

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.2.2024

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.

The Creation of Woman

Genesis 2: 18 – 25

Man by himself was not complete, so God provided the woman to be his counterpart, his complement, and his companion. The woman is to be a part of God's provision for man, and so is the man to be God's provision for the woman. God's purpose and plan is for man and woman to live, work, and walk together with God. God never intended for man to be alone, for he knew that man would recognize his own solitude, so God made a suitable help meet for man to share his life with. This would be someone who would correspond, and complement man's position in creation, and she would be everything that man lacked in his loneliness, and so would he be the same unto her. They would become one flesh and live together in unity. A spiritual union that was overseen by God. Two that would give themselves to each other to become one, which would make the belongings of one become the belongings of another. The caring of each one became a binding obligation, so that the deepest desires of each might be fulfilled. Just as man and woman rejoice over one another, so does God rejoice over those who live for him in obedience to his word. He has given his all to us and he would ask for our all-in return, and the slightest reservation on our part grieves him. Therefore, through the eagerness of our salvation, we desire to commit wholly and completely unto him, not wanting to do anything that brings him displeasure. As we become one with God, we will not want to touch that which he cannot touch, we will not want to look where he cannot look, and we will not want to walk where he cannot walk. Our love for God creates the necessary separation between us and the sinfulness of the world and can only be achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit, which he has given unto us to help us in our faithfulness to him.

1 John 2: 5,....whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected, hereby know we that we are in him....

Now, no one is perfect, therefore, no relationship is perfect, but Gods love is perfected in those who love him and obey his word. This does not refer to living flawlessly, but it refers to the maturity of our relationship. No one is perfect, but all believers are called to grow and to mature in their relationship with one another and with God. This is the process of perfection, and although it is not guaranteed due to the choices which we make, it is of great expectation.

So, does our actions give evidence of our relationship? Those who truly know Christ grow to live in Christ. Therefore, just like God allowed Adam to recognize his solitude, so does he allow us to recognize our deficiencies, and God will often time allow these periods of solitude in our life so that when he does provide for us, we might appreciate his provisions, and commit wholly and completely unto him. God created woman to save man from the solitude of himself, just as he created the redemptive plan of salvation to save man from his sinful self, therefore, we should leave the sinful desires of the flesh, and cleave unto the provisions which he has provided unto us, so that we might become one in our relationship with one another and with him.

Genesis 2: 18 – 20,....the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him an help meet....God formed (all)....and brought them to Adam....and Adam gave names to all....but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him....

When God created woman, he did not take from the dust of the earth again, he created woman from Adams rib, which signified that they were intimately linked together. Therefore, Adam saw the woman as an extension of himself. God did not make someone that would be a lessor quality than man, he made someone that was comparable, equal, and compatible. This means that Gods purpose and plan for the woman was absolutely necessary, for man was incomplete and inadequate without the woman for a help meet, which is one who does for us that which we cannot do for ourselves. Likewise, humanity cannot do anything without God, no matter how hard they try.

John 15: 4,....abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abideth in the vine, no more can we, except ye abide in me....

Relationships begin with submission, and they thrive by obedience and perseverance. For this to happen we must understand our relationship with the one who is the source of our life. Christ would like for us to understand that he himself is that which we must remain attached to. To abide in Christ means cleaving unto him through the Father's love, it is believing in the truth of his word, having the confidence in knowing that his promises are sure, depending upon him, in every aspect of our life.

Romans 5: 1 – 2,....therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ....by whom also we have access by faith into his grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God....

Just as in our relationship in life, we should live every day, not for ourselves, but for one another, for the word of God encourages us to live every day for Christ. Relationships suffer when we live a carefree life of ease, abundance, and prosperity, which can cause us to take our focus off that which is eternal and turn our focus to that which is temporary. When God created the woman, with his provisions in mind, there was nothing temporary about it, for it was a union established by God, and for the glory of God. The same is a promise of our relationship with him, it is permanent, it is eternal, and it is for his glory.

Genesis 2: 21 – 25,....the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam....and he took one of his ribs....and the rib....made he a woman, and brought her unto the man....Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man....therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh....

Because the woman was formed from man, it means that her nature, being from the same flesh and blood, and being of the same equality, means that she is also in the image of God. This means that the woman was formed for an inseparable unity and fellowship in life, with man, and they would complement each other completely. Even though the created woman represents the intimate closeness of her relationship with the man, it also symbolizes their distinction from one another. Both man and woman bring unique and necessary characteristics to the human race, as well as bringing a uniqueness to those who are made in the image of God. Man and woman, together and separately, their existence is defined by their relationship with God. God's purpose and plan is that man and woman would be together instead of being alone, and this plan was established long before man was ever created. The same stands firm for humanity's relationship with God, it is his purpose and plan that man would never be alone, and that humanity would never be separated from God, and this has been God's plan for humanity all along.

Romans 8: 28 – 32,....we know that all things work together for good to them that love God....who are the called according to his purpose....whom he did foreknow, he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son....whom he did predestinate, them he also called....them he also justified....them he also glorified....he that spared not his Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?....

Believers have confidence in knowing that God has always been in control, and he has always had a plan for mankind, for God has foreknowledge of all of humanity before man ever existed.

Psalms 139: 16,....thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect, and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them....

God knew his creation before it existed, and he predetermines the important things of his creation. One thing of greatest importance was the woman, for without the woman humanity would never exist, for she is the mother of all living.

Genesis 3: 20,....Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living....

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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