

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

11.28.2021

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.

Water from the Rock

## Numbers 20: 1 – 13

Worldly desires will lead us down pathways to temptation and temptation if we do not resist it will bring about sin in our life, and sin without believing in the Lord Jesus Christ means eternal death. Mankind will tend to blame God for temptations, and falling prey unto them, trying to bring God down to an unrighteous level instead of allowing God to raise us up into his righteousness. When we try to pass the blame of our own disobedience, we will never experience spiritual transformation, we must learn to take responsibility for our own actions. God does not tempt us to sin, so do not blame God for falling to temptation. We are tempted by our own desires, so we must take responsibility for those desires. God, through Christ, is continually, by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, trying to do an inner work in us, to change our desires, so that his desires are our desires. Accepting responsibility, means turning to God in faith believing, which is based upon the love that he showed unto us through Christ and the cross.

**James 1: 13 – 15**,....let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God....but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed....when it is finished, it bringeth forth death....

**Numbers 20: 1 – 2**,....there came then children of Israel....into the desert of Zinn....and Miriam died there, and was buried there....there was no water....they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron....

All who believe will also experience disbelief. By faith we make our request made known unto God, but because of unbelief we do not always accept that Christ will be successful in fulfilling that request. Faith is the connection through which the grace of God moves, first through justification, then sanctification. Unbelief will obstruct our communication with God. As believers, who live in a fallen deceitful world, instead of falling prey to our lack of faith and unbelief we must learn, by our actions of obedience to the word of God, to fight, to restore that faith in God in ourselves and in those in the body of Christ.

**1 Timothy 6: 12**,....fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life....

As believers, we should live our life upon this earth as if we are living our eternal life with God. Our life, no matter how much of a difficult struggle that it appears to be, is not a fight against God, but should be a continual journey to him. To fight the good fight of faith means, to rise up to the challenges that we face in our Christian life. We must seize every opportunity by putting our complete trust in God in all things.

**Numbers 20: 3 – 9**,....and the people chode ( or quarreled ) with Moses....why have you brought up the congregation....that we and our cattle should die....and Moses and Aaron....fell upon their faces, and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them....the Lord spoke to Moses....take thy rod....and speak unto the rock....and it shall give forth his water....and Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him....

Lack of water, lack of faith. Water is fundamental to life. Water symbolizes our faith. Without Christ saving grace all humanity would perish of thirst. Life giving water can only be supplied by God through our faith in his Son, Christ Jesus. Our life can sometimes be like a journey through a desert, but the Holy Spirit is always like a river and brings life. We, often times tend to wander into dry places because we neglect spiritual matters. Wandering into these places will cause us to become tired, frustrated, and weak. Through our obedience to God's word we are cleansed, our thirst is quenched, and we are refreshed.

**John 7: 37 – 39,....**if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me....out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters....this he spake of the spirit, which they that believe on him should receive....

Christ, claim to be our redeemer could not be any clearer. The water that flowed from the rock in the wilderness symbolizes the promised messiah, the crucifixion and the resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all those who would believe. The invitation to partake of the living water is a continual offering to all will trust and believe in Christ. The truths that we know about God and his eternal plan come directly from the word of God. As we learn the truths of God's word, we must share it. The Holy Spirit has been given unto us to guide us, to direct us, to refresh us, and to remind us. It has also been given to flow from us, and to be visible for all to see.

**Ezekiel 36: 25 – 27,....**then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean....a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you....and I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them....

God indwells us with living water so that we will have hearts that will have faith in him forever. This means the removal of sinfulness through a new life in him by faith and walking in the obedience of his word. As Christians, we have been given a new identity as a child of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit enables us to live this new life in Christ.

**Numbers 20: 10 – 13,....**and Moses and Aaron....said unto them, hear now, ye rebels, must we fetch you water out of this rock....and Moses....with his rod he smote the rock twice, and water came out abundantly....and the Lord spake....because ye believed me not....ye shall not bring this congregation unto the land....this is the water....and he was sanctified in them....

God did not instruct Moses to speak to the people, nor did he tell him to strike the rock with his staff, but rather he told him to speak to the rock. Moses pride got the best of him and he became disobedient to Gods instructions. God certainly was not pleased with Moses disobedience and more so, he was truly disappointed with his unbelief. Even though we must face the consequences of our sinfulness, because of his mercy and grace he still chooses to bless us.

**Psalms 32: 8,....**I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go....

Everyone who is justified is called to spiritually mature through a lifetime process of sanctification. Sadly, not all believers will reach or maintain spiritual maturity. If we choose to do evil and refuse the good, then we will lose our connection of communication with God. Our spiritual wellbeing can only be restored by the living water of Christ, through obedience to the instruction of his word. When lessons have been learned and our fellowship in Christ has been restored and maintained then God will bring us back into a close relationship with himself.

**Romans 12: 1 – 2,....**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind....

The word of God uses us to practically apply the truths of this word to our lives as a Christian. There is nothing that we can do to repay God for what he has done for us, but because of the benefits of our salvation we can offer ourselves unto him. Because of this flowing, living water, we have the privilege to willingly allow his spiritual water to flow from within to without daily to glorify our heavenly Father. It should be our joy and our delight to present ourselves to a dry, spiritually deserted world as living water that can only come from Christ by the indwelling Holy Spirit, to allow the thirst to be quenched, so that the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, will flourish and grow, this is holy and well pleasing unto 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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