

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.2.2022

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 worshipping God alone

## Exodus 20: 1 - 11

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The first four commandments teach mankind how we are to conduct ourselves before God, and that which we should or should not do pertaining unto him, and how that we should relate unto him and his will for us in our life. How we conduct ourselves before God is very important, because as Christians, how we relate to others is dependent upon how that we relate to God. Once that we understand who God is and what he has done for us, then we can understand why that we should put nothing in our life ahead of God. Therefore, the fulfillment of these commandments come through prayer, it comes through being thankful, it comes through reverence and fear of the Lord, and it comes through meditating on his word. The message that these four commandments sent to the children of Israel is the same message that God portrays to us today, and that message is, that first and foremost, God identifies himself unto us, secondly, through his written word, we are told of his previous works, thirdly, his covenant between himself and mankind is to be established, and finally, there must, come on our behalf, obedience, which shows unto him our gratitude, for his unlimited grace and mercy.

These four commandments were the first of the instructions and specifications that God intended to give unto his people, so that they would come to know and understand the right way to live their life through him. In this present age, we not only have these first four commandments, but we have a full book of instructions, known as the word of God. This is so that we may come to know and to understand the right way to live our life in the presence of an almighty, and an all-powerful God.

**1 Corinthians 8: 6**,....but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him....

Those who belong to the one true God should have nothing to do with any false Gods. Sadly, most who believe in the one true God, do not acknowledge that, yes there are other images that they put ahead of God, because they see these images as non-existent. Therefore, they feel as if it is ok to participate in the life of worldliness, if they feel that it is good for them. As Christians, we should understand that we were created by God, we exist through God and his saving grace, and we are to live for God. For this reason, we should even separate ourselves from that which we feel to be the simplest form of worldliness, so that we do not fall to temptation.

**2 Corinthians 6: 16 - -18**,....what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God....wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate....and I will receive you, and will be a father to you....

The word of God is clear, in that it says that through salvation, Christ has chosen us out of the world to be a part of his family, therefore, we are to be in the world to accomplish his will, but we are not to be a part of this world. The church today, as the church was then, has become entangled in the materialistic pleasures of worldliness, which is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

**1 John 2: 16**,....for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

If, as Christians, we do not mature in our faith in Christ through his word, then we begin to take on the characteristics and attitudes of the world, following after every area of a modern life, and becoming entrapped in the wisdom of our own self-righteousness. As believers, we are to be obedient, and holy unto God, having the mindset of the characteristics of God, with a pure heart that is focused on Christ, separated from sin, and allowing the example of our salvation to shine forth to a corrupt and sinful world.

**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....

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God wants to make sure that mankind's perception of him is spiritual and not material. This means that God cannot be represented by anything that we can see in this world, so we should avoid pursuing after worldly images, and trying to pretend that we are serving God through them. God's word is based upon who he is and what he has done. Man's word is based upon that which he portrays himself to be, and what he says that he can do. For this reason, no person or thing should ever take precedence over God in our lives. When we replace the truthfulness of God's word with the deceptive materialistic wealth of the world, then we distort the understanding of Gods holiness, which brings dishonor instead of glory unto him.

**Isaiah 29: 13,....**the people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men....

Like the children of Israel, often time, we find ourselves ignoring the things of God, and taking the option to do things our own way. This means that when it comes to being obedient to God we will say the right things, and we will even do the right things, but we are just going through the motions, we do not reflect any meaning in it. God desires a lasting relationship, not just a part time acquaintance.

Sadly, in the church today, many religious leaders are worshipping God with a false sense of direction, honoring God in their words, but offending him in their practices. We learn from these actions, that, it is possible to continually repeat words of worship without actually taking part in the true meaning. True obedience in worshipping God is taking account of what the word of God means, and then believing in it.

**John 4: 24,....**God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and un truth....

Worshipping God is not to be done with ulterior motives in mind. God desires a heart that is clean, a heart that is dependent upon him, a heart that is submissive unto him, and a heart that is full of humility. Worshipping God does not require a series of religious rituals, which means there should be no hidden agenda, no selfish motives, and no religious pridefulness. Mankind looks at religious acts and ceremonies, where God looks into the heart of man, and delights in those who are humble, and reverent in the fear of the Lord.

True worship requires spirit and truthfulness.

**Genesis 1: 26 – 27,....**God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness....so God created man in his own image....

Being created in the image of God does not refer to physical resemblance, it means that we share in his divine spiritual nature and characteristics. We are made, to be visible reflections of the invisible God. It is only by faith believing, that we can be transformed into the image of God, and bear this image, by becoming Christlike, which comes through obedience to his word, and worshipping God, and him only.

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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