

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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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.

Finding Help in the Lord

Psalm 145: 17 – 20

The greatest treasure in our life is the treasure of seeking the Lord, and the promise that we receive when we find him. This is when we come to know that the same God who created us, and has given unto us life, is trustworthy with our life. In the world we often time seek fulfillment to find life, but in seeking God we will fulfill our life. Gods power and his strength are limitless, it is in the lowest moments of our life that his strength will shine forth. As we commit to God, we will gain the wisdom and understanding to follow his plan and purpose for our lives. Spending time in the presence of the Lord renews our spiritual strength and endurance. In a world full of desires, it could become very easy for us to become discontent. We must stay steadfast in our pursuit of putting God first, so that we may be declared righteous through him.

Psalm 145: 17 – 20,....the Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works....the Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth....he will fulfill the desire of them that fear him, he also will hear their cry, and will save them....the Lord preserveth all them that love him....

This morning we are going to get an understanding of what it means to find help in the Lord.

The first thing that we must understand is that the Lord is righteous, which means that he is a just God.

As believers, we are made one with Christ, which means that we have been given the right to enter into the throne room of God and find grace to help in our time of need.

Hebrews 4: 16,....let us come boldly unto the throne room of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need....

Although the power of sin was defeated at the cross, Satan still seeks to retain some kind of authority in our lives through temptation and deception. Even though nothing can separate us from the love of God, if we find ourselves in a weakened state of faith, we can be influenced by our old nature, to sin, which breaks our fellowship and communion with God.

Romans 8: 37 – 39,....for I am persuaded, (that nothing) shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord....

One of the most blessed assurances of our salvation is our eternal security in Christ Jesus. There is nothing visible or invisible, nothing created or anything that would ever be created, that has the power and authority to sever the union that we have in Christ, given unto us through his shed blood. There is no power or authority greater than that of God the Father. Therefore, we must take every thought captive in Christ Jesus and trust in his saving grace.

2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 6,....casting down imaginations....bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ....when your obedience is fulfilled....

Finding help through the righteousness of God means we must stop looking to other people, to ministers, to different religions of the church, to man's philosophy, and especially to our own understanding, and bring our heart in line with the will and righteousness of God. The more that we trust in the Lord, the less we trust in our own self-righteousness. An abundance of Christ means less influence from the world.

The next thing that we realize in finding help in the Lord is the promise that the Lord is near to all who will call upon him in truth and in faith believing.

God is always near, and he is always present in our lives, because as believers he lives within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Sometimes we forget this truth, and sometimes we struggle to believe this truth, but no matter what, God does not change.

James 1:17,....every good gift and every perfect gift is from above....with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning....

Psalms 46: 1,....God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble....

God does not say that he will indulge us or pamper us, but he will strengthen us, and enable us to standfast through all our temptations, deceptions, trials and tribulations.

Hebrews 13: 5,....he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee....

The third thing we want to look at is that God fulfills the desires of those who fear him.

Our purpose for our life must follow God's purpose for our life. We can only find satisfaction when our desires align with God's purpose for us.

1 Timothy 2: 3 – 4,....for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved, and to come into the knowledge of truth....

Gods greatest desire is that the unsaved will come to repentance and that those who are already justified will grow in grace and turn from those things that will hinder their spiritual maturity.

2 Peter 3: 9,....the Lord is not slack concerning his promises....not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance....

Sadly, humanity is just unaware of the eternal perspective of God the Father. This is because mankind lives in the moment, which puts limitations on the purpose and plan that God has in store for him. This causes the mindset within them, that things will just continue as they are, and the Lords returning for a church is a myth. We must not allow worldliness to put doubt in our hearts. Everything in the word of God points to salvation. Finding help in the Lord comes through salvation.

The fourth and final thing that we see is that the Lord preserveth all of them that love him.

Nehemiah 8: 10,....for the joy of the Lord is your strength....

When we are overwhelmed with experiencing severe hardships, we will learn that the secret to total dependence upon the Lord is to find and appreciate the joy of his grace and his love, knowing that this is sufficient for all that happens in our life. We learn that it is not by our own strength and power that we can do anything, for without the love of Christ we can do nothing.

Philippians 4: 13,....I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengtheneth me....

Understanding the deepest interpretation of this means that we do not complain while going through our own weaknesses, but we rejoice in Christ through all things. For we are positioned in him, we abide in him, and we have fellowship with the Father. When we are weak in ourselves, we are strengthened and empowered by the Lord.

Isaiah 41: 10,....fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee....

Faith in the promises of the word of God is what God desires of all humanity. Christ is our ever-present help in all times of our life. As we trust in his word and have faith in his promises, will we then find help in the Lord.

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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