

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.9.2024

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.

Deborah Encourages Barak

Judges 4: 4 - 10, 12 – 16

The standard of worldly morality has become one for which mankind takes credit for that which they have not done. Do people understand that drawing off of the reputation of others is dishonest and dishonorable? Deep down most do, and for this reason they seek various ways to justify the results of this immoral behavior. Just as there is in the world, there are many within the body of Christ as well, that attempt to take credit for the miraculous works of an almighty God. Make no mistake, God will not allow mankind to take credit for that which he does, as if it were our own wisdom, and knowledge, and power that has made the accomplishments. God will not give his glory to another. Therefore, we must come to believe that Christ is the very nature of God, and in him all the fulness of the deity of the Father dwells, and he alone is worthy to be praised.

Isaiah 42: 8,....I am the Lord, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to any graven images....

There are many in the world today that do believe to some extent that there is a God, but because of their love for their own glory they do not see God for who he truly is. For this reason, their conversation is one of which they know God, but because of worldly pride, and selfish gain, they just do not know how lost they truly are. Sin distorts our desires, causing us to seek our own glory rather than the glory of the Lord. While we live in the flesh, we are going to always battle the desires of the flesh, and one of the greatest desires that mankind has is to be their own God so that they may receive their own glory for all that they do. When we stop competing with God for glory, it is then that we will become witnesses to a world that is fighting one another for their own temporary glory. We are to build one another up for the glory of God, rather than tearing one another down over the empty pursuit of our own glorification.

Colossians 3: 17,....and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him....

How should we as believers be acting moment by moment in our life in Christ? Can we truly say that what we are doing is to the glory of God? Is our behavior an accurate reflection of the characteristics of God? Living in submission to the truth of God's word will help us to see the obstacles that we fear as opportunities to lift God up and glorify his name. By grace, through faith, we are eternally joined with Christ, identified unto God through his righteousness, members of the body of Christ. Therefore, we are witnesses of his grace, doing in word and deed all things to the praise, and honor, and glory of God, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Judges 4: 4 – 10,....Deborah....judged Israel at that time....under the palm tree of Deborah....and all the children of Israel came up to her for judgement....she....called Barak....and said....the Lord God....commanded, saying, go....and take with thee ten thousand men....and I will draw unto thee....Jabins army....and I will deliver them unto thine hand....Barak said....if thou wilt go with me, then I will go, but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go....she said, I will surely go with thee, notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor....the lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman....and Barak....went up with ten thousand men....and Deborah went with him....

As believers, we must be ready to be used by God to carry out his purpose in willing obedience no matter how difficult the task may seem. Today's message is not about being a man or a woman, but it is about God, and man's faithfulness to his plan. Our ability to see the consequences of rebellion and the need to recognize sin in its many forms, depends upon our readiness to repent of our faults, and our willingness to be used by God, no matter what the consequences. So, here we see four things: we see rebellion, retribution (judgement), repentance, and restoration. It is a story about looking unto God in our service to him, so that we might fulfill his calling upon our life with great faithfulness.

Ephesians 4: 1 – 7,....walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called....endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit....as ye are called in one hope of your calling....unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ....

The word of God encourages the believer to live their lives honoring the gift of grace which God has bestowed upon all who will believe. Because of our position in Christ, we should live in a manner that is appropriate to our calling in Christ, for we are to live, and move, and have our being in him....

Acts 17: 28,....for in him we live, and move, and have our being....for we are also his offspring....

Ephesians 4: 24,....that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....

We are created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness, but making this change is impossible without Christ, for it requires us to be renewed in our thinking, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. This does not mean that we just patch up the old corrupt self, for the new nature is not just the old sin nature improved, the new nature is accredited unto us the moment that by faith, we believed upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. At that moment we put to death the old nature and we put on our brand-new image which is in the likeness of Christ. For this reason, we strive to make the right choices in our life, for we have been commanded to be holy, because our faith in Christ Jesus is holy.

Judges 4: 12 – 16,....Barak....was gone up to Mount Taber....Sisera gathered....all his chariots....Deborah said....this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand....the Lord discomfited Sisera....so that Sisera fled away on his feet....Barak pursued....and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword....

Barak was weak in his faith, because when he looked beyond the obstacles that he faced, he lacked confidence in God. Therefore, he could not see that the Lord was already leading the way. For this reason, it is the responsibility of all believers to encourage others who are struggling in their faith to find their confidence by trusting in God through us word. We should not rely upon man for our support, for we know that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves. As we become more and more obedient to the truth of his word, he will give unto us the strength to see that there are no real obstacles in our life, only opportunities from him.

Romans 5: 1 – 6,....being justified by faith, we have peace with God....we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God....we glory in tribulation....knowing that tribulation worketh patience....patience, experience, and experience hope....for when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly....

We should live everyday for Christ so that we might glorify God. Gods glory is all his, and through our salvation we will experience the fulness of his glory forever. Part of experiencing the fulness of Gods glory in our life is looking forward with great expectation to that which we cannot see, that which will be fulfilled when Christ comes for his church. Therefore, through faith in Christ we stand in his grace, rejoicing, knowing that we have the absolute certainty of hope that we will participate in the glory of God forever.

2 Corinthians 10: 31,....whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God....

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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