

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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.

Gods Promise of a Saviour

Luke 1: 26 – 38

Humanity cannot amount to anything in life without a divine connection with God. Those who love God will obtain his kindness, which means that God will take control of our situation, so as to make a worthwhile difference in our life and in the lives of those around us. Therefore, the key is to love God and to do his will. Having the approval of God, means that we have found favor in God. How does humanity receive Gods approval and therefore gain his favor, it comes through faith believing upon his Son, Jesus Christ. Now, this does not mean that just because there are those who are prosperous and of good health, that they have found favor in God. This also does not mean that those who have obtained Gods approval will not suffer hardships, but it does not mean that those who are favored of God, that God is with them, and that all things will work to his good and to his glory. This will bring us to understand that Gods favor keeps our thoughts pure, because we will desire to please him more than we desire to please ourselves.

2 Chronicles 16: 9,....for the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him....

Too often, when things in our life seem to be getting out of our control, we set our hopes on things of this world instead of maintaining our fellowship with the Lord, so that we may turn to him in our time of need. Instead, we turn to those whom we have a worldly relationship with, looking for them to supply our needs, this is due to complacency in our Christian life. As time passes, with little to no spiritual maturity, or growing faith, rather than maintaining our trust in God, we become complacent in our spiritual life in Christ. Turning to the world to supply our needs in times of difficulties means that we have turned away from God, and the work of his indwelling Holy Spirit in our life. Through faith, in God's word will we gain the ability to commit wholly and completely unto the Lord, so that we may increasingly be conformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

Isaiah 66: 2,....all those things hath mine hand made....saith the Lord....to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word....

Who is God looking for? He is looking for those who are humble, those who are repentant, and those who are obedient to his word. The humbler we become; the more visible God becomes unto us. For those who will completely submit themselves to the Lord, he will use them for his purposes.

Micah 6: 8,....he hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God....

It is through the word of God that we find that which is good and acceptable in his sight. Only those who trust in Christ, have the ability to act justly before him, and only as we live our life through the source of our new nature in Christ, are we able, through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, to glorify God.

Luke 1: 26 – 31,....angel Gabriel was sent from God....to a virgin....and the virgins name was Mary....the angel came....and said....thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee....when she saw him....cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be....the angel said....fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God....thou shalt conceive....and bring forth a Son....shalt call his name Jesus....

Mary, chosen to be the mother of mankind's savior, was in fact a sinner herself, one who needed salvation, which would come through her firstborn son. Therefore, Mary was a blessed vessel which God used to bring forth his Son into the world, and together with Mary, we all must look to Christ for our salvation. Mary's role in the miraculous birth of Christ certainly is a great example of God's favor upon mankind, and even though Mary was faithful and willing, she was still also human, and even though troubled by the angel's appearance, she was still humble, and she was still willing to accomplish God's purpose and plan.

Zephaniah 3: 17,....the Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty, he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing....

Christ is the provision for our needs, he is the remedy for our fears, he is the answer for all our problems, and he is the one, through which, gives unto us the ability, to triumph over sin. God's delight is to bring all mankind into his saving grace, and he rejoices over all who will believe upon his name, all who will trust in his word, and all who will abide in his love. God's favor is: that all of humanity would seek after him, and come to know him, by drawing near unto him, and in doing so, finding peace and rest in him by abiding in his truth. God rewards those who are obedient to his word, and unto those who spreads unto all who will believe, the wisdom of the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Luke 1: 32 – 33,....he shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David....he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end....

The coming of Christ is about the proclamation of God's kingdom, and it confirms to all, that God remains in control, and that nothing can stop his plan of redemption for all of humanity. For every situation that we face, there is hope, and may that hope fill our hearts with the love of God. Christ's kingdom is the only kingdom that shall never end, the only kingdom that can protect us, and sustain us from death, and reward us with his eternal blessings. Therefore, we are reminded to focus on the simplicity of our service to the kingdom of God, and that is, the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are also to have the willingness to share this message with all of those who are living around us, and as Christians, we must look for opportunity to point others to Christ.

Isaiah 9: 6,....unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace....

Luke 1: 34 – 38,....the angel answered and said....the Holy Ghost shall come upon you....that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God....for with God nothing shall be impossible....be it unto me according to thy word....

God promises, to all who will believe upon his Son, an eternal home, an everlasting kingdom, and nothing can change this promise. No promise from God will ever fail to be fulfilled, and this is according to the authority of Gods word. Gods word comforts us, Gods word guides us, and Gods word shows unto us the way of salvation.

Colossians 3: 16,....let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God....

So, what does it mean to us today as Christians to find favour with God? It is allowing God to control our life in such a way that no matter what the situation that we may find ourselves in, we will allow God to make the difference in our life. Simply put, Gods favour toward us, is his grace in our life, and it is his favour that will take care of everything that we will ever need. Let us always remember that Gods favour is the power that changes our lives.

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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