

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

11.7.2021

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.

Moses prayer and Gods answer

Numbers 14: 13 – 24

The object of his weeks lesson is to gain understanding on the importance of our prayer life with God. We will learn the true meaning of knowing how that God is going to be attentive to our prayer and will provide us with the ability to see and to comprehend at what time in which he is answering our prayers. In order, for this to happen we must maintain a clear conscience in our spiritual thought process, which is in word and in deed. As we search into the depths of his word and reach into the heights of its truth, he will show unto us the light of his countenance, which is the eternal way, truth, and life. We are instructed to fervently pray for all mankind because compassion towards others and returning good for evil should be our normal response, even when those that we are praying for are persecuting us for righteous sake. Christ in his word calls for us to bless those who persecute us, pray for those who falsely accuse us and say all manner of evil against us. Therefore, the Lord is not blind to our suffering, and the word of God makes it very clear that sinfulness will not go unchallenged and will be punished.

Jerimiah 29: 12 – 13,....then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will harken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when you search for me with your whole heart....

We, as believers, who are part of the body of Christ, have been intrusted with the ministry of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This Christlike characteristic is not only pleasing unto God, but also demonstrates the longsuffering goodness of God in the midst of the trials and tribulations in which we face every day of our lives. We have the promise, that all who seek God, and diligently meditate on his word, that he will be everything that we need when we search for him with our whole heart.

Numbers 14: 13 – 16,....and Moses said unto the Lord....the Egyptians shall hear....and they will tell it to their inhabitants....that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by daytime in a pillar of a cloud, and a pillar of fire by night....if thou shalt kill all this people....then the nations....will speak saying....the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them....

Due to worldly fear, we rebel, and therefore want to replace, that which is leading and guiding us in our life with a false imitation. As we pray to God on behalf of those who are rejecting him, we begin to understand that it is this sincere intercession that will help us in keeping God from destroying those who rebel against him in unbelief. God will forgive but remember that he never said that because he forgives that it does not mean that we are not undeserving of his punishment.

John 18: 10 – 11,....Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priests servant, and cut off his right ear....Jesus said to Peter, put your sword into its sheath, shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me....

God's enemies are always looking for ways to discredit the gospel. We as believers must learn how to defend this, not through loud, obnoxious, argumental, worldly reasoning, but by confessing the promises of God. So how do we defend the truth of the gospel. We desire not to be labeled as cowards, but on the other hand we do not want to be provocateurs. We have been approved by God to be intrusted with the gospel of his word, therefore, in the heat of a debate we must be careful not to respond with an immature argument. As servants of Christ, we must not be quarrelsome, but we must be kind to everyone, if we are not, then the gospel losses credibility in the minds of those who do not understand. We must learn not to identify with someone who is speaking in a misleading way because we will then just do or say whatever worldly emotions that we have tells us feels right in our life. If we feel that we must respond, then through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is more important to be considerate and restrained, so that we may win over those who are living in sinfulness. There is only one who can help us fight these battles, and that is the Lord himself. We must do the Lords work the Lord's way.

Numbers 14: 17 – 21,....I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great....the Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression.....pardon I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy....the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word....all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord....

God's power should be presented for all to see its glory, it is not to be presented in a way that is questionable. God is patient, merciful, and forgiving, but that does not mean that he will pretend that our sinfulness does not exist. Those who will not turn to him and accept the free gift of his saving grace will remain under his judgement and wrath. The greatness of our salvation lies within the mercy of God and not within the goodness of mankind. God will display his glory, both through forgiveness and judgement, and just because we prayed, and God answered those prayers, this does not mean that there will not be consequences to our sinfulness.

Psalms 102: 25 – 27,....of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands....they shall perish, but thou shalt endure....as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed, but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end....

Man is finite, God is infinite. Man is temporal, God is eternal. It is not enough to say that God is eternal, he is also unchanging. There was never a moment, nor will there ever be a moment where eternal God has not been the same. Mankind is constantly changing, our moods, our character, our appearance. Not only are we constantly changing, but we are surrounded by change. Many will try to prevent the attributes of God from shining forth, but we must not be deceived, God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Everything that God has done is to accomplish his eternal plan, and he has declared unto us this eternal plan. God sent his Son into the world so that all who would believe upon him might be saved. We as Christians, must communicate this unchanging truth of Gods word to an everchanging world without provoking worldly self righteousness.

Numbers 14: 22 – 24,....because all those men which have seen my glory....have not hearkened to my voice....surely they shall not see the land....but my servant....hath followed me fully....I will bring him in the land....and his seed shall possess it....

When we take a stand for God, he will reward us. How do we take a stand. Taking a stand for God means seizing all the opportunities that God gives unto us, to prove our love and devotion to him. We must stand against popular opinion, but we must do it in accordance with Gods promises.

So, we are too:

Prove we are his disciples.

John 15: 8,....here in is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so should ye be my disciples....

Prove the good and acceptable will of God.

Romans 12: 2,....be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God....

Prove ourselves blameless and innocent children of God.

Philippians 2: 15,....that ye may be blameless and innocent Sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world....

Prove ourselves doers of the word.

James 1: 22,....be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....

Prove ourselves zealous for what is good.

1 Peter 3: 13,....who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good....

As Christians, to be the kind of person who seizes the opportunities that God gives unto us to prove our love and devotion to him, we must make the choice ahead of time to do so. This must begin with an open heart with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The reason that this is so important is so that our behavior is not determined by the environment of the people in the world around us, but that it is controlled by 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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