

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.24.2021

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.

The Mission of the Twelve Spies

## Numbers 13: 1 – 3, 17 – 20, 25 – 33

Humanity believes that if they want to be somebody great, they must find something great to accomplish. Mankind will do this by looking around at the world in which they live, to see what others admire and desire the most in their lives, then will they set their hearts on accomplishing these worldly desires. Their hope is that once they have achieved their self righteous victory that they will have become something great. This is the way of the world and will lead to failure and condemnation. How will humanity be able to overcome this worldly pridefulness and learn to take on the saving grace of Jesus Christ, the word tells us to seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

**Matthew 6: 33 – 34**,....but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness....take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself....

God, through his word, will give unto us, clear instruction concerning the direction in which he wants to guide us, and the purpose for the mission that he has in store for us.

**Psalm 37: 23 – 24,....**the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him in his hand....

**Proverbs 16: 9,....**a man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directs his steps....

**Psalm 31: 14 – 15,....**my timing are In thy hand, deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me....

As believers, we must learn many lessons from God, and this will take place over the course of our lifetime here upon this earth. The word of God, which is our book of instruction, helps us to develop spiritual behaviors and attitudes, so that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Christ. God designed us with minds to think and gave unto us the free will to make choices in our lives. Often times these choices that we make are not Gods desired destination for us, but if we live by faith, and trust in his guidance, he will bring us into the place that he knows is best for us.

We have a very limited view of our future, but God knows our future because he holds the future in his hands. God can see the end from the beginning and therefore holds our time in his hands. What great comfort we take in knowing that while we have the freedom to make our own choices and our own plans, if we will allow him to do so, the Lord will direct our feet into the way that is best for us.

**Numbers 13: 17 – 20,....**Moses sent them to spy out the land....get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountains....see the land....and the people....whether they be strong or weak, few or many....what the land is....fat or lean....be of good courage....bring of the fruit of the land....

God through Moses gave them specific direction and purpose. Where to go and what to look for. Scout out the land and check out the people. Go and discover the quality as well as the strength. God gives unto us today, clear, and precise direction as well, through his word.

**Psalm 119: 105,....**thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path....

**Proverbs 19: 21,....**there are many devices in a man's heart, nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand....

**Isaiah 48: 17,....**thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, the holy one of Israel, I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go....

God is the one who has promised to teach us, to guide us in the way of truth, to direct us, and to uphold us in the righteousness of his hand. The Holy Spirit guides us along the pathway that is best for us, even if it is difficult and uncomfortable at times. The spirit inspired word of God is there to encourage us through our suffering and affliction, and gently leads us into the love and compassion of the body of Christ. It is this same Holy Spirit that converts us, saves us, and sanctifies us, instructs us, and protects us by always pointing us to Christ. He guides us into all truth, teaching us to live a life that is pleasing unto God. The believer that has a teachable spirit is one that the Lord can lead and guide into the way of truth.

**Numbers 13: 25 – 29,....**and they returned from searching the land....and they went and came to Moses....and brought back word unto them....and shewed them the fruit of the land....and they told him....surely it floweth with milk and honey....nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great....

There was no doubt that the men saw the abundance of the land, but they also allowed worldly fear to overcome them, and then reported that they saw that the land was inhabited by strong people who lived in impregnable strongholds that could resist any attack. Through salvation, we are God's chosen people and are commanded to conquer worldliness, and to live in Godliness. The word warns us not to follow the detestable practices of the world. We must be careful not to follow and imitate the customs of the sinfulness of the world. As we follow Christ, and become obedient to his word, he will lead us into a place of spiritual rest and victory, which will lead to our eternal, promised inheritance.

**Ephesians 1: 3 – 12,....**blessed be the God....who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings....he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world....having predestined us....according to the good pleasure of his will....to the praise of the glory of his grace....In whom we have redemption....having made known unto us the mystery of his will....that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ....In whom also we have obtained an inheritance....that we should be to the praise of his glory....

The truth of our salvation is to understand our position in Christ and our future relationship with him when the fullness of time comes. This is when all that God has planned and purposed for our lives will reach his full objective. This is the time when tears will break into joy, when toil will be placed with rest, when sickness will be replaced with health, and suffering will be overtaken by the glory of God.

**Numbers 13: 30 – 33,....**and Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, let us go up at once, and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it....but the men....said, we be not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we....and they brought up an evil report of the land....and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in there sight....

Just as it was with the twelve that went in to spy out the land, when we look at the goodness of the purpose of what God has in store for us in our lives, it is excellent, flowing with milk and honey. Allowing temptation and deception to weaken our faith, now minimizes our spiritual enthusiasm to proclaim the excellence which we saw in God's purpose, and we began to turn away from his plan, and follow once again after the sinful ideals of the world. It is at these times that we must remember, that as Christians we are called to put our trust in God, recognizing that victory can only come through Christ. By doing so we will be ever mindful of Gods strength and faithfulness, and put our hope in the power of his eternal purpose and plan for 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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