

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

9.1.2024

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.

Daniel Honors Gods Law

Daniel 1: 8 – 21

The believer's faith in God produces work, which produces a labor of love, and that produces our hope of endurance, all of which is the evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work within our lives. The result of this now makes for a stable and productive relationship with Jesus Christ. This evidence of being chosen by God keeps us going on the pathway of obedience unto Christ. Therefore, our ongoing life in Christ is a condition of our salvation, which is the reward of our endurance, and that is a free gift of Gods grace. So, we learn that as children of God, we shall endure, as we live in the pathway of his righteousness, and look away from our own worldly selves, unto God's grace and his power, which kindles our hope, so that we can, and will endure in the pathway of his obedience, to which he has called us.

Proverbs 3: 26,....for the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken....

Wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and instruction are the elements of our reality. Now, if these are the basis of our reality, then it is in our best interest to keep our hearts and minds focused upon God. This will guide us through any and all situations and circumstances in our life. Now this does not mean that we are in control of everything that happens in our life around us, but it does mean that we can overcome because we trust in the one who is in control. Therefore, we do not have to fear the circumstances in our life because we have placed our trust and our hope in the Lord. This is the starting place of our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Daniel 1: 8 – 12,....but David purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself....therefore he requested....that he might not defile himself....God brought Daniel into favour....with the prince of the eunuchs....and the prince....said....I fear....the King....shall ye make me endanger my head to the king....then said David....prove thy servants....

In this life that we live in it is not an uncommon thing for the world around us to prompt us to live and to act in a certain way. But no matter what happens, we are to follow after, and to trust in God. We are to live according to the promises and commandments of his word, and God gives favour unto those who are obedient to his word. Although health and prosperity can be found in the ways of the world it is only something that is temporary. As believers our health and prosperity are found in trusting in God and in his word, for our health and prosperity is not worldly, but Godly. God is pleased when we live according to his word. Now, like David, we have a choice to make. We can either live according to the way that the world tells us to live, or we can live according to the truth of God's word.

Psalms 26: 2,....examine me, O Lord, and prove me, try my reins and my heart....

If we claim to be men of faith, then we should not have a problem when it comes to asking God to search us so that he might prove, that what we say that we have is to be true. This is because there will be times in our lives that Satan will deceive us into believing that we are associated with that which is ungodly, therefore participating in the sinful wickedness of the world. For this reason, we call out to God to examine our moral standards, our integrity, our ethics, and our character. Through this, we have God's promise, that he will fight for us when we are surrounded by those who try and tempt us into following after the ways of the world.

Romans 2: 10 – 11,....glory, honour, and peace, to everyman that worketh good....for there are no respect of persons with God....

All who have trusted in Christ have been forgiven and will receive the free gift of eternal life. Gods word is easy to understand, it is unchangeable, and God is faithful, and he is no respecter of persons. God will render unto each person according to their deeds, for he does not favour one person above another. All are judged according to the same criteria, which is their faith, their trust, and their obedience to Gods word.

Daniel 1: 13 – 21,....let our countenance be looked upon....and at the end of ten days their countenance appeared fairer.... For these four children, God gave them knowledge, and skill in all learning and wisdom....and understanding....and the king communed with them, and among them all was found none like David....in all matters of wisdom and understanding....he found them ten times better than all....that were in all his realm....

Every day in our life in Christ we must make the choice whether or not we should follow after our worldly, lustful desires or should we follow after the instruction given unto us through the word of God. Now, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God enables the believer, with the ability to confidently face all circumstances, and in doing so, he gives unto us the wisdom and the knowledge to see life, and the circumstances thereof as God sees them. Now, wisdom and knowledge are only as good as the effort that we put forth to understand it. But that effort must be overseen by God, and that effort often time comes through the sacrifice of giving up worldly pleasures, or not participating in the pleasures of the world to begin with.

1 Peter 1: 7,....that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise an honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ....

Psalms 66: 10,....for thou, O God, hast proved us, thou hast tried us, as silver is tried....

When circumstances arise in our lives, as believers, we either make the choice to continue to trust in God, so that the trial or tests of our faith will help us to grow stronger in our relationship with God. God uses these situations to test and increase our faith in him, and to judge and to develop our trust in his word. Now, even though these tests may not be easy, God is ultimately in control, and has promised and assured us that he has designed them for our life with a distinct purpose in mind.

1 Peter 5: 10,....but the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you....

Trials, tribulations, and tests of our faith are surely going to take place in our life, but it will end. As believers, we should not expect our salvation to eliminate what we feel to be unpleasant situations and circumstances in our life. But one thing that we know for sure is that our salvation promises that one day it will all end, and end forever.

Hebrews 5: 8,....though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered....

Suffering means endurance, which is required to learn obedience. These unpleasant, challenging experiences is a process of transformation that brings us into the perfect will of God. It is our commitment unto God that initiates the testing of our proven abilities that are given unto us by him. Therefore, commitment to God, proves spiritual endurance.

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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