

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.3.2021

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.

Complaints About Manna

Numbers 11: 4 – 23

Today's lesson is going to teach us how to protect our hearts against worldly influence, seek the Lord for all our spiritual strength, and to rely on God to provide that which we need to do his will.

Philippians 2: 14,....do all things without murmurings and disputings....

Often times our complaining will embellish the things that have happened to us in our past, it will exaggerate our troubles of the present, and will not allow us to see any hope in our future. This is due to losing all perspective of our faith in God, which causes us to begin to reflect upon the worldliness of our past, even after God has showed himself time and time again to be faithful and loving unto us, his children. Stressful situations have a way of preventing us from seeing the truth of God clearly, due to the fact that we have taken our eyes off of God. It is at these times in our lives that we must be obedient to the word of God, and wholly devoted to prayer.

Ephesians 4: 29,....let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edify, that it may minister grace unto the hearers....

As Christians, we need to make a responsible effort to live differently from the way in which we lived in the world. To do this, we must study God's word, in order to expand our knowledge of him, responsibly obey his commands, and apply it in our everyday life. We have become a new man, with a new life, declared righteous by God, being made a part of his new creation, and have become a member of his spiritual body. Our spiritual duty is to be obedient to God's word, so that we may mature and be conformed into the image and likeness of his Son.

Numbers 11: 4 – 6,....and the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting....who shall give us flesh to eat....we remember....which we did eat....but now our soul is dried away, there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes....

How hard it is to resist worldly influences, because, satan is constantly trying to deceive us, so that we will look back upon our past sinfulness, and fall once again to our worldly desires. Therefore, humanity has rebelled against God, and rejected his saving grace, trying to fix his own problems, which is vain and immoral. God's word not only tells us of these problems, but also gives unto us the answers to these problems. Our joy in the Lord is not getting what we want but wanting that which God has given unto us. Our discontentment can be explained in this manner, we have always got what we wanted, but our life was never fulfilled. As we accept God's love and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the more that we will pray and study God's word, the richer we will become in God's grace, because his grace has no limitations.

1 Thessalonians 5: 18,....in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you....

As believers, no matter what our circumstances, we can always find reasons to be thankful to God. Thankful that all things work together in God, thankful that God's grace is sufficient, thankful that we cannot be separated from God, and thankful that God acknowledges our faith in him, even when our faith waivers. Our thankfulness will help us to live a life that is pleasing unto God, which means that we are to encourage the faithless, support the weak, and show God's goodness, grace, and mercy to all mankind. As Christians, we have spiritual benefits and glories which go well beyond our spiritual understanding. This is why that we are called to live a life that is well pleasing unto Christ, a life that glorifies the Father.

Numbers 11: 10 – 15,....then Moses heard the people weep, throughout their families....the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly, Moses also was displeased....and Moses said....wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant....have I begotten them that thou shouldest say unto me, carry them....I am not able to bear all this people alone....it is too heavy for me....if I have found favour in thy sight....let me not see my wretchedness....

There are times in our lives when we become neglectful of God, and we do not put our trust in him. This is because his glory is hidden behind our self righteous desires. For this reason, we need to continually seek the presence of God. We must focus our minds attention, and our hearts affection on God. The effort and the desire to seek God is a gift from God. God reveals himself to us through his word. Humility is our greatest asset to seeking the Lord, and pridefulness is our greatest obstacle. God wants us to bring our concerns to him, and he has promised to listen. At times our prayers may seem to be unanswered, this is because God is keeping us from something that is not his best for us. Prayer is not asking, getting, or demanding, it is a conversation between the believer and Christ in which he establishes our relationship with himself. What matters to Christ is, our truth and our honesty in our faith towards him. When we begin to feel overwhelmed, we must look unto the Lord for our strength. We must never forget that God is with us, and is leading us, and providing for us. No matter how abandoned that we might feel, God will never leave us.

Colossians 3: 1 – 3,....if ye then be raised with Christ, seek those things which are above....set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God....

Christians must learn to understand their glorious position in Christ Jesus. It is through God's grace that we are identified with Christ and made alive in him. This is due to the fact that the moment that we believed in Christ for salvation, the Holy Spirit came and indwelt within us. It is these truths of our salvation that instills within us the desire to seek after, and to keep seeking after heavenly things in Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Numbers 11: 16 – 23,....and the Lord said unto Moses, gather unto me seventy men....and bring them unto the tabernacle....and I will come down and talk with thee....say then unto the people, sanctify yourselves....ye shall not eat one day....but even a whole month....and the Lord said unto Moses, is the Lords hand waxed short. Thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not....

We must not the mistake of turning the goodness of God into something worldly, thinking that it will bring pleasure and wealth unto us. Remember, it is the Lord's compassion for mankind that will provide for the things that we need to do his will. Self centered people are not thankful for Gods provisions. Continued complaining will only result in worldly depression. Before complaining about problems, we should examine ourselves before the Lord, to make sure that we are not seeking our own comfort above God's kingdom and righteousness. We must learn that the Lord does not work by our power or might, but by his spirit. No matter how faithfully we try to serve the Lord, someone is going to complain. Through this, we must not try to do everything by ourself but as we continue to serve the Lord, by his strength, he will raise up others by his spirit to serve with us. We have the perfect mediator who will give unto us grace to help in our time of need.

Galatians 6: 7 – 8,....be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting....

As believers, we are children of God and members of the body of Christ. We have received the free gift of salvation and have been made alive by our faith in Christ. Our salvation has nothing to do with what we have done, but it has everything to do with what Christ has done on our account. Therefore, our desire should be to do those things that are pleasing in the sight of God, and to live godly lives in Christ Jesus. Doing those things that are pleasing unto God means considering the needs of others, bearing one another burdens, resisting temptation, and walking in spirit and in truth. We must not neglect our duty as the children of God and examine ourselves to see that we are always honouring Christ, who gave his life for us so that we might live unto him.

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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