

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

11.26.2023

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. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Judgement and Exile

## 2 Chronicles 36: 15 – 21, Psalm 137: 1 – 6

What happens when humanity continually ignores the warnings of God? What happens when we as believers continue to ignore God's warnings? Yes, it is true that most people ignore the truth of the word of God when it comes to practically applying it to our everyday lives, because we are too busy doing those things which satisfy the demands of our sinful desires. We need to worry less about the things of this world and take heed to the warnings concerning preparing for the coming of the Lord. Therefore, at Christ's return, mankind will be living life as if it will go on without change forever. Today, Christians in the world are selective about that which they believe in, things coming from the word of God. This is because they believe that the Old Testament prophecies are no longer relevant for the believer today, and unfortunately, many mock the warnings of God's word and do not see the need for forgiveness and salvation.

**Romans 13: 11 – 14**,....and that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than we believed....but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof....

The fulfillment of our salvation is much closer to us now than when we first believed. Serving God with the gifts that we have been given will help us not only to live by faith in God, but to live righteously, and to demonstrate his righteousness with one another. The farther away we get from the point and time when we first believed, the more confusing our salvation becomes. Each day that we live, we are coming closer to the time when Christ will return for his church, therefore, we should be ready, having the mindset and the urgency to live righteously, showing unto others not only our willingness to go on to be with the Lord, but also our readiness, and the compassion for their eternal well-being and existence as well. Our example should be one of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, by faith, instead of living according to the way that the world lives.

**Ephesians 6: 13,....**take unto you the armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand....

As believers we need to maintain the endurance to endure, so that we might hold fast to the boldness of the power of Christ righteousness. To have done all that we can do to stand means that we have successfully resisted the temptation of the devil.

**2 Chronicles 36: 15 – 21,....**the Lord God....sent to them....messengers....but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose....till there was no remedy....therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men....had no compassion....and all the vessels....and the treasures....he brought to Babylon....they burnt the house of God....and destroyed all the godly vessels....them that had escaped....carried he away....they were servants....to fulfill the word of the Lord....

Just as God did with the children of Israel, he sends out messengers today to a lost and dying world. These messengers warn the church of the coming consequences concerning the disobedience of the church toward the word of God. These messengers also warn the unsaved of the coming wrath and condemnation of God which will be against those who will not believe. Who are these messengers, we are. These messengers today are all those who are justified by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. Now, this does not mean that all those who are justified will serve, but all that are justified are called.

**Ephesians 4: 11 – 12,....**he gave some, apostles....prophets....evangelists....pastors and teachers....for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ....

Here we see an explanation of the responsibility that we have as Christians. The responsibility to walk worthy of our calling, and to live together in unity towards one another. We are to recognize that our privileges in Christ are meant to be applied to our everyday practical living. We are to live for God, and we are to work the works of God, to carry out the individual tasks that God has given unto us, all for the benefit of the church as a whole, and for the glory of God. As believers, we are to encourage one another, and we are to equip one another for the work that God has commanded the body of Christ to perform, which is, to do the work of the ministry, to persuade others to have faith, and believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

**John 6: 28 – 29,....**they said unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the work of God? Jesus answered and said....this is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent....

As Christians, our focus must be on heavenly things which will last forever. This means that we have the willingness to know, and to do our duty concerning the requirements of God in our life. This requirement of God comes through his grace, which came at a great cost, the cross of Christ. Gods grace calls every believer to a higher calling in him. Remember, that which is impossible with men is possible with God.

**Luke 18: 27,....**he said, the things which are impossible with men are possible with God....

Before Christ and the crucifixion and resurrection, being declared righteous in Gods eyes was an impossibility, but because of the crucifixion and the resurrection, God swept away the impossible obstacles that separated fallen man from himself. Therefore, all the things that were impossible for fallen man to do were all done by Christ, and then made possible unto man.

**Psalms 137: 1 – 6,....**by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down....we wept....we remembered....they that carried us away captive required of us a song....how shall we sing the Lords song in a strange land? If I forget thee....let my right hand forget her cunning....if I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy....

When humanity, as a whole, whether it be those that are non-believers or those that are believers, when they constantly ignore the warnings of God, then the consequences of their disobedience will be a hard lesson to learn. Let us remember that Gods judgement is in proportion to our sinfulness, and we will come to understand that being disciplined by God can be very painful, both physically and spiritually. For this reason, as Christians, it becomes very difficult to be an effective witness for the saving grace of Jesus Christ, when we ourselves have strayed away from the will of God in our lives. Therefore, often time, God will bring the believer into remembrance of what they had in him, and what they have been deprived of because of sin. God may discipline us, but as believers, who are saved by faith believing in Jesus Christ, we will not be cast aside.

**Philippians 2: 12 – 13,....**wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed....work out your own salvation with fear and trembling....for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure....

We are not called to work for our salvation, for our salvation is free, but we are called to be conformed to the image of the Son of God. We are to live holy lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, by trusting in Gods unchanging word. We are to walk in spirit and in truth, and in the power of his might, and we are to acknowledge that Gods grace is sufficient in every detail and circumstance in our life. It is by living our lives for the glory of God and not for our own self-righteousness, that we work out our salvation.

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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