

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

11.21.2021

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.

Judgement on the Rebellion

Numbers 16: 23 – 35

God is abounding in love, mercy, grace, patience, and forgiveness, but only to those who take security in the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ. All of humanity will one day experience physical permanent death. When this takes place, then will we all be held accountable for the choices in which we have made.

2 Corinthians 5: 10,....for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad....

This should give unto us our spiritual motivation, which is knowing that one day, all believers will be judged by Christ, according to the works which we have done here upon this earth. Christ will evaluate and assess all that we have done since coming in faith believing unto him. Every good work will be rewarded, every unrighteous work will be burned up.

1 Corinthians 3: 15,....if anyone's works is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire....

God's grace towards us will forgive our sins, but it does not mean that he will ignore the way in which we live our earthly life as believers. We will be held accountable for our choices. God can and does use earthly circumstances, in order, to prove his will. Christ first coming to the earth was to judge sin on the cross for our atonement, his next coming will be to apply that which has already been accomplished in his final judgement, when each one is held accountable for his or her own life.

Hebrews 9: 27,....and it is appointed unto man once to die, but after that the judgement....

What is the reality of our salvation. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ our sin was once and forever taken away by his own sacrificial death. Our future heavenly judgement is where every Christian will be rewarded for the work in which we have done, whether good or bad in which the consequences of this work will either be a reward or a reprimand, based upon the choices that we have made. The sting of death is sin, but as believers in Christ, death has lost its sting, it no longer has any hold upon us, because we have received a new and eternal life in Christ.

Numbers 16: 23 – 25,....the Lord spake unto Moses....speak unto the congregation....get you up from....Korah, Dathan, and Abiram....and Moses rose up and went....

Those who rebel against God are not going to present themselves before God's people. They are going to avoid coming into contact with believers, at all cost. Humanity portrays themselves in such a manner that they worship things created, rather than the creator. For this reason, they see the lives of those around them as having no spiritual value just because they lack purpose in their lives. Mankind worries over every detail in their life because they can see nothing absolute in their life. The only way to have any completeness in our lives is through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Ignoring God's sovereignty and allowing him to control our circumstances will lead to unbelief and rebellion against the truth of his word.

Isaiah 30: 1,....woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me, and that cover with a covering, but not of the spirit, that they may add to sin....

There are times in our lives when we understand that we need help, and we are willing to seek that help, but we must understand that we must look to the Lord, and not to the world for that help. If we reject God instead of trusting in him, and we put our trust in the deceptiveness of this world, then through this we are proving to be disobedient to the word of God and will at some point and time suffer the consequences of that disobedience. We want to hear from God, we just do not want to hear the truth about ourselves from him.

Numbers 16: 26 – 30,....he spake unto the congregation, saying, depart, I pray you....touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins....hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all of these works, for I have not done this of mine own mind....thus the Lord hath not sent me....then shall ye understand that these have provoked the Lord....

We must be careful not to make false accusations against God. Man will tell deceptive lies against the innocence of the truth of Gods word in order to stir up trouble. People accuse one another falsely for the purpose of personal gain. No matter what others may say, we stand firm, relying upon God's word.

Isiah 53: 7,....he was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth....

Christ, who is our example shows us that we should not be resentful or rebellious as we battle the suffering in our lives. Our suffering should be a choice of silent submission to the will of God, which means that sometimes we will voluntarily, and patiently suffer for the sake of salvation.

Matthew 5: 11,....blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake....

Being blessed means having the willingness to endure. This is due to following and being obedient to God and to his word. Everyone who desires to live a Godly life in Christ will be persecuted. This is because there is great spiritual conviction between the godly nature of the believer, and the worldly sinful nature, of humanity. This means that as we proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ unto the world that sooner or later, we are going to meet head on with the opposition of the world. True righteousness can only come from a relationship with Christ in which our response should be one of our admitting that everything that is good within us is only accomplished by God through the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Numbers 16: 31 – 35,....it came to pass that as he made an end to speaking....the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up....and all that appertained went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them, and they perished....and all Israel....fled....and there came out a fire from the Lord and consumed the two hundred fifty men....

According to the word of God, often drastic action is necessary to stamp out rejection and rebellion which is created by worldly deception. These sinful motives and actions are an offense against God and therefore it becomes very dangerous for God's people to become entangled in these worldly endeavors. This literal demonstration shows us today how that the sinfulness of the world can not only consume us but can also consume everything that we are connected to and are a part of. It is Gods will that none should perish and that all would come to know him and receive everlasting life. On the other hand, those who deliberately sin against God will receive the consequences of that sinfulness, even some to the point of eternal death because they did not believe.

Acts 24: 14,....this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets....

Christ is the way and the truth and the life, which means that for those who have believed, and accepted his saving grace they have been instilled with a heart full of joy and with the willingness to share the greatness of his salvation with whosoever the Lord may place in our path. Christ is not simply just a way he is the only way to the Father.

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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