

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.

If the Lord will

James 4: 13 – 15,....

Let us ask ourselves, as a believer, as one who is born again, saved by the redeeming blood of Christ, am I going about my daily routine, which should be God's will and plan for my life, am I going about my daily routine with no regard for God's personal involvement in what happens in my life, and in the outcome of the events in my life. We must not allow ourselves to become one who professes faith in Christ but then goes onto live a life as if God would not care about the minor details of our daily existence, because nothing would be further from the truth. God cares about all aspects of our life. This means that there are Christians who live in total disregard of the truth of God's word, making decisions every day, and working all things according to their own will, without adhering to the council of the indwelling Holy Spirit. How can God then accomplish his perfect will within us, when we choose to allow worldly, sinful, self-righteousness to control our everyday lives. But there is an alternative, and that is through God's word, we can be encouraged, and find comfort in knowing, that if in our choosing we will allow a just and holy God to come into complete control of our life, he will prevail, and he will bring his purposes, and his plan, and his will to a spiritual maturity of completeness in our life.

Romans 8: 28,....and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose....

Gods plan is one that will work all things unto his glory, and to the eternal benefit of all that believe and trust in his Son, Christ as their savior. It is a perfect plan, where he works our every purpose, and every situation in our life, whether those circumstances are good or whether they are bad, he works them out to a conclusion that will have eternal value for our life. Yes, we will have difficulties, yes we will experience tragedies, disappointments, and persecutions, and yes Gods word will remind us that in this fallen state of humanity we will suffer tribulation:

Matthew 24: 13,....but he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved....

So, how do I live my daily life according to the will of God?

James 4: 13 – 15,....go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain....whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow....for what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away....for ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that....

A great part of our testimony to a lost and dying world is to let others hear and see, that as Christians, we conduct ourselves in our belief, and that belief is that God is absolute in our lives. I am going to give you this simple explanation of the phrase, if the Lord will, and you should write it down. (It does not matter that we have a right view of life when we make our plans here on earth, what does matter is that we have a right view of God and allow him to make our plans.) God has hidden the future from us for a reason, he does not want us to live our lives according to careless presumptions, he wants us to trust wholly and completely upon him. Our life is a gift from God, subject to the will of God, and we must accomplish all that we can in the mercy and in the grace of God.

Job 7: 7,....O remember that my life is wind....

Job 9: 25,....now my days are swifter than a post, the flee away....

Job 14: 1,....man that which is born of a woman is of few days....

Psalm 39: 4,....Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am....

God's word describes both quantity of life, and quality of life, and it is so very important and valuable that we need to diligently seek to redeem every moment of it in God, and in his saving grace. Everything that we do is subject to the will of God, this means that it is not just whether we are alive tomorrow, but it is what we do in God tomorrow as we live our life unto him. As Christians, we must never allow ourselves to come to the conclusion that anything that we do or say is out of Gods control, and we must not think that we are the master of our own fate.

1 Chronicles 29: 11 – 13,....thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine, thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all....thou reignest over all, and in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand is to make great, and to give strength unto all....therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name....

Time and space and all that exists belongs to God and is in his grace. Even though God has bestowed upon mankind the unsearchable riches of his grace, the mind of humanity cannot comprehend the vastness of God. We should not, because of temptation, allow ourselves to become complacent in the gospel, and forget the mercy and grace of the one who gave up the splendor of his majesty, to be born of this earth, become rejected of his own people, and crucified, so that we might be set free from the penalty of death, and live eternally with God.

Philippians 2: 5 – 11,....let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus....made himself of no reputation....took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men....he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death....wherefore God hath highly exalted him....that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord....

Born at a point in time, for a specific purpose, Christ, who is infinitely God, became mans representative, and upon his shoulders rested the future of humanity, and the salvation of the entire human race, this was Gods will. Christ came willingly, which is a concept that staggers the limitations of our own mind, and therefore many deny his eternal deity and reject his divine perfection. By his death, Christ paid the price for mans sin, and by his resurrection he destroyed the power that sin, and death has on the lives of all of those who trust in him.

Philippians 2: 9 – 11,....wherefore God hath highly exalted him....that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord....

Christ, who was not deserving of death, choose to give his life willingly as the ransom price for the sins of the world.

As Christians, our life should reflect the life of Christ. Christ character and attitude should be mirrored in the life of the believer. Will it be a life of humiliation and suffering, yes it will, but it will be followed by a glorious resurrection when we will be exalted into the kingdom of God.

A day is coming for all of humanity, believers, and non-believers alike, and all will confess God. Some will confess him as Lord and Savior, and joyfully enter into eternal life with God. Others will be forced to confess him as Lord and judge but will be condemned to an eternity in hell. Gods plan for mankind is redemption, but he will not force people against their will to become a part of his family. Man has a free will to choose, to either accept, or reject the saving grace of Jesus Christ. For this reason, as Christians, we should pray daily, if the Lord will, because it is his will that we live for him now, and 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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