

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.23.2022

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 Offerings

Leviticus 22: 17 – 33

What does God expect of us? He expects us to accept his Son, Christ, as our savior, to give our lives unto him, to take upon ourselves the characteristics of Christ, and to become Christlike. In doing so, not only will we be eternally bonded with him, but we will seek after that eternal bond for all mankind. Through are growing faith, and spiritual maturity, we will learn that God is far more interested in his spiritual growth within us, which is our eternal value, then he is in our worldly stature, for we cannot take anything of this world into eternity with us. God expects us to trust in him, to love him, and to pattern our life after his Son.

Ephesians 5: 1 – 2,....be ye therefore followers of God....and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

Just as God is holy, we are to be holy as we conduct ourselves and live our lives here upon this earth. We are to be like him in our thoughts, in our speech, in our actions, and in our motives. We are to follow his example, not only in our spiritual life, but in our outer behavior and attitude toward others. We are to be Gods representatives here on earth. This can only happen as we offer up ourselves willingly unto God. This means a life of self-sacrifice, completely surrendering to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are to be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3: 18,....we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord....

Our life in Christ will cross the paths of many people. Therefore, Gods desire in us, is for our love of his Son, Christ to shine forth from our hearts, so that others may see and come to know the mercy and grace of Gods saving grace.

Matthew 5: 16,....let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven....

We can do nothing of ourselves that is worthy of God. If we are going to do good works, it comes through our obedience to the new life in Christ that is within us. As we humbly grow in grace and in knowledge through the obedience of Gods word, then we will understand what it means to offer ourselves unto God without blemish, so that we might be filled with the fullness of his measure, according to his working power within us. Believers display the light of Christ by doing the works in which God has intended for them to do. The light of Christ is meant to be seen by those who are in darkness for it has no value if it is covered up and hidden. Christ is the one and only spiritual light of the world, and the truth of that light is shone unto others through those who have believed upon his saving grace, this in turn brings glory to God.

Leviticus 22: 17 – 21,....the Lord spake unto Moses....speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel....ye shall offer at your own will....a male without blemish....but whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer, for it shall not be acceptable for you....it shall be perfect to be acceptable, their shall be no blemish therein....

Christ life on this earth was devoted to being obedient to the Father, therefore he was, by his own free will, a sacrifice without blemish, acceptable unto God.

Job 6: 38,....for I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me....

Christ was sent from God to carry out the will of God. Christ, who is the giver of life, and the sustainer of life, came to bring hope for the lost, joy for the sorrowing, strength for the weak, and encouragement for the down hearted. He not only sustains our physical life, but he giveth unto all who will believe upon his name eternal life, by breathing new life into those who are dead in trespasses and sin, and then he supplies spiritual food for the hungry soul, which makes his characteristics acceptable unto God, and which also makes us acceptable unto God. Therefore, in order for us to be an acceptable sacrifice unto God, we must conform to the standards of Christ.

Romans 12; 1 – 2,....I beseech ye therefore....present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God....be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God....

As Christians, we must not only, by our own free will present ourselves holy, and acceptable unto God, but we must also prove, through our good works, to be acceptable, through the perfect will of God. We are saved because of Gods grace, and there is nothing that we can do to repay God. This grace and mercy which we have received from God is without comparison to any else. The word of God encourages us as believers to offer our bodies, our lives, our whole self, our very being, holy, without blemish, an acceptable sacrifice unto God.

Leviticus 22: 22 – 25,....blind, or broken, or maimed....ye shall not offer these unto the Lord, nor make an offering by fire....ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut....neither from a strangers hand....they shall not be acceptable....

As Christians, we are called by God to devote our lives as a reflection, of what Christ acceptable sacrifice was to the Father, and we are to devote ourselves to him, every day. Our sin nature is programmed to be conformed to the world, but our new life in Christ, through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit, is an ongoing, continuous renewing of our mind, so that the desire of Christ becomes our desires, and his perfect will is transformed into our will. This is a freewill choice that we must make, to turn away from the things of this world that doth so easily beset us and live in the spirit and the truth of God through obedience to his word.

Hebrews 12: 1,....let us lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us....

Leviticus 22: 31 – 33,....therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them....neither shall ye profane my holy name....I am the Lord which hallow you....to be your God, I am the Lord....

Sinners receive eternal life by responding in faith believing to Gods word and what it teaches unto us concerning Christ the Son of God, and his saving grace, as being the savior of the world.

Matthew 4: 4,....it is written, man shall not live by breads alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God....

Keeping the commandments of God means becoming obedient to the word and will of God. Mans total dependence upon God, glorifies his name in every way. Trusting him in every aspect of our life demonstrates Godly character and helps us to understand the need to be conformed into the image and likeness of Christ. Seeking obedience through Gods word, will prepare us, and give unto us the ability to offer ourselves unto him willingly, a sacrifice without blemish, acceptable to the glory 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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