

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

In His Due Time

## Psalm 90: 12

Today, many will celebrate the passing of another year gone by, and tomorrow there will be rejoicing over the beginning of a new year. The world will look at the significance of this time-honored tradition as the means of making a positive change in their lives and in the lifestyle that we are living. And although many believers will see this tradition in the same sense, others will see it for what it truly is, and that is, it is a year closer to Christ's return. So, why is Christ's return so important to the church? The answer lies within the motivation that it provides to the believer. The motivation to progress in a life in Christ that is acceptable to God, a life of encouragement toward others in the body of Christ, and a living testimony of God's saving grace to a lost and dying world. From the earliest days, when the church was born, Christians have proclaimed with a fervent expectation, and a willing hope, that Christ could come at any moment to call his church up to be with him in heaven. This motivation should establish within each one of us, a willing desire beyond all else in our life, to see the sinner come to salvation.

**Philippians 1: 23 – 24,....**for I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better....nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you....

As Christians, we should have a compassion to be with our Lord and savior, and this compassion should instill within each of us a significant willing desire to tell others about the one and only person that can save them from an eternity of Gods condemnation and wrath in hell.

**John 14: 6,....**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me....

Physical death should hold no worldly fear within us, for it is simply a passageway into our eternal existence with the Lord. But we must also keep in mind that God has commissioned each of us with a very important role within his eternal purpose and plan here upon earth, and that role is that he has entrusted us with the responsibility to bring forth the truths of his word, by using the godly characteristics, abilities, and gifts that he has provided unto us through the indwelling Holy Spirit, which he has instilled within us, when we were justified in Christ Jesus. Now, often time, due to the circumstances that we must endure during our life here in Christ, our longing to be with the Lord may overcome our desire to remain in this mortal body, but because we are faithful, we know in our hearts there is an importance of remaining here on earth, so that we might finish the good work that God has prepared for us to do.

So, I want you to turn with me this morning to the book of Psalm, and we are going to see the importance of understanding God, in his due time.

**Psalm 90: 12,....**so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom....

Human nature teaches us to think, and to live our lives in terms of years, focusing on a worldly future of material wealth and personal gain. The word of God instructs us to live each day by seeking first the kingdom of God, taking no thought for worldly worries and the needs of tomorrow, for each day has sufficient enough worldly trouble and sufferings of its own. We need God to reveal unto us just how brief the time is that we have to live upon this earth, so that we might see the need to grow in his wisdom, knowledge and understanding, because whether we want to believe it or not, every choice that we make has eternal consequences, consequences that may lead to the blessings of our eternal hope God, or they could be consequences that lead to eternal separation from God. Our earthly life will not last long, therefore, we need godly wisdom to prepare for time that will follow our life on earth.

**Proverbs 4: 20 – 23,....**my son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings....let them not depart from thine eyes, keep them in the midst of thine heart....for they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh....keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life....

It is very imperative that we take responsibility for our spiritual wellbeing, for in doing so we will protect ourselves from the sinfulness that has a significant impact on our relationship with God. This impact is one that will draw us closer unto God, or it may push us further away from God. Either way, it will have an effect on who God has designed for us to be. A relationship with God that has been disrupted, means a lack of urgency when it comes to looking for the Lord's return, this will only lead to a non-productive relationship with thers who God has surrounded us with.

**Ephesians 5: 14 – 17,....**wherefore he saith, awake thou that sleepest....see then that you walk circumspectly....redeeming the time....wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is....

Time is a gift from God, and only he knows how much time each of us will have on this earth, time to make decisions that will impact our eternity. God wants us to live in a constant awareness of the time which we have, rather than to waste it on worldly pursuits, that have no eternal value. We must make the most of every opportunity that God has given unto us, by understanding what the Lord would have us to do. We must make sure that our plans align with Gods will for our life.

**John 9: 4,....**I must work the works of him that sent me....

Worldly distractions are an inevitable part of our life; therefore, we must live each day for the Lord, as if tomorrow we will be living with the Lord, and having done all we can do to stand in his presence. Committing each day to the Lord, and living with eternity always on our mind, will help us to become more aware, when it comes to helping others see the goodness of Gods saving grace.

**James 4: 14 – 15,....**whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow....for what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away....for ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that....

So, this morning, let us not worry about time that has past, and we must not burden ourselves concerning future circumstances that we have no control over, and we should never focus our nervous attention on the events of today, but Isaiah says:

**Isaiah 55: 6,....**seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near....

**2 Corinthians 6: 2,....**for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted....now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation....

There is an urgency, and a seriousness to Gods purpose and plan for mankind, and the window of opportunity is today. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. If we procrastinate, the opportunity to respond may run out. Therefore, when we hear the voice of the Lord calling unto us through his word, we must respond immediately, for we know that right now we are still here, and at this very moment there is still time to do his work, nothing else is guaranteed. Therefore, let us seek the Lord now, for even though often time we may ignore it, we know that he is near, and we know that he may be found, all in his due time.

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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