

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

7.10.2022

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.

Micah Stands Firm for God

Micah 2: 4 – 11

Sinners provoke God because they spend their time trying to get others to forget him. Those who give up themselves to be ruled by their own lust, will justly be given up, being divided by their own selves. Those who determine to be their own masters should not expect any other happiness other than what their own self-righteousness provides, which will consist of a miserable portion of their own provision. At some moment in life, mankind must choose what is to be most important in their life. Humanity must prioritize one or the other, either godliness or worldliness. These separate entities will try to command oneself to go in different, competing directions. Because of this a person will naturally come to despise one and love the other. Those who surrender themselves to Christ become servants of God, those who surrender themselves to the world, become slaves to material desires. There can only be one important entity in any person's life, therefore man cannot serve God and the world.

Matthew 6: 24,....no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon....

Too often there is no distinction between the material things in life and the spiritual things of God. We often time reflect this in our attitude toward material possessions. Often time, mankind tries to hide his greedy disposition by displaying a false outward righteousness. When worldly materialism gets a hold of one's life, then will the desire for such take precedence over one's love for God. As we begin to choose God over worldliness, then will we begin to die to our selfish desires and the will of the Holy Spirit will be able to lead and guide us into all truth. This enables us to mature in our life in Christ and grow in the grace and knowledge of God.

Micah 2: 4 – 7,.....in that day shall one take up a parable against you....how hath he removed it from me....therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord....in the congregation of the Lord....prophesy ye not....that they shall not take shame....O thou art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord strengthened? Are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly....

The word of God identifies sin and does so to warn mankind of Gods divine punishment in the event that humanity does not change their wicked, sinful ways. As we see in this week's lesson, worldliness can consume a man in such a way, that not only every waking moment in their life, but every thought as well, will be used to devise plans to oppress others and take away their promises. As this continues to happen, the time will come when God will remove his blessings from mankind and give their opportunities to others.

Prideful self-confidence will destroy us if we continue to reject Gods will for our life. When this happens in the body of Christ it takes away the ability to make sound spiritual decisions concerning the will of God. A lot of times, this is brought about by false prophets who have entered in unaware and begin to attack the truth of the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. These false prophets deceive people into believing that they can live the life that they want to live, and if they participate in some form of religious rituals of the church, God will continue to bless them in all that they do, with no consequences for the way that they are living. We will soon learn that just going through the motions of serving God without being obedient to him and his word, that this is not pleasing unto God.

We do not always like what God has to say unto us, so therefore we reject his word as something that is not truthful. Just because we do not like it does not mean that it is not truthful. The only way to live a life that is pleasing unto God is by hearing and obeying his word, whether it agrees with how that we are living are life or not. False prophets will assure us, that if we do not feel that we are doing anything wrong, then God will be ok with us. We cannot keep clinging to all the promises in God's word and ignore his warnings concerning sinfulness. God will only bless us if we obey him.

2 Corinthians 11: 13 – 15,....false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ....do not marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light....therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed....whose end shall be according to their works....

How can we tell who the false prophets are? They are usually the ones that are making unstable accusations concerning the word of truth, all the while claiming over and over to be ministers or servants of Christ. These will not deny the truth Gods word outright, but they will add the deception of works in order to be a part of that truth. They will be those who are preaching Christ but distorting the truth concerning the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

False prophets convince people that those things that are worldly and evil are actually good. False prophets promote themselves in such a way as to turn believers to their way of believing as to gain their loyalty. Impressive speaking and illustrations of so-called spiritual skills and abilities are used to persuade mankind that they are righteous, all the while preaching Christ and the cross, but they are actually preaching a false version of such. These are deliberately pretending to be something that they are not in order to gain personal worldly recognition and wealth.

Micah 2: 8 – 11,....even of late my people is risen up as an enemy....from their children have ye taken away my glory forever....arise ye, and depart, for this is not your rest....it is polluted, it shall destroy you....if a man walking in the spirit....do lie....he shall even be the prophet of this people....

God continues even today, speaking through his word, concerning the sins that mankind is guilty of. Greed is one of the things that brings about sinfulness.

1 John 2: 16,....for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world....

Humanity becomes so obsessed with greed that they do not care whose life that they destroy to gain their worldly possessions. Those who live self-serving lifestyles put their confidence in their own self-righteousness instead of what God wants for them and from them. Those who turn from the truth are those who occupy their time with deceptive fables. Worldly temptation and deception will bring about excessive cravings and desires of material wealth. These are desires of not only things can be seen, but also things that we set our minds on, things that not only give unto us material wealth, but also bring attention to themselves so that they might brag and boast on their own self-worth.

The only way anyone can be upright before God is through the righteousness of his Son, Christ. Christ made the way possible so that all could be reconciled with the Father by faith. We have nothing to fear if we walk according to Gods word.

Psalm 37: 18,....the Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever....

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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