

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 Speaks Peace to Our Heart

Psalm 103: 13 - 14

In order, to keep our heart, we must know the strength of Gods word. This means that Gods word must be applied to our life. We are told, to keep his word within our heart, for his words are life to those who find them. Not living by Gods word, means not living at all. We cannot keep our heart on our own. It is only God, who can keep us by his word, and he gives unto us the appetite for it, and he also gives us nourishment from it. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God gives us delight in his word, and it is through him that he speaks to our heart.

Luke 6: 45,....a good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good....for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh....

The good treasure of a believer's heart is the word of God, which he himself hath hidden there.

Psalm 119: 11 – 16,....thy word hath I hid in mine heart....with my lips have I declared....I will meditate in thy precepts....I will delight myself in thy statutes....I will not forget thy word....

When God speaks peace to our heart through his word, our solemn promise to him is that we will declare it, we will meditate on it, we will delight ourselves in it, and we will not forget it.

God's word is a person, and that person is Christ. It is not a book that we read and then forget about it, but we want it to transform our lives. If we allow it, the word of God will come alive within us, and it will become active and effective in our life, it will penetrate our soul, our spirit, and our mind. God's word is powerful, for through it, he will show us his purpose for our life, and how that he is going to accomplish that purpose.

So, this morning we are going to look at how God speaks peace to our heart through his word so that he may accomplish his plan and his purpose in our life.

Psalm 103: 13 – 14,....like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him....for he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust....

God, who is our heavenly Father, has compassion for his children, which are those who fear him. God, who created us also manifested his compassion toward us through his Son, Christ. By this, he restores our soul, and saves us from eternal punishment. We do not deserve anything that God has done for us, but because he is compassionate, through his saving grace, he fills us with his love, his mercy, and his grace, all we have to do, is trust in him. Remember, God is the only one that understands all that we will ever face.

Lamentations 3: 22 – 23,....it is of the Lords mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not....they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness....

God shows pity, or compassion, to the children that he loves, because he knows our shortcomings and our weaknesses. As Christians, we need to be sheltered, we need provisions to sustain us, we need, because of our wandering spirit, to be sought after, we need to be shown understanding. Also, when we are disobedient, we need chastisement, and when we are afraid, we need compassion. For this, God is the one who is worthy to receive all our honour and all praise.

1 Thessalonians 2: 4,....as we are allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts....

As Christians, we are approved by God, to be entrusted with the gospel. Approved means that God confirms us into his service, by the testing of our faith. Through the trials of our faith, we learn that we do not speak to please men, but to honor God.

Galatians 1: 10 – 12,....do I now persuade men, or God?...if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ....the gospel which was preached....is not after man....I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ....

The gospel that we declare, must be given unto us by the crucified, risen, ascended, and glorified Christ. This means that Christ must be the foundation by which all our teachings are secured. We must stand fast on God's word of truth, in which we have been given guidance, through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Our example of faithfulness should shine forth, despite opposition from our trials and tribulations. Our motivation should not be for personal gain, but for the glory of God. Our greatest blessing will come, when we, through humility, strive to do that which is pleasing unto God.

2 Thessalonians 3: 5,....and the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ....

In order to stay on track spiritually, we must, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, clear away the obstacles in our life that are not pleasing unto God. It is impossible to love worldly objects in this life, and still have the ability to truly appreciate God's love at the same time. Christ is our example, of whom, faced trials and tribulations, and faced them with patient endurance.

Hebrews 12: 2 – 3,....looking unto Jesus....who....endured the cross, despising the shame....for consider him that endured....lest ye be wearied and faint in your mind....

Although, everything in life is subject to God's divine will, and eternal purpose, he still hears, and answers the prayers of his servants, and causeth all things to work together for our good, and his glory. We rest in the fact of knowing that God is the strength of our heart. Trials and tribulations are destined for all who live godly in Christ Jesus, therefore, there is no greater place for the believer to be, than abiding in the secure, unfailing, abundant love of God, which comes through the sacrifice of his Son.

Philippians 4: 7,....and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus....

This verse gives unto us, three aspects of the peace that God speaks unto us through his word. First, it is unexplainable, second, it guards our heart, and thirdly, it guards our mind. Due to the fallen state of man, humanity is naturally prone to worry about every decision, and every situation, because each have the potential to change the direction of our life. Because of this, even as Christians, we find it hard to put our trust in God, and for this reason, we often time, find it hard to experience true peace in the midst of these situations. Therefore, the intensity of these decisions clouds our objectives, therefore, our security, which should be in Christ, turns to worldly stress. So, in order to overcome, we must allow God to speak peace unto us through his word.

1 John 4: 4,....ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world....

As believers, the indwelling Holy Spirit is far stronger than any worldly situation that could ever come up against us. This motivational encouragement should empower believers not to fear the sinfulness of the world, but to put their trust in God, and to become obedient to his word. By doing so, we can overcome the fiery darts of the devil, and walk in the boldness 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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