

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

11.14.2021

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.

Korah's Rebellion

Numbers 16: 1 – 14

Our goal as Christians should be one that makes loving God and obeying his commandments the greatest priority in our life. This is not true of the world around us. Therefore, just because mankind has a strong, demanding character it does not mean that we should be deceived into following after their persuasive ways. God has a meaningful purpose for each one who believes upon him, and we must not be jealous of other people's purpose and service in the body of Christ. We must remember that there is no truth, no good, no love, and no hope, that can come from satan, and when we allow his deceptive ways to have power in our lives, then we begin to come into agreement with those things that are directly opposed by the word of God. Since the time when the earth was formed, satan has been convincing man to doubt the word of God. Even to this day, satan is still convincing people to doubt the promises that are written in the word of God. One of our primary roles as a believer in Christ is to encourage others to follow Christ. Let us no longer be ashamed to share the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ through any means necessary.

Colossians 2: 15,....and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it....

The crucifixion of Christ freed us from unrighteousness, erasing the unpayable debt that we owe, so that all who will believe, no longer need to live in sin, but in grace. Christ fulfilled Gods plan of salvation so as to enable us to obey Christ in spirit and in truth. We are called to study, to pray and to resist satan's deceptiveness, and keep our eyes on Christ, knowing that satan has already been defeated.

Numbers 16: 1 – 3,....now Korah....rose up before Moses with....two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly....they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron and said unto them, ye take too much upon you....

Caring more about our own personal status and promoting our own agenda above that of the Lords will only bring about worldly jealousy. Jealousy in the body of Christ causes stress and tension among the members of the church and will eventually cause separation and a struggle for power and control within the church. Envy and jealousy are evidence of spiritual immaturity. It is the grace of God in our lives that makes all the difference. We must allow him to give unto us the right understanding of our identity in the body of Christ so that we may be able to put our spiritual existence in the church into proper perspective. The church is both a divine institution and a human institution. This is due to the fact that it is made up of an assembly of people who are redeemed by God. When we do not seek after that which God has blessed us with, but we want what others have, envy and jealousy take over in our lives. We must learn that our spiritual gifts are not for personal enrichment, but rather for exalting Christ and becoming a blessing to all of Gods people.

John 3: 30 – 31,....he must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all, he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth, he that cometh from above is above all....

In order, for Christ to become greater, and for us to become less, we must have an understanding of who Christ is. As we begin to gain understanding of who Christ is, we will learn to forgive as we have been forgiven and we will also learn to love others as God hath loved us. This can only come to us as we become students of his word and realize the need to live a life of prayer. God created humanity for a purpose, and we fall short of this purpose because we are an imperfect people and these imperfections distance us when we try to connect with a perfect God. But because of his love for us, he provided a means for us to have access to him, all we have to do, is to believe.

Numbers 16: 4 – 11,....when Moses heard it he fell upon his face, and he spake unto Korah....saying, even tomorrow the Lord will show who are his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near unto him....it shall be that the man whom the Lord doth choose, he shall be holy....seemeth it but a small thing unto you that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation....to bring you near to himself to do the service....of the Lord....for which cause both thee and all thy company are gathered together against the Lord....

Our reaction toward those who rebel against God should be one of humility, which will bring about a burdensome heart, knowing that God will bring wrath upon those who rebel, and are disobedient to his word. Our humility comes through knowing that the love of God will keep us from becoming argumentative and defensive to others, and will allow us to respond in simple kindness, letting it be known, that the Lord will make all things clear and concise, in his due time. In short, the Lord will defend us and lift us up.

Galatians 6: 1,....brethern if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted....

Our ultimate goal as believers, is to restore humanity to a right relationship with God, it is not about being vindictive. The greatest need in a person's life is to know the truth and to believe in the truth. Our job is to speak the truth of Gods word, which means that everything that we say, we must be able to back it up with the word of God. We must do it gently and humbly, but with the confidence of Christ through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, which softens the heart, and will change the behavior characteristics of all who will believe.

Numbers 16: 12 – 14,....Moses sent to call....the sons of Eliab, which said, we will not come up....thou hast brought us up out of a land....to kill us in the wilderness....we will not come up....

Due to personal reasons, humanity will follow after their own agenda and accuse the body of Christ of glorifying in their own spiritual position in Christ Jesus. It is these people that are set on rebellion that we as believers must strive to help, so that they may see the glory of God through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We must have faith that Gods plans are true and will meet our greatest expectations in him. The only way to deal with rebellion is to react with humility and submission to God.

James 4: 7,....submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you....

As believers, we can either yield to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, or we can submit to the deceptive influences of satan. Therefore, we are to be spiritually minded, and the word of God shows us the various ways to achieve our spiritual walk in Christ. We learn how to decline sinful temptation and turn down lustful desires as we submit to the power of the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to have authority over our bodies, so that we may present our members to God for righteousness sake, for we are living in the grace of 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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