

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.17.2021

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.

Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses

Numbers 12: 1 – 16

This week's lesson will show us how that worldly jealousy can disrupt our spiritual lives and will cause us to accept the spiritual deception that will guide us into the disobedience of God's word which will lead others in the body of Christ down the pathway of disobedience as well. During our life as a believer, we are going to endure many challenges, so when these worldly, emotional, feelings begin to deceive us, we must choose, choose to either accept this sinful deception, or choose to be justified according to the word of God. If we choose to accept sinful deception, it will not be without consequences. If we choose to be obedient to the word of God, then will we experience the goodness and gratitude of the power of God.

The first thing that we want to look at is how that worldly jealousy will bring about opposition between believers and will cause us to rebel against the leadership and guidance of the holy Spirit.

Numbers 12: 1 – 3,....and Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses....and they said, hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses....now the man Moses was very meek, above all men which were upon the face of the earth....

God commands us to respect his authority, and the authority of those who he has anointed. Our duty is to discern the leadership that is a manifestation of God's authority. We are to respect those, for their portion of God's authority that they bear in spirit and in truth. A thirst for power is not a legitimate motivation for rebelling against God's authority. If our purpose is to magnify our own power, then our objective is not true. It is our own desires that make us incapable of discovering God's authority in our life. First and foremost, in our life, should be the salvation for the people over whom God has placed us in authority. In everything that we do, we must remain humble, so that we may always do good by those who God has intrusted to us, even if it means doing so, at the expense of our own comfort, and self image. We will know that we are fulfilling God's duty when we find ourselves always burdened for the needs of those around us.

Isaiah 55: 8 – 9,....for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts....

Many people that question God, do it with a rebellious, untrusting heart, not truly trying to get an answer from the Lord. Attacking God's character because of things that he has allowed to happen, causes us to remain in sinfulness. It is one thing to ask God why, it is another thing to doubt the existence of his goodness. If we pray for wisdom, then we should expect an answer from God. We must not second guess God and try to anticipate what he is doing in our lives. How important it is to remember who God is, and who we are. We must trust in the knowledge that God knows what is best for us, and his plans and purposes for us is perfect, for he has a higher purpose for which he is working for us, so that we may be a part of his eternal plan.

Numbers 12: 4 – 9,....the Lord spake suddenly....come out ye three unto the tabernacle....and the Lord came down....and stood in the door of the tabernacle....and he said, hear now my words....I the Lord will make myself known....with him will I speak....and the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed....

Worldly jealousy will show the truthfulness of what is in our heart and bring about the judgement of God. Many refuse to acknowledge that as sinners, we need salvation, which means that we are slaves to sin and need to be set free. All mankind desires this freedom but will not admit that they are enslaved and in need of being set free, which can only come by trusting in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Rejecting this word of God and submitting to the world allows us to conveniently forget that we are enslaved to sin. It is only through the conviction of the Holy Spirit that we can discover the shocking truth and call out to the only one who has the power to save us, and gives unto us this unique opportunity of salvation.

Luke 17: 20 – 21,....when he was demanded of the pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither shall they say, lo here, or lo there, for behold the kingdom of God is within you....

The kingdom of God, which many still seek today, has already begun, and is living within the hearts of the believers today. Christ brought the kingdom of God to earth with him, and through his death and resurrection, put it in reach of all humanity, all we must do to grasp hold of it is to make the choice to believe. God reigns over the hearts of those who long to do his will and accepts his deliverance. As we truly yield our heart, soul, and mind to the Lord, then will we allow his saving grace to take control of our lives.

Numbers 12: 10 – 16,....and the cloud departed....and behold Miriam became leprous....and Aaron said to Moses....lay not this sin upon us....and Moses cried out to the Lord, saying heal her now, O God, I beseech thee....let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received again....afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran....

Even though we repent of the sinfulness that we have committed, and God has forgiven us, there may still be consequences of that sinfulness, that will come upon us. Yes, coming to Christ guarantees that we will never have to face the eternal consequences of sin, but it does not erase the temporary effects of the sinfulness in our life. Christ who knew no sin, paid the penalty of our sin, with his own blood, so that those who believe are no longer under the condemnation of God. God allows this in our lives to give unto us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the seriousness, of the nature of sin, which is a constant reminder to us to continue to depend upon the grace of God. We can live with the promise that the curse, and the consequences of sin will one day be completely removed from our life, and we will live eternally in heaven with him.

Proverbs 6: 27 – 25,....can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned, can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned....

Gods purpose in allowing us to experience the consequences of sin, is for our own good, so that we may share in his holiness. If we were never disciplined, we would never learn right from wrong. We learn from our mistakes more rapidly than we learn from having success. Remember that Christ paid the penalty for our sins, so that we will never have to experience the second death or be separated from God.

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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