

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.30.2022

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.

Obedience in Feasts

Leviticus 23: 33 – 43

As Christians, humanity watches our actions and our reactions to all that life sets before us. When mankind is watching us, are they able to see that one of the fruits that God has instilled within us, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, is joy. God wants believers to be filled with a holy joy while we are in his presence, and as Christians we are always in his presence, for he dwells within us.

1 Peter 1: 7 – 9,....that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ....whom having not seen, ye love, in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory....receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls....

We must be careful not to become complacent and fall into a routine where we are not giving unto the Lord the fulness of our spiritual well being that he rightly deserves.

Revelation 3: 15 – 16,....I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would that thou wert cold or hot....so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth....

As Christians, we must learn to see ourselves as God sees us. If we do not see ourselves as God sees us it is then that we come to believe in our mind that we are doing just fine, and in doing so we do not see the greatness of our need for God. Spiritual joy does not come from trying to work up our worldly emotional feelings, but what we feel must always come from our response to the truth of God's word. When our feelings of love for God are not present, we need to remember what God has done for us in Christ Jesus, and seek him in his word, so that we may turn from any and all sinful desires our in our life.

Philippians 4: 4 – 7,....rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice....let your moderation be known unto all men....the Lord is at hand....be careful for nothing....by prayer and supplication....let your request be made known unto God....and the peace of God....shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus....

As believers, we are called to rejoice in the Lord, pray without ceasing, study to be approved unto God, and to give thanks. This brings joy unto God and spiritual joy unto us.

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

Our spiritual strength is an attribute that is evident to all people, this includes believers and non-believers alike. Having spiritual strength and joy through obedience, means being kind, considerate, tenderhearted, compassionate, merciful, forgiving, good natured, and temperate. Our identity with each of these spiritual gifts should not allow our inner calmness to be affected by the fluctuating, worldly emotions of other people. All of these gifts come through the indwelling Holy Spirit, who hears our every conversation, who observes our every action, and who will guide and comfort us in every circumstance that we face in life.

Leviticus 23: 33 – 36,....the Lord said unto Moses....speak unto the children of Israel....the feasts of the tabernacles....the first day shall be holy convocation, ye shall do no servile work....the eighth day shall be a holy convocation....it is a solemn assembly, and ye shall do no servile work....

Christians need to spend more time, not just in random worship and celebration, but in rejoicing, through our salvation, unto the Lord. This means taking a day of rest from our everyday normal routine, which will allow us to focus on the importance of what we must do to glorify God.

Genesis 2: 2 – 3,...on the seventh day God ended his work....and he rested on the seventh day, and sanctified it, because in it he had rested from all his work....

The seventh day was a day of rest and represented completion and perfection. God did not rest because he was weary, but because he had finished creating a perfect world and was satisfied. Sadly, this all came to an end with the fall of man and Gods work to redeem mankind began.

Christians in this grace dispensation period observe the first day of the week in which to rest from their labors in celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

Acts 2: 46 – 47,....and they, continuing daily with one accord....praising God, and having favor with all people....and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved....

Worshipping God in our spiritual maturity and joy, in spirit and in truth, should be a daily convocation for all believers. This is because, those who are saved by grace, through faith, have already trusted in Christ for salvation, and in doing so, have found peace and rest in him.

Hebrews 4: 9 – 11,....there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God....for he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God from his....let us labor therefore to enter into that rest....

As believers, one should choose each day to live in a state of rest in Christ and in his promises. If we choose otherwise, then we have chosen to live in a state of restlessness and aggravation, all the while trying to find rest in our own strength. We rest in Gods word which is the only rest that can be found in Christ, both now and through eternity, our trust in him will keep us in his perfect peace.

Leviticus 23: 37 – 41,....these are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire....beside the sabbaths of the Lord....the first day shall be a sabbath....and the eighth day shall be a sabbath....ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days....it shall be a statute forever in your generations....

As Christians, we need frequent reminders of Gods goodness toward us, and these reminders also show unto us that his blessings should be shared with others. Our humility which comes through the indwelling Holy Spirit, will show gentleness and love for one another, and will also show our joy in the Lord, which shines forth from the one whose life is centered in Christ. Our desire is to know Christ, and the more we come to know him, the more of his love and blessings we show unto others. An unselfish heart is the key to maintaining our joy in the Lord, and this can only come through obedience to the word of God.

2 Corinthians 9: 8 – 11,....God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always....may abound to every good work....he hath given to the poor, his righteousness remaineth forever....multiply your seed sown....which causeth through us thanksgiving to God....

Having been born into the family of God, we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. In this, God has supplied us with good seed to sow into the lives of those who have not yet accepted his goodness and grace. God has promised to bless and to multiply the work of our hands so that we might bring forth a fruitful harvest of righteousness and bring glory unto God.

Leviticus 23: 42 – 43,....ye shall dwell in booths....that your generation may know that I made the children....to dwell in booths, when I bring them out....I am the Lord your God....

Just like the children of Israel, before we accepted salvation by faith believing, we were tent dwellers, people without a homeland. Once saved, we became people who now belong to a eternal homeland, people whose bodies or booths are temporary and fading, but also people who should maintain these temporary dwelling places, for the are set aside to do the work of Christ, who lives in these booths with us. Therefore, we should rejoice while living in these booths that we have been given, all the while looking forward to the new and perfect eternal dwelling place that we will one day receive.

1 Corinthians 15: 38 – 54,....this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God....

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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