

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.

God Rules Over All

Psalm 103: 19

Why do we worry. We think that we worry out of concern due to circumstances that are happening in our life, but the truth is, we worry because of striving to control our own lives. We torment ourselves with worry because we think that our future, and the future of those around us, depends upon how closely we manage every little detail in our life. Worldly fear and worry only allows us to see that which is lacking or incomplete, instead of seeing what God has already provided. Circumstances that take place in our life and in the world around us, will cause us to worry, because worldly fear gives unto us the sense of direction that we have lost control over the situations surrounding our life. This causes us to cling to, and to strive for that which is known unto us, that we think is safe, instead of trusting in God for our guidance. For this reason, the word of God commands us to trust in the Lord, and to have faith, recognizing that God is in control.

Job 12: 10,....in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind....

Every individual must make the choice as to whether God is in control. Those who refuse to recognize his authority are those who do not want to be under his control. What humanity does not understand is that everyone submits to something, either to God, or to the desires of the flesh. Trying to control our own life would be pointless, because the Lord is already in control, therefore, we must become obedient to his authority through prayer, and through meditation in his word, this will lead to our eternal security and joy.

Psalm 103: 19,....the Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth overall....

God has complete authority, and control over every aspect of the universe. When we trust in the sovereignty of God, through salvation, it is then that we come to understand that God never stops providing, protecting, and caring for all who believe upon his Son, Christ. God works all things to our benefit, and to his glory, without exception.

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

As believers, when circumstances in our life are overwhelming, our confidence in God may waiver, but we do not live by chance, we live secure, and under Gods control, trusting in him to carry us through. Even though we live in a fallen world, and we have to face difficulties, disappointments, and persecutions, we have the unfailing assurance, that the blood of Christ has overcome sin, and for this reason, every circumstance in our life works for Gods glory, and for the good of all who are called by him and believe upon his name. God works through the believer to an ultimate good that serves his purpose for the whole universe. Nothing in the universe occurs without Gods permission. Due to sin, and man's God given ability to make choices, there are times in which God chooses to allow things to take place that he does not directly cause, nor does he condone.

Colossians 1: 16,....for by him were all things created....visible and invisible....all things were created by him, and for him....

Christ, who was the word made flesh, full of grace and truth, learned obedience by the things that he suffered. He is our bread of life, the one who brought eternal hope to humanity, he is the way, the truth, and the life. The fall of man was in no way a surprise to God. God knew that it would happen, and chose to create man anyhow, which was due to Christ's willingness to redeem mankind. Before anything existed, Christ was the one chosen to reconcile a world, which he would create, reconcile it back to God the Father, for the purpose that it was intended. Christ's sacrifice on the cross, restored within all those who believe upon his name, the original purpose in which God created us. For this reason, we are now reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5: 18 – 20,....all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given unto us the ministry of reconciliation....God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself....and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation....now then ye are ambassadors for Christ....be ye reconciled to God....

Because of sin, humanity rejects the rule of God over them. But through the death of Christ, we can be reconciled to God, returned to full fellowship with him, and therefore trusting that he is in full control of our lives. Now, those who have believed upon him, and have now made the choice to allow God to control their lives, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, now have been graciously entrusted with his word, and with the opportunity to spread the message of reconciliation to others. As Christians, we have been given the privilege of becoming God's personal representatives here on earth.

Psalm 138: 8,....the Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands....

The word of God tells us that in order to love the Lord our God, we must focus upon him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. The primary reason for our existence is to show forth God's lovingkindness through the truth of his word. Because God is the sovereign God of the universe, and he is the creator of all things, it is due to his love and compassion for all mankind that he pays close attention to the needs of his children. God will, if we make the choice to willingly serve him, he will perfect his plan and purpose for our lives and has shown unto us through his word, that he will even move heaven and earth to accomplish it.

Psalm 32: 8,....I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide thee with mine eye....

As Christians, we are so blessed when we come to understanding the greatness of being a part of a body, whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is covered by the blood of Christ. We have been transformed from a kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God, and we are enlightened by the Holy Spirit instead of being enslaved to sin. Because of our justification we are called into spiritual maturity. Sadly, not all believers reach spiritual maturity, let alone maintain it in their Christian life. Maintaining our spiritual maturity means having a closer relationship with God. When we surrender to Gods perfect will, then can the perfect will of God be fulfilled in our life.

The sovereignty of God means that he is supreme in power, and his authority is superior to all others. This simply means that, yes, God is in control, and he has no limitations.

Revelation 1: 8,....I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the almighty....

God is the ultimate source of all power, authority, and everything that exists. Because of this, and his love for us, nothing will ever come into our life that he does not decree or allow. Let us remember that no matter what we face in life, we can take comfort in knowing that God is in control.

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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