

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

7.7.2024

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.

Hannah Commits Her Son To God

1 Samuel 1: 20, 26 – 28, 2: 1 – 10

God weighs the actions of humanity based upon his perfect understanding of all things, and not according to our interpretation of the happenings in our life or the happenings in the world around us. The reality is: how much can we possibly know in comparison to the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of a sovereign God. For this reason, we need God to be involved in our lives, for he knows our motives even when we are not fully aware of them ourselves. So, is it possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason? Sure, it is, for there are many who say that they love God, and many who pray but they pray with the wrong motives. Many things will cause us to do the things that we do, but when our actions come from worldly motives such as pride, worldly ambitions, lust, greed, anger, and worldly fear, it is possible to think that we are doing that which is best for ourselves, for others, and for God, but we are not for it is all based upon the wrong motives. When Christ weighs the actions of our characteristics, he looks for God's love and compassion within us, which comes by our faith in Christ Jesus. All that we do should come from our love for God and our love for one another.

1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 7, 13,....and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity....

Matthew 15: 8 – 9,....this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me....in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men....

Isaiah 29: 13,....the Lord said, forasmuch as the people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart for from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men....

God knows our thoughts and actions better than we do. Therefore, very few people in humanity believe that they possess actions and deeds that are evil. This is because the process of justifying their actions and deeds comes from poor decisions, brought about by making excuses, which are believed to allow us to feel morally right and secure. An outward practice of various religious practices is worthless to mankind in their lives, because it is not sanctioned by the love of God, and it is not carried out according to the truth of God's word.

1 Samuel 1: 20, 26 – 28,....when the time was come....Hannah....bare a son, and called his name Samuel....she said....as thy soul liveth....I am the woman that stood by thee....praying unto the Lord....for this child I prayed, and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him....therefore....I have lent him to the Lord, as long as he liveth....

God always listens, he never forgets, and when he answers our prayers, it is a direct evidence that he was paying attention, and that he cares for his people. When we put our faith and confidence in Christ, it is then that we draw near to Gods throne of grace, where we find mercy to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4: 16,....let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need....

As Christians, we ask many things of the Lord, so why would we not entrust unto him that which he has given unto us, that which we cherish the most in our life. To have this ability would require a great faith that comes only through the strength of the Lord. Christ understands all things in our life because he has experienced and overcome all things firsthand. Nothing is hidden in the eyes of God, and he reminds us that his word is the ultimate measuring stick for our life. Therefore, we can maintain our faith through any and all circumstances, knowing that Christ has already shown unto us the way. We now know that we can come to God with the confidence of being assured that nobody understands us better than Christ.

1 Samuel 2: 1 – 3,....Hanah prayed, and said, my heart rejoiceth in the Lord....because I rejoice in my salvation....there is none holy as the lord....for the Lord is the God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed....

Does God know those who are his? God looks only on the inside, into the heart of man, he knows the thoughts of mankind, and that which motivates the heart. God knows all those who trust in him, and those who are obedient to his word. God is faithful to fulfill his promises unto those who love him, and unto those who trust wholly and completely in him.

God created man in his image, therefore, mans purpose cannot be fulfilled without God. This means that the only life worth living is a life that is obedient to God, through his word. The more that we come to know God, the stronger our love for him grows, the greater our relationship with him becomes, the better we will understand who we are in him and what his purpose is for our life, which will ultimately result in glorifying him.

1 Samuel 2: 4 – 10,....the mighty men are broken....they that stumbled are girded with strength....they that were full have hired out themselves....they that were hungry ceased....the Lord killeth, and maketh alive....he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up....the Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich, he bringeth low, and lifteth up....to make them inherit the throne of glory, for the pillars of the earth are the Lords, and he hath set the world upon them....he will keep the feet of his saints....the wicked shall be silent....by strength shall no man prevail....the adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces....the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth....

God has control over the life of every individual, and the experiences which we have in our life. Humanity might think that their success is based upon their own works of strength, but only blessings that come from God give unto us wealth that has eternal value. There is only one way to acquire and maintain our eternal hope, and that is by allowing God, through the guidance of his spirit, to have complete control of our life. There is no stability in the world in which we live, without God. Therefore, it is disastrous for our life when we ignore God and become disobedient to his word. Everything that we have comes from the Lord, and it is the Lord who gives strength unto all those who have put their faith and trust in him. For this reason, we must commit ourselves unto prayer, and unto the study of Gods word, so that we might gain the willingness to seek the Lord, that we might turn unto him, in faith believing, no matter what the obstacles we may be facing in our life in Christ.

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

Isaiah 40: 31,....they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint....

One of the greatest difficulties that we will face in our life as believers is the emotional fear and distress that is brought about through our impatience. As believers, we must learn to turn our impatience into Christ like trust and turn our worldly fear into the acceptance of Gods will. Can we rejoice in the midst of difficulties and persecution in our life? Sure, we can, if we will always strive for the hope of our eternal glory so that God may in our thoughts, in our minds, and in our hearts. We must look beyond the present situations and circumstances offered up unto us through the world, and we must look to the glory that awaits us and shall be revealed within us.

Romans 8: 18,....for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us....

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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