

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.13.2024

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.

God Strengthens Daniel

Daniel 10: 10 – 19

Wherein lies true strength. For the non-believer the notion of being strong and powerful comes from the concept of success and prosperity, which is understandable, because these characteristics are associated with worldliness. But, for the believer, the Lord wants us to be strong, for it is his strength and power that is an essential part of his kingdom. It is the strength and power of God within us that allows us to fulfill God's purpose and plan in our life. This means that our unwavering commitment to God preserves within us the pathway of truth, which establishes within us an example of his perfect will, therefore, that which lives within us, is that which is truly strong in the power of God and will not easily be discouraged to stray from God's purpose and plan. When we submit to God's will we accomplish his work, which is a true test of his saving grace. So, we ask ourselves, are we strong enough in our obedience unto God, so that no matter how difficult the situations and circumstances in our life may become, we will stand steadfast in his strength and his power. Therefore, we can never truly be strong in ourselves, for we can only be truly strong in the Lord.

Ephesians 6: 10,....finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might....

Only when our lives are positioned in Christ do we possess the strength to overcome. And it is only through Christ Jesus that we are capable, for apart from him, we can do nothing. True Christian strength comes from recognizing our absolute dependance upon God. Like Daniel, often time, we are at our strongest in the Lord when we are performing in the realm of our human weaknesses, for Gods purpose that is instilled within us, keeps us humble, so that he might demonstrate his power in our life. Gods glory is demonstrated by his power, through situations where human strength is lacking.

2 Corinthians 3: 4,....for though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God....for we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you....

Christ is our example of the truth concerning the nature of weakness and strength. Christ was crucified in weakness, but he was resurrected in the power of Gods divine strength. Likewise, by faith believing, we are crucified in Christ while in the weakness of our sinful nature, but we are resurrected into our new life in Christ, becoming empowered with the righteousness of Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit of God. Now as believers, we are encouraged by the word of God, so that even though we may seem weak, we shall ultimately live by Gods eternal power in our lives.

Daniel 10: 10 – 12,....behold, an hand touched me, which sat me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands....he said unto me....understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright....when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling....then said he....fear not....for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words....

We see Daniel in today's scripture as a type of church, and like Daniel, we as believers are greatly loved by our heavenly Father, and the one who speaks unto us is the indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore, just as the angel ministered unto Daniel, so does the Holy Spirt minister unto us.

John 14: 26 – 27,....the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you....peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you....let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid....

The spirit of truth, who is our spokesperson, he is the one who brings our petitions before the Lord, and he will stay with us forever, and his role is to reinforce within us that which Christ has already brought forth unto through his word. This is because, as believers, we do not understand the ultimate means of Christ's teachings, for without the Holy Spirit enabling us, we cannot understand the promises or commandments of God's word, and if we do not understand it, then we cannot be obedient unto it. Therefore, the Holy Spirit enables us not only to understand, but to live by, and to apply Gods word unto every aspect of our life.

Daniel 10: 13 – 17,....the prince of the kingdom....withstood me....but, lo, Michael....came to help me....now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people....when he had spoken....I set my face toward the ground....behold, one like....of the sons of man touched my lips....O my Lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength....straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me....

Every moment of every day Satan will devise ways of deception so that we might fail in our life in Christ, and by so doing, hinder our relationship with God. Our hope is in knowing that by ourselves we cannot or will not overcome, but there is help that will come, if we are willing to seek after that help. Yes, in that period of time, that we remain in our self-righteousness, we were as if we had a loss of spiritual strength. Yet, in the midst of all that is happening, the power of God will prevail, but first there must come confession of the sin which we have allowed to hinder us, and then there must come a confession of the spiritual state that we find ourselves in due to the hinderance in our relationship with God.

Hebrews 12: 1,....wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us....

Galatians 5: 7,....ye did run well, who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth....

When we stumble, the first question we must ask ourself is, what tripped us up, for if we do not understand what tripped us up, then we cannot go to God and find the truth of his word, and without the truth of his word we will begin to believe a lie, which comes from those false prophets in world that are attempting to deceive and hinder the believers relationship with God. But God remains in control, and will continue to successfully build his church, just as he has promised that he will do. Therefore, we must earnestly search for the truth of his word, and seek to remain steadfast in our faith, and be true to the gospel of God. Let us never forget that in the same way that we were justified by faith, we are to spend the rest of our life here on earth being sanctified by faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Daniel 10: 18 – 19,....then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man....fear not....be strong, yea, be strong....when he had spoken....I was strengthened, and said, let my Lord speak, for thou hast strengthened me....

As believers, our encouragement comes through the word of God, by the voice of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the message is that God greatly loves us.

1 John 3: 1 – 2,....behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God....beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is....

It was the love of God that gave unto us his only begotten Son, it was the love of God that allowed Christ to trade his righteousness for our debt of sin, it was the love of God that gave mankind the gift of the Holy Spirit, it was the love of God that freely gives unto all who will believe the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and it is the love of God that claims us as his children in the family of God, so why not allow his love to strengthen 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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