Leviticus 10: 4 – 5,....Moses called....the sons of Uzziel....and said unto them, come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. So, they went near and carried them....out of the camp....

Our service to the Lord. As Christians we are called to serve God in whatever capacity that he so desires. For this reason, just as he called the sons of Uzziel, he calls unto us to do things that we might feel are unappealing, unappreciated, unanointed, and emotionally difficult. Through this obedient service to him, we prove our faithful devotion to his commandments, and we come to understand the privileges of doing those things that he calls unto us to do. When we focus on God's righteousness, and the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, then we are not only accepted by God, but we will be accepted by others around us as well. We must all stand accountable before God, therefore we must all live for God. When we come to the understanding that the kingdom of God is not about the natural, but is about the spiritual, we will then realize that as we live in the peace and the joy of his righteousness, then our spiritual behavior, will now become accepted, and approved by him.

John 12: 26,....if any man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall also my servant be, if any man serve me, him will my Father honour....

If we earnestly desire to submit to the will of God, then we will become sincere in dying to oneself, in order to live to our eternal life in God. Sadly often times, we are not willing to die to oneself. We get so involved in our motives to do what is right that we end up doing it for ourselves, thus reaping the success of our own service. For this reason, we must die to self. There is no spiritual harvest without death. The seed that is planted must die before it can germinate and live and grow. Christ submitted everything to the will of the Father and it cost him his life but it also won him a great spiritual harvest.

Leviticus 10: 6 – 7,....and Moses said....uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes, lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people....and ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle....lest ye die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you....

The call of the Lord. Gods call to us to follow him, is at times going to seem very difficult in conjunction with our obedience to him. God wants us to become completely separated from the world, and totally dependent upon him. We must learn to preserve our obedience through our faith, regardless of the circumstances that we find ourselves in. God wants us to see that we can still demonstrate our reverence to him, regardless of our personal struggles. God knows that we cannot continue through life on our own, and therefore promises to never abandon us. He will equip us and empower us, so that we may have the ability to do whatever service he calls us into. In the midst, of what we feel to be our worst, he will be with us, and never leave us alone. We are the servants of the Lord, so we must serve him humbly, yielding only to his power and authority.

Matthew 4: 10,....thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve....

It is a personal decision to make the choice of who that we will serve. Making the decision to serve God means that we must be willing to obey every instructions that he gives unto us. As we become obedient to his word, we will begin to serve the Lord with our whole heart, continually choosing to seek his will for us, in our lives.

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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