

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

12.11.2022

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.

Gods Promise to David

## 2 Samuel 7: 4 – 16

Do we consult God concerning our role in the nature, and in the timing of his promises. Every day we make decisions, some we are not aware of, others that we make, not only affect our lives, but they also affect the lives of those around us. When we make decisions, the one thing that is a must is that all our choices should be according to the will of God. This means that all circumstances in our lives should be decided upon by the word of God, because it is the word of God by which we should be measuring our lives. God wants to have a close meaningful relationship with us, and he wants us to learn, and to grow in him, and in doing so, we will glorify him and make him Lord over all things in our life.

**1 Thessalonians 5: 18**,....In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you....

As we conform our heart, our mind, our emotions, our wisdom, and our knowledge to Gods will, it is then that we will find ourselves in such a state, that we will have no worldly will of our own. Spending time in prayer, and in the word of God will show unto us, that most of the choices that we will make in our lives, is based upon ourselves wanting our own way. This is because living our life according to our own emotional feelings, allows us to believe that we can do more, if we will just trust in ourselves.

**Ephesians 5: 17,....**wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is....

**Romans 10: 17,....**so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God....

God will never ask us to make a decision that goes against his word. A sure way to know if something is of the will of God or not is to see if it coincides with his word. This means that on our part it takes a lot of prayer, and a lot of study and meditation on his word. In doing so, we will avoid identifying with the ungodly desires of this world, which is a sure way of making wrong decisions. Therefore, let us as Christians, desire to make decisions according to Gods word, and willingly make decisions that are good in the eyes of the Lord, knowing that these godly decisions will help us to grow in faith, and our maturity in God will become spiritually sound, allowing our thoughts, and our desires to be exactly like that of the Father.

**2 Samuel 7: 4 – 7,....**it came to pass....the word of God came unto Nathan, saying....tell my servant David....shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in....I have not dwelt in any house....but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle....in all the places....spake I a word....saying....why build ye not me an house of cedar....

Often time, while doing the work of the Lord, we have the right instruction, but the wrong direction. We forget that God reserves the right to say, who, what, when, and where. God wants us to grow in faith, and mature spiritually in our Christian life, so that we may better be a living sacrifice unto him. He is satisfied with the way that he has designated our life. We might think that we need to change in order to better him, but God knows that we are at our best right where we are, and when it is time to change, he will make that change, not for our personal benefit, but to benefit the glory of God.

**Philippians 4: 11 – 13,....**for I have learned that whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content....I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound, everywhere and in all things....I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need....I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me....

As believers, sometimes we do not always recognize it, but there is value in being content in whatsoever circumstance that we may find ourselves in. Finding value, means finding encouragement, through the Holy Spirit, to trust in God. This encouragement helps us to discover that our joy in the Lord is our strength, and that his grace is sufficient in all things. There is no greater contentment than abiding in Christ, and we must be thankful, to God, for his sufficiency at all times.

Despite our circumstances, through Christ strength, we need not become discouraged. Through wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God's word we can live a triumphant Christian life, not through our own strength, but through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is not by my strength, or by my own power or wisdom that I can do all things, but it is by the mighty hand of God.

**2 Samuel 7: 8 – 11,....**so shalt thou say unto my servant David....I took thee from the sheepcoat....to be ruler over my people....I was with the withersoever thou wentest....and have made thee a great name....I will appoint a place....and will plant them....that they may dwell in a place of their own....also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house....

Through his word, the Lord will reveal unto his people, what he has in mind for us, according to his purpose and plan, remembering that Gods purpose and plan is much greater than we ourselves, it includes all those who will freely accept his eternal covenant, which was made possible through his Son, Christ Jesus. God's promises are always part of a larger purpose.

**Jeremiah 29: 11,....**for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end....

Gods purpose and plan for us comes through the promise of his never-failing faithfulness toward us. Gods' instruction is for us to find peace and security in his salvation, and we are not expected to return to our old way of life. The promise of God's word tells us that by submitting wholly unto him, we will thrive in his faith and spiritual maturity.

The redemptive saving grace of Jesus Christ gives unto all who will believe, an eternal future with him. The Lord desires his best for all those who serve him. We have his assurance that whatever we may have to face, that in him, we have a future, and a hope with him.

**2 Samuel 7: 12 – 16,....**and when thy days be fulfilled....I will set up thy seed after thee....and I will establish thy kingdom....he shall build an house for my name....if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him....and thine house shall be established forever....

Even though we might have a desire to build this temple for the Lord, God is the only one who can declare us a permanent dwelling place for his Holy Spirit, and this comes by faith believing in his Son. This declaration goes beyond our earthly existence and lifetime. Gods promise of eternal hope has been established from the beginning and will continue to carry on from generation to generation into eternity. Through God alone can we be a part of his eternal kingdom, which is just as certain as the fulfillment of his first coming, which was based upon the faithful covenant of Gods promise to David, which is that God himself would build a house, and establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

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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