

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

4.6.2025

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.

The Great Multitude

Revelation 7: 9 – 17

Understanding and acknowledging the attributes of God is very important in our life as a believer, for he is the source of all blessings, and no one can truly be happy without a relationship with God. Therefore, it is our acknowledgement of him that becomes a declaration of his worthiness, which is an expression of our love toward him. Now, since before time, it has been God's will that not any should perish, but that all should come to repentance through faith in Christ. Therefore, we do not have to speculate concerning such great multitudes throughout time who have been forgiven of sin by faith believing in Christ, but we do understand, that many that have been saved have, and will continue to be severely tested for their witness of Christ, and for the word of God. For this reason, God gives unto all mankind a vision as to where all of eternity is headed, and in this vision, we see God on his throne with Christ at his right hand, and a multitude that no man can number, rejoicing and giving praise to God for the salvation that is given. Therefore, as believers, today we live for this purpose, and we give of ourselves for this purpose, for we offer ourselves a living sacrifice unto him, so that God might be glorified in all that we do.

Romans 12: 1,....I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service....

With eternity in mind, how should those who are in Christ, live their life in him here upon this earth. It begins as we recognize his great mercy, in which instead of death, he hath given unto us life through Christ, and he hath given unto us purpose in Christ. This means that as believers, we have already received the sacrifice which God hath set us apart in, and hath declared us acceptable in our position in Christ, so that we do not have to wait in order to offer up our lives in service unto him. Under the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit, our still unredeemed body must be yielded unto God as an instrument of his righteousness, which we have received from Christ, and becoming a living sacrifice, we are not conformed unto this world, but we are transformed in Christ, thoroughly equipped for every good work, which is approved as the perfect will of God.

Revelation 7: 9 – 12,....after this I beheld....a great multitude....all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne....and cried with a voice saying....blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever....

God is glorious, he is all wise, he is everlasting, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint, nor does he grow weary, and his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power and might so as to increase the spiritual strength of the believer, for we need this in our life, because it reflects unto us just who he truly is.

Isaiah 40: 25 – 30,....to whom then will ye liken me....lift up your eyes on high....behold who hath created these things....he calleth them all....by the greatness of his might....why sayest thou....my judgement is passed over from my God....hast thou not known....hast thou not heard....that the everlasting God....fainteth not, neither is weary, there is no searching of his understanding....he giveth power to the faint....to them that have no might he increaseth strength....

As believers, we cannot continually sin and rebel against God through unbelief and then think that God does not see our wickedness. As we do so, and as we often time wander away from our relationship with God, he then gives unto us a reminder of his greatness, which comes through the power of his mighty word. Therefore, let us not become so familiar with his word that we forget that in order to overcome the stresses and strains of our everyday life, that when our faith is being tested, in order to continue to see God as our everlasting creator, then we must continually study and meditate upon the abundant, unsearchable ways of God. For only through him can we measure the depths of his understanding, by waiting upon him.

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....

There will always be difficulties in our life that will overwhelm us, and as we grow faint and weary, we have the tendency to stumble and fall, because we rely upon our own inner strength and human resources, which are not sufficient enough to protect us from our own limited, human abilities. Only Gods power from above is sufficient enough to sustain us.

Revelation 7: 13 – 17,....what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence they came? He said to me, these....came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb....are....before the throne of God....serve him day and night....they shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat....the lamb....shall feed them, and....lead them unto living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away tears from their eyes....

As believers, what a privilege it is to serve God. Serving him should not be tiring, or boring, or even seen as a task that we are obligated unto, but we should serve the Lord with gladness and joy, willingly. We serve God because it is a gracious gift given unto us by him, a lifetime opportunity, but sadly not all choose to accept it. Only those, who with sincerity, and who earnestly want to submit unto God will put him at the very top of their priorities. When we are born again, we die to our old self and the worldly interest thereof, and we heed unto Gods call on our life. But in reality, most who hear his divine call will dismiss it as something natural and meaningless. Believers are called to actively serve and follow Christ in their everyday lives, and in doing so, it is our obedience to the promises of his word, that will reflect the closeness of our relationship with him.

Isaiah 49: 10,....they shall not hunger or thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them, for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them....

As believers, the nature of our salvation is eternal. It is not obtained, nor is it kept by works, it is a free gift of God, and it is permanent. Therefore, our ultimate purpose as believers is to know, to serve, and to worship the God who created us, and the one who gives eternal life unto all those who will by faith, believe upon the works of his Son Christ Jesus, in whom we, by doing so, become a part of the great multitude who will one day share a life in his presence, forever glorifying him.

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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