

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

8.25.2024

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.

Josiah Calls the People Back to God

2 Kings 22: 8 – 10, 23: 1 – 3, 21 – 23

Through Gods word mankind becomes aware of just how far they have strayed from God and his word. So, how is it that mankind hears the truth of Gods word.

Romans 1: 20,....for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God head, so that they are without excuse....

Psalm 19: 1,....the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handywork....

Mankind should look at creation, and come to the conclusion that there must be a God who made it, for what kind of power would it take to make the world and all that is in it. God gives unto every individual enough knowledge that they should seek him, and those who respond by seeking God will always find him.

Job 12: 7 – 8,....ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee, and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee....or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee, and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee....

Gods' creation reveals much about him, and we gain knowledge of who he is by examining his creation. Now, since God created all things, he has the authority over all things, and all things are accountable unto God. Because God created all things, he understands what is needed to redeem humanity. Yes, all have fallen short of the glory of God, yet God will justify all who will believe in his Son Christ.

So, how else does mankind hear the truth of God's word?

Romans 10: 14,....how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? How shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?....

Hebrews 1: 2,....God....spake in times past....by the prophets....hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son....

When God himself speaks, man should listen, and when he repeats an important truth of his word through his servants, we should at least receive it with our undivided attention so that we might go to him in prayer, so as to determine what the truth of his word is, and then respond by promising to live accordingly, so that others might hear the word, and respond unto it in like manner. But the reality is, that unless someone is prepared to go and to teach and to preach this amazing gospel of Jesus Christ, and unless lost souls are told the truth about sin and salvation, and unless the gospel of grace is proclaimed, then mankind will remain dead in their trespasses and sins. In seeing this, people will respond, and through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, mankind will then desire a closer relationship with God

2 Kings 22: 8 – 10,....Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord....Hilkiah gave the book of Shaphan, and he read it....Shaphan....came to the king....and Shaphan....shewed the king.....and Shaphan read it before the king....

Now, it might seem shocking unto us that a nation that is described as Gods chosen people would fail to protect something that represented Gods covenant relationship with his people, which is something that the people should have shown the greatest and utmost care to protect. And the irony is that they did not just lose it or misplace the word of God carelessly, it was lost in the one place where it was the job of the renowned men of God to preserve it, and to protect it. They had lost the word of God in the house of the Lord. God's word is not something that should have to be found, for it should not be missing from our lives.

Romans 15: 4,....for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope....

Even though we are born into this world dead in trespasses and sins, God in his goodness and grace gave unto us the means to discover who he truly is. To discern his character as well as his ultimate purpose and plan for the redemption of all mankind, so that we might have the assured hope, and a blessed hope, in his Son Christ Jesus our Lord. It is the word of God which was written for our learning and for our encouragement and it is the word of God that points us in the way of salvation. Step by step, Gods word explains his mercy, his grace, his unconditional love, and his never-failing faithfulness which provides unto all of humanity the only means to salvation. How important it is for us to find encouragement in the instruction, which is given unto us through his word, so that we might be made a new creation in Christ.

2 Kings 23: 1 – 3,....the king sent, and....gathered....all the elders....the king went up into the house of the Lord....and he read....all the words of the book of the covenant....and the king....made a covenant....to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments....to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book....

Through salvation we not only accept Gods covenant that was made unto us through his Son Christ Jesus, but by this we have made a solemn covenant with him, promising to walk in his pathway, and promising to keep, and to become obedient to his word.

Numbers 30: 2,....if a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bind, he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth....

1 John 2: 3,....hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments....

Obedience is the one important way that we display to the world around us the evidence of our salvation. However, obedience is a choice, for obedience is that which confirms our place in Christ. Remember, obedience is the result of our faith, not the object of our faith, which means that as believers, we are called to show our trust in God through our obedience to his word. Believers must mature in their faith and continue doing so throughout their life here on earth in Christ.

2 Kings 23: 21 – 23,....the king commanded....keep the Passover unto the Lord your God, as it is written in....this covenant....surely there was not holden such a passover....in all....Israel, nor of....Judah....

The Passover is that which celebrated Gods deliverance of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. But since the people had ignored the word of God many did not keep the Passover as was commanded by God, and those who did keep it were just going through the motions. Discovering the book of the law and presenting it again unto the people did not just show them that they were guilty of breaking Gods covenant, but it them led into a renewed life of transformation and devotion unto the law of God.

2 Timothy 2: 15,....study to show thyself approved unto God....

Psalms 119: 97,....O how love I the law! It is my meditation all the day....

Daily as we read, study, and meditate on Gods word will it continually renew our faith and trust in God, and it does so by showing unto us those things in our life that are not pleasing unto God, so that we through repentance might be renewed day by day in the righteousness of Christ. The greatest gift in our life in Christ is living a life that is wholly and completely devoted unto God.

Let us Pray.

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