

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.9.2022

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 building the Tabernacle

Exodus 40: 16 – 21, 24 – 30, 34, 38

What does it mean to us, when we are given instruction, to do according to all that God has commanded us to do. The commandments of God express the righteousness of his character. Through this, God teaches us, and he helps us to grow in his wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. It is through our obedience to his commandments that helps us to produce spiritual fruit. Those who have believed in God should constantly strive to maintain his Godly characteristics. Abundant and eternal life is contained in keeping the commandments of God. This is true, because through Christ, we are no longer under the curse of sin, and therefore we do not have to break the law of the commandments of God. The question we ask ourselves is, are our lives abundant in God, are we reaping the rewards of following Gods will in our life and are we enjoying the benefits of the commandments of God. As we see spiritual growth taking place, and the result of good fruit in our lives and in the lives of others, it is then that we are experiencing the effects of a relationship that is strengthened through our obedience to God. As we strive to become more and more obedient, we will then gain Godly perspective, and we will know that the life that we live in God is an abundant life, no matter what circumstance that we find ourselves in.

1 Chronicles 28: 8, 10,....in the sight of all....the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God....take heed now for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house....be strong, and do it....

As Christians, we are Gods chosen people, and we have been selected by God to build a spiritual temple. This temple is not just us as individuals, but it is the church, the body of Christ. Todays scripture gives unto us an example of how that we are to go about the work that God has chosen for us to do, it is written for our instruction, for our endurance, and to give unto us hope, so that it may encourage us, and to motivate us, as we strive to build a temple wherein God can live. What we learn through obedience to Gods word is that we must first rise up and do Gods work, and we must commit our hearts and minds to serving God. Second, we must also understand why it is that God has chosen us, and then acknowledge that God did choose us. Next, we must determine to follow after his will and his plan for our life and apply ourselves to do the work. Lastly, we need to understand, and know, that God will be with us. As we learn and heed to the commandments of Gods word, not only will we be able to, but we will be willing to commit ourselves to God, and to do what God has set forth for us to do through his word.

Exodus 40: 16 – 19,....thus did Moses, according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he....and it came to pass....that the tabernacle was raised up....and Moses reared up the tabernacle....as the Lord commanded Moses....

Humanity has been given detailed instruction on how to prepare in building the dwelling place for God. This detailed instruction begins with the simple task of commitment.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 10,....for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus....

God gave unto humanity an amazing gift, and that is the gift of salvation. Our salvation has everything to do with Christ and depends entirely upon the work that he has done on the cross. All that we have to do is receive his eternal gift, through faith believing, and trust in him. Salvation is not a work of the flesh, nor is it gained by engaging in religious rituals, all that is required is to believe. We know and understand that we are not justified because of our works or merits, but by our humble following after Gods detailed instruction as the Lord commands.

Exodus 40: 20 – 21, 29 – 30,....he took and put the testimony into the ark....he brought the ark into the tabernacle....as the Lord commanded Moses....he put the alter of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle....as the Lord commanded....he set the laver between the tent....and the alter....to wash withal....

Preparation was the key to Gods tabernacle, and it is still the key to the tabernacle of God today. Preparation comes through obedience, and obedience requires a full commitment to Gods commands, for everything that God commands us to do has a purpose. Through our growing faith and spiritual maturity, we learn that in the service of God, details do matter.

Ezekiel 38: 7,....be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them....

As Christians, we must always be ready and prepared for when God is wanting to move in our lives. Being ready means that we have already made the necessary preparations. Our preparedness, and readiness, even before God is ready to act, demonstrates our faith, in that God will do what he says that he will do. This is very important in our life, because often time God will give direction, but when it feels like we have prepared, but are just waiting for direction, we become discouraged. We must remember that Gods timing does not always match our timing, so once we become prepared, we must continue in this manner. This means that we remain prepared for all that God has ask us to do, no matter how long it is before God moves. Staying ready and prepared means that we keep believing in God, by faith, and waiting upon him.

Exodus 40: 34, 38,....then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle....for the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night....throughout all their journeys....

We learn from this passage of scripture that God physically leads those who believe upon him, step by step, in their life. When making decisions in our life we must ask God to show unto us what it is that he would have us to do and how he would have us to do it through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to make wise decisions, he wants us to know that he does not hide his will from us. Now, there will be times when we will not know what to do in a given situation, so we pray, and seek his will, and he will reveal his guidance unto us. God is so adamant concerning his children and their decision to follow after him, that he has instilled within us as Christians, his very spirit, so that his spirit may lead our thoughts and guide our desires. This is to aid us in making decisions according to his righteous will.

Exodus 33: 13 – 14,....therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way....and he said, my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest....

The knowledge of God's presence should both be a comfort and a warning to aid in the direction that he would have us to go.

If our tabernacle is to become a finished reality for God, then we must take heed when God reveals himself unto us. We must be careful, not to grow weary in well doing, despite all the miraculous things that God is doing in our life. Without the Lord, our journey would be pointless, and our lives would be fruitless. Our relationship and obedience to God is of a greater value than any worldly possession, for without the Lord in our lives, our life would be meaningless. We must ask ourselves if we are prepared, as Christians, to put aside our own self-righteousness, and maintain with a deep desire, the obedience that it takes through God's word, to build God's tabernacle.

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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