

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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.

Obedience in Leadership

## Exodus 3: 1 – 12

What does it mean to be a spiritual leader for the Lord. Spiritual leaders use spiritual means in obedience to God, to point others to the place where God wants them to be. Spiritual leaders cannot produce spiritual change in people, only the Holy Spirit can accomplish this, but spiritual leaders do assume the responsibility of showing unto others, Gods eternal plan and will. The greatest obstacle to overcome in order to be an effective spiritual leader is the obstacle of pursuing our own agenda rather than seeking the will of God. The key to spiritual leadership is to understand Gods will, which comes by understanding the truth of his word. Sadly, Many Christians fail to live by the truth of God's word, and therefore fail to practice his truthfulness in their lives.

How do we become godly, spiritual leaders; it comes through obedience to Gods word.

**2 John 1: 6,....**and this is love, that we walk after his commandments, that, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it....

The only way that we can know if we are obeying God is by knowing his word. Love is not just an emotion, but it is our actions, based upon the truth of God's word. When our lives become self-centered, when we focus on our own selfish needs, we are not living as Christ hath commanded us to live.

As Christian, we are commanded to believe in the gospel, live in the truth of its word, and walk in the love of one another.

**Exodus 3: 1 – 4,....**Moses kept the flock of Jethro....he led the flock to the backside of the dessert, and came to the mountain of God....the angel of the lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush....and the bush was not consumed....Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great site....when the Lord saw....God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses, and he said, here I am....

In many ways, God tries to get our attention. Just like in today's scripture, God often time, interrupts what we are doing, by disrupting our plans that are already in progress, and forces us to slow down and focus on that which he has provided to get our attention. In doing so, he redirects us to keep us from going in the wrong direction. These unusual situations and circumstances, God uses, to help us, to stop and to listen to what he has to say. God wants to use us in so many ways, but first he must get our attention. Often time, God will use unexplainable events in order to gain our attention, and give unto us direction and hope to carry out his will.

**Acts 9: 16,....**and he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do....

The Lord does not get our attention and leave us wondering, he is very specific with us. For this reason, the Lord wants us to listen for his direction in what we must do, and we are confident that he will lead us in his way of righteousness.

**Psalms 119: 33 – 40,....**teach me, o Lord....give me understanding....make me to go in the path of thy commandments....incline mine heart....stablish thy word unto thy servant....behold, I have longed after thy precepts, guide me in thy righteousness....

How much we love the Lord shows in our desire to be obedient to his word. Many may say that they love the Lord, but sadly, they have no yearning to surrender to his will, which is revealed unto us through his word. The more that we learn about the Lord through obedience to his word, the more pleasure we will take in following his purpose and direction in our lives.

**Exodus 3: 5 – 9**,....he said, draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes....for the place wherein thou standest is holy ground....he said, I am the God of thy father....and Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God....the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people....I know their sorrows....I am come down to deliver them....to bring them....unto a land flowing with milk and honey....the cry of the children....is come unto me....I have also seen the oppression....

Like Moses, we must learn to reverence the holy place of God. This holy ground is the location from which God calls us into his leadership. Where is our holy ground as Christians, this holy ground is within us, and the source of this holiness is God. God meets us in the ordinary events of our lives, and then calls us into his extraordinary plan for our lives. Showing an expression of reverence and respect means leaving the sinful worldliness behind us and stepping into the presence of God.

**1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17**,....know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you....if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple are ye....

What does it mean to acknowledge God within us, to acknowledge him in all our ways. We acknowledge Gods existence within us through the simple belief in the scripture. This simple belief must be a belief in everything about God, according to his word, because it is impossible to believe just one thing about God and not all things.

We acknowledge Gods glory in our life by making sure that his greatness in our life comes before anything else. If we live for God than everything that we do will glorify God.

We acknowledge our new identity as God in us. We learn through the word that it is no longer I that lives, but it is Christ who is living within me. This change of identity means that we no longer live in our own self-righteousness, but we live according to, and in the righteousness of God. Acknowledging God within us is not possible without change, and this change can only come from a heart of submission to God and his will.

**Exodus 3: 10 – 12,....**come now....I will send thee to Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people....Moses said....Who am I, that I should go....that I should bring fourth the children....out of Egypt....he said, certainly I will be with thee....ye shall serve God upon this mountain....

God knows and cares about everything that we go through. As we look for solutions to life, then we should be ready to become a part of Gods purpose and plan. Becoming an obedient leader means fulfilling our calling in Gods purpose and plan for our life. Every day in the Lord is preparation for the future that God has in store for us. By sincerely and gratefully taking care of what seems to be the small things that God has placed in our life, we are showing him that we are willing and able to be obedient to all that he asks of us to do. Our obedience in his leadership helps us to draw closer to him, and grow in our spiritual maturity, and in our relationship with God. As believers, in the body of Christ, our satisfaction comes when we are in a right relationship with God, which can only come through obedience to him and his word.

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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