

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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 Sees Future Kingdoms

Daniel 8: 19 – 26

Many church congregations today thrive upon following after those leaders who claim to be receiving instruction from God concerning future events and happenings, and the reason for this is the lack of spiritual maturity that blinds the eyes of the believer from seeing that we do not need the wisdom that man claims to have, for we ourselves have access to wisdom and knowledge concerning future events and happenings, for it comes unto us from the teachings in the truth of Gods word, by way of the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Gods will for us has reasoning, and it has purpose, and it is through his word that we find the means to discern his will for our life. A believer's relationship with God is all about our spiritual connection with him, rather than in some form of religion. We grow in our relationship with God by spending time meditating on the truth of his word through prayer. Seeking God, by following after the wisdom and knowledge that man claims to have, means that we are just looking for someone to justify the actions of our life, and tell us that our actions are acceptable to God. Before God will reveal his purpose, plan, and will unto us, we must be wholly and completely committed to do that which he desires for us to do.

Psalm 16: 11,....thou wilt shew me the path of life, in thy presence is the fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures evermore....

It is only God that shows unto mankind the way of life that leads to life eternal. We learn through Gods word, that as believers, God is not only our protection through our life here upon this earth, but that he has also secured the victory for us over mankind's greatest fear, which is death. The greater our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the word of God, the greater our inner peace will be. The fulness of our joy in Christ is not just contained in our eternal hope, but it is also established within us, as believers, in this present age and time. God does not hide his will from us, nor does he just reveal his will unto certain individuals that claim to have a one and only relationship with his Son Christ. Remember, that through the saving grace of his Son Christ Jesus, all believers' lives are a life worth living, for God created it to be so, therefore, he reveals his purpose, plan, and will to all who live in the righteousness of Christ. Therefore, we pray unto an almighty God, that if it is his will, that he might instruct our hearts, and make known unto us the mysteries of the pathway of life, in which we are to accept, for our life is in his hands.

Daniel 8: 19,....he said....I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation, for at the time appointed the end shall be....

It has always been Gods will to make known unto all those who put their faith in him the mystery of his will, and his will has always been such that mankind would come to have faith in him, and trust completely and wholly in Christ Jesus, for this is Gods eternal purpose. Just as God revealed unto Daniel, through a vision, he revealed unto Daniel his purpose and plan for the time present, and for the time to come, so does he reveal unto the believer through his word, the nature of our existence here upon this earth, and he also reveals his eternal hope for our future.

Jeremiah 29: 11,....for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end....

As it has been since before the beginning of time as we know it, some of Gods plans are immediate, and some of his plans are reserved for future purposes. All of mankind has a part to play in Gods eternal plan, and even though humanity continues to rebel against God, and struggle in sin, Gods purpose and plan remains the same. God meets us where we are, and he purposely places us in a time and place where he wants us to be. As believers, prayer and study in the truth of Gods word will help to remind us, and encourage us of Gods eternal plan.

Daniel 8: 20 – 26,....the ram....having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia....thegoat is the king of Grecia....the great horn....is....the first king....four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power....in the latter times....when the transgressors are come in full, a king....shall stand up....his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power....his policy....shall cause craft to prosper....by peace shall he destroy many, he shall stand up against the prince of princes, but he shall be broken without hand....the vision....which was told is true, wherefore shut the up the vision....

Just as it was for Daniel and for many of the prophets of old, it is also the same for us as believers today, which is, that when we experience the truth of God's word, it can often time be emotionally exhausting, for we do not always understand the workings of God. Therefore, it is very important that we put our complete faith and trust in knowing that God's plan for our life is merciful, gracious, and just, and it exists to protect us, and to bring us into the eternal hope of his glory.

1 Thessalonians 4: 1, 3, 7,....we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus Christ, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more....for this is the will of God, even your sanctification....for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness....

In all things, as believers, we are encouraged through and by the word of God to walk in and lead a life that is pleasing unto God. Our life in Christ, which begins with salvation, does not instantly bring us into spiritual maturity with God. As believers, we are to continue to walk in a manner that is pleasing unto God, which means that we are to grow in his grace, by walking in his spirit, by the truth of his word. In this, as we mature in our faith and trust in him, then, will we have the ability, to remain content in our obedience, in the place where God has chosen for us to be. We must never forget that we are ambassadors of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, according to, and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3: 2 – 4,....set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth....for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God....when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory....

As believers, we all have a part to play in God's eternal plan, and even though we may never fully understand our part in his plan, or even his plan, we continue to put our faith and trust in him, and continue to allow the light of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to shine forth through our life in Christ. We do this by prayer, through God's word, which is a trustworthy guide unto us as we seek after his purpose, plan, and will for our life.

Hebrews 13: 20 – 21,.... now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus....through the blood of the everlasting covenant....make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Christ Jesus, to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen....

As believers, we must follow God, in obedience, even when we do not fully understand his plan, and we must never doubt that we are capable of achieving that which God is asking of us to do, relying upon him to provide whatever we need to accomplish his will. The key to our life in Christ is not always in understanding the mysteries of God's plan, but it lies within understanding that which he allows us to experience in our life. We may not understand, but this does not mean that his plan has no purpose. This is all part of growing into a stronger relationship with him, as we allow God to work within us according to his will.

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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