

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.10.2021

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.

God Sends Quail and Plague

Numbers 11: 24 – 35

One of the hardest things for us to learn and understand is that God is in control of all things. In order, to understand this, we must have great faith. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the word of God, we come to perceive, that within ourselves, due to the lack of faith, we find ourselves constantly complaining, concerning the things that are going on around us in the world. Worldly complaining will cause us to reject Gods plan for our life, and therefore means that we reject the truth of Gods word. It is worldly desire that leads to sinful cravings and causes us to complain to the Lord. Whenever circumstances in our life becomes difficult, we began to complain. We must not let these difficult circumstances dictate our behavior. We all have a part of ourselves that wants to go our own way and pursue our own desires, turning to these desires means that that there will be consequences from God, in our lives. Rest assured, that even though we must face the consequences of our wrong doings, if we repent, and turn to the Lord, he will forgive us, and he will lead us and guide us in our life. How important it is to desire the things that will spiritually satisfy the soul and bring us closer to God.

In today's lesson we will learn that if we are doing the Lords will, he will provide for our needs. We will also learn that we should never take the blessings from the Lord for granted, and we must remember that keeping always, God's chastisements and blessings, we will always live in keeping with true repentance.

Numbers 11: 24 – 28,....Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord....and the Lord came down....and spoke unto him....and took of the spirit....and gave it....and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied....but they remained two....but went not out unto the tabernacle, and they prophesied in the camp....and Joshua....answered and said, my Lord Moses, forbid them....

The elders were to assist in providing spiritual leadership, but they would not be able to do this on their own, so God anointed them with the same spirit with which Moses was anointed, and that is the same Holy Spirit which indwells within us today as believers. It is this indwelling Holy Spirit that directs us in the will of the Lord, and as we, follow after this leadership and guidance, and continue in the will of God, he will always provide for us. Our union with Christ, by faith, has brought us into a relationship with the Father. With this relationship comes great responsibility. We will only be responsible if we focus our hearts desires upon Christ. This means living righteously in the truth of the promises of Gods word, which will keep us in the perfect peace of mind in Christ. We must choose to focus our mind on the attributes of the fruit of the Holy Spirit which indwells within us, it is all these attributes that point us to Christ.

Philippians 4: 11, 17 – 20,....for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content....I desire fruit that may abound....but my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus....now unto God and our Father be glory forever and ever....

In our life as believers, we must learn, that God providing our needs, means that we not only receive, but we give also. There is spiritual value in the contentment of the circumstances that we find ourselves in if we are following, after Gods will for our lives. Everything that we give and receive, we should recognize as gifts that have been generously provided unto us from the Lord. Gods abundant, generous supply of his gift unto us is overflowing with his mercy, grace, and loving kindness. God always provides what is best for us according to his will. God's perspective of our needs will always be based on his eternal value. We must learn that we should never translate our wants into our needs, but rather live our life on earth in the hope of our eternal home in heaven with God, who we both give thanks, and glorify his name for his abundant ongoing provisions in our life.

Numbers 11: 29 – 33,....Moses said unto him, enviest thou....would God that all the Lords people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them....there went forth a wind from the Lord and brought quails....and the people....gathered the quails....and while the flesh was between their teeth....the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague....

As believers, even though we do not have to search diligently for the blessings of God, because he freely gives them unto us, we should not take these blessings from the Lord for granted. When we reject Gods plan for our life, he becomes displeased with our worldly self righteous ways and brings judgement, as consequences for our sinfulness. Even though we repent of this sinfulness and God accepts our pray of repentance, he still may not soften the punishment for this sinfulness. Rejecting Gods plan in our life means that we are rejecting his reason, and his purpose for our life, and the reason that we have been created. We were created to bring glory to God, through salvation, and this should be our greatest priority.

Romans 10: 1 – 3,....my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved....they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge....they being ignorant of Gods righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God....

God admires our spiritual passion, but he knows when our enthusiasm for the truth of the gospel is not driven by an accurate knowledge of the word, and therefore causes us not to know that the most important thing to him is our faith in his Son, Christ Jesus. God offers his righteousness unto all who will believe on him and come to him through faith in Christ. Lack of understanding of how God's righteousness works, causes mankind to try and set up their own standard of what it means to be righteous in his eyes, and therefore causes us to take for granted the blessings that God has in store for us.

Numbers 11: 34 – 35,....and he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah, because they buried the people that lusted. And the people journeyed....

We should never test the patience of God, but we should always live in true repentance, always remembering the chastisements and blessings in our lives, knowing that God will always continue to lead us, if we will allow him to.

Romans 2: 2 – 4,....but we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkist thou this, O man, that judgest thou which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shall escape the judgement of God....or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth them to repentance....

Once saved by faith, we are to live by faith, because everyman lives under the judgement of an almighty God. Mankind cannot justify his own righteousness. Judgement will fall upon this self righteousness because it falls short of the standard of perfection that God requires. God understands the motive of man's mind, and man will be judged accordingly. We must take seriously our sinful nature and commit to walking in the spirit and the truth of God's word, always ready to warn those who are lost in their sinfulness, the need for Christ and his saving grace. The wrath of God, which will be poured out on all sin has been delayed, to give mankind an extended time of repentance. It is God's mercy, grace, kindness, and love that withholds his judgement, giving humanity time to repent and to receive salvation through faith in Christ. We must remember, that Gods delay is a demonstration of his great mercy and grace, and as believers, we should take advantage of this opportunity, to lead as many as possible to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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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