

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.

Promise of Obedience

Exodus 19: 1 – 6, 24: 3 – 8

Humanity belongs to God by virtue of creation. Through salvation we become God's chosen people, and we are to act accordingly. This means that our service to God is to represent him and his righteousness to a sinful world. If we are to be obedient to the Lord, then we are going to need his help, which comes through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Obedience is the basis behind all of God's promises, which he has given unto us by his grace. We only get to enjoy the promises of God when we learn to follow his instructions. Sometimes we understand God's instructions, and sometimes we don't, but what we must realize is that whether we understand his promises or not, we must be obedient to them. Obedience is the way to unlocking the promises of God's word, so therefore we must choose to follow his instruction and direction, by faith, and he will reward us as he sees fit with those blessings that have eternal value.

Deuteronomy 5: 33,....ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days....

We are reminded, by Gods word, and therefore we understand that God is holy, and we are not. For this reason, the Holy Spirit helps us in making our decision, to promise to keep the word of God. When we take the promises that we make unto God seriously, then God is well pleased. God wants us to walk faithfully with him, walking each day with him through the goodness of his salvation, and even through the suffering of our trials and tribulations, prayerfully asking him to give unto us the strength to continue, even when we think that we cannot take another step.

Exodus 19: 1 – 5,....the children of Israel were gone forth out of Egypt....came they unto the wilderness of Sinai....there Israel camped before the mount....Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mount, saying....ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on Eagles wings, and brought you unto myself....if you will obey my voice....and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me....

When in times of sorrow, we cry out to God for help. Through our faith and sincerity, God will grant unto us deliverance, with the ability and the strength to overcome, as long as we realize that deliverance is accomplished by Gods power and his alone. This skill and strength comes unto us, as we heed to the Holy Spirit, when he reveals all that God has provided for us, through our obedience to his word. The perfect law of God that we study in today's scripture lesson was not designed to save the people from their sin, but it was designed to reveal the sinfulness in the heart of all humanity, and to expose mankind's need for a savior.

Galatians 3: 24 – 26,....wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith....but after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster....for ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus....

The law requires an impossible standard of perfection, and its effect is to condemn. Grace on the other hand is Gods righteousness, that he has provided for us, which comes to us at Christs expense. Under grace we do not receive what we justly deserve, and yet by grace, through our faith in Christ, God freely gives unto us that which we do not earn. Once that we have been convicted of our sinfulness and we have trusted in God's plan of salvation by grace through faith in Christ, then the law has achieved its purpose within us, which is the fulfillment of the cross and the resurrection, given by Christ, on our behalf.

Exodus 19: 6 – 24: 3,....ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation....Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgements, and all the people answered with one voice, and said, all the words which the Lord hath said we will do....

An important part of the covenant that we make with God through salvation is our promise to be obedient. If we, like the children of Israel, fail to keep our promises of obedience to God, then there will come the consequences of Gods judgement. We must not forget that it is God that we promised our obedience to. So, this is the power of our covenant in Christ, and that power is in knowing that God will bring us through all that we are experiencing in our life, whether it be by blessings of the Lord, or by the justice of Gods judgement, we will always experience great blessing through the promises of God. It is Gods faithfulness, that gives unto us the confidence to be faithful to him, and to trust in him in our present and future life.

Hebrews 10: 35 – 36,....cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward....for ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise....

The word teaches us not to be careless in our spiritual walk with Christ. Doubting the goodness of God will cause us to drift away from his faith. We are not to distort the truth of God's word, but we are to be bold, and we are to stand firm in our faith, and in the obedience of the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 6: 9,....let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not....

Doing good works for God is hard, especially if Satan can cause us to doubt whether our good works are making a difference. We must live in a way that is consistent to our belief in Christ. The simple gospel of grace means living our Christian life, patiently, day by day, in the footsteps of Christ, to the goal of our calling, to be conformed into the image of Christ, and by doing so we will show our obedience to God.

Exodus 24: 4 – 8,....Moses wrote all the words of the Lord....and he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people, and they said, all that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient....behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words....

Being obedient to God means positioning ourselves in such a way to God, that we submit completely to his commands. Christ was our perfect example of obedience.

Philippians 2: 8,....and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross....

Christ came to this earth for a specific purpose, and that purpose was to become the representative of man, taking upon himself the future of humanity, and the saving grace of mankind. He was sent by God to pay the price for sin, and he came willingly, to destroy the power of sin and death in the lives of all who will trust in him and believe upon his name. For this reason, we follow after his example, and humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

1 John 2: 3,....and hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments....

It is our choice whether we obey God or disobey God. Our behavior is a reflection of our belief, either that of the world, or that which is of God. Our obedience to Christ confirms our place in Christ. Obedience is the result of our faith in Christ, it is not the object of our faith in Christ. As we mature in our faith and grow in God's grace, we will keep his commandments, we will be obedient to his word, which means submitting our new life in Christ to the leading of the Holy Spirit, just as Christ himself obediently submitted his life to the Father.

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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