

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

5.11.2025

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 Holy New Jerusalem

Revelation 21: 9 – 14, 22 – 27

The New Jerusalem is the ultimate fulfillment of all of God's promises, for it is his goodness made fully manifest. So, what do we as believers look forward to experiencing while living within the holy city, and what do we look forward to as being the spiritual entity that is the holy city New Jerusalem.

Psalm 16: 11,....in thy presence is fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore....

Our greatest joy as believers, both now and forevermore comes from being in the presence of the Lord God. This blessed hope, which he hath set before us, is a truth that every believer is firmly established in this present time while looking forward as we journey toward the fulness of God in the world to come.

1 John 3: 2,....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....

Even though, as believers, our future has not yet been completely revealed, we do know that we will exist forever in the presence of an almighty God. This incomplete understanding is due to the difficulty of our present state of existence, where we cannot fully grasp what it means to be completely in the presence of God, for he hath not yet given unto us the fulness of his plan. As believers, we only have a dim preview of Gods plan, for he has not yet shown unto us exactly what we will be.

1 Corinthians 13: 12,....for now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face, now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known....

Only when in the fulness of the presence of God will we have the ability to understand the depth, the breadth, and the fulness of Christ. Right now, while living in this mortal body our understanding is at best inconsistent and often time, imperceptible, but when we come into the fulness of the presence of God, we will fully comprehend the meaning of becoming a bride that is adorned for her husband, and our spiritual part in the greatness of the holy city, New Jerusalem. This great unveiling will be made visible unto the world at the second coming of Christ, where he will show unto the world the perfection of the knowledge of his truth, a flawless bride in the radiance the Father's glory.

1 Corinthians 2: 9,....but as it is written, eye hath not seen, not ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....

Isaiah 64: 4,....for since the beginning of the world men have not heard, not perceived by the ear, neither hath eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him....

It has not been made entirely clear what we shall be hereafter, but this one thing we do know is that we shall be in the fulness of the presence of the Lord. As believers we will live in all of his splendor and his glory, in all of his majesty and his power, and we will fully resemble his grace, his truth, and all of his godly attributes and righteous characteristics for all of eternity.

Revelation 21: 9 – 14,....their came....one of the seven angels....saying, come hither, I will show thee the bride, the lambs wife....he carried me away....and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God....having the glory of God....and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and....written thereon....the twelve tribes of the children of Israel....the wall of the city had twelve foundations....the names of the twelve apostles of the lamb....

Here we see, as believers, a future glimpse of ourselves as being a part of the bride of Christ, the church, shown in all her beauty and purity as the wife of Christ. The new Jerusalem, which is the physical home of the wife of Christ, also symbolizes the church, pure and beautiful, united with him, which represents the ultimate victory and fulfillment of Gods promises. The new Jerusalem signifies an eternal spiritual intimacy of sharing between Christ and his church. The new Jerusalem will be a city of perfect peace, one that is secure and indestructible, and eternal. The new Jerusalem symbolizes the new heaven and the new earth, for it signifies the restoration of all things, and also the end of all sorrows and sufferings. It, therefore, shows unto us Gods presence among his people, and the promise of the glory of our eternal life with him. Therefore, the new Jerusalem will be both, those individuals who make up the church, which is the bride of Christ, and a physical place where Christ and his wife shall dwell. A place where all the redeemed will be able to go in and out, for its gates will never be shut. The new Jerusalem will be a place of unimagined blessings for all of those who have put their faith and trust in God.

Revelation 21: 22 – 27,....I saw no temple therein, for....God....and the lamb are the temple....the city had no need of the sun....neither....moon, to shine in it, for the glory of God....lightens it....the lamb is the light thereof....the nations....shall walk in the light of it....the kings of the earthbring their glory and honor unto it....the gates of it shall not be shut....there shall be no night there....they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it..., there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth....but they which are written in the lambs book of life....

There is no need for a temple within the holy city, for the church is the temple, and God lives within the church, therefore the entirety of the city is the dwelling place of God. However, there is a temple in the city of Jerusalem here upon the earth during the millennium, which the Lord God will come into to receive the worship of his people.

Zacharia 14: 16,....it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all nations....shall even go up from year to year to worship the king, the Lord of hosts....

Now, back to the new Jerusalem, all who remain upon the earth, and all of those who are born upon the earth during the millennium, those who are saved, will embrace Gods kingdom, and will bring their glory and honour into the city, acknowledging its supreme authority, for all praise, and honour, and glory, will be directed toward God. Even though Christ will reign during the millennium, those who are born upon the earth will be born into sin, therefore, there will be those who will not follow after God, and will reject the authority of God, they will face Gods eternal separation and condemnation. It will be those that reject God who will not be allowed to enter into the city of God, for the new Jerusalem is a holy city, free from the sinfulness and the wickedness of the world. The ability to enter into the new Jerusalem will be based upon mankind's personal relationship with God.

Matthew 7: 21,....not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven....

The most important thing in heaven is the presence of God, and true faith is necessary to enter into Gods heavenly presence. Mere words and actions are not enough to remain in the presence of God, for we must be motivated by his sincerity and truth to produce good works. Christ eternal kingdom, the holy city, begins with those who belong unto him, those who have by faith, have believed and trusted, and are obedient to the truth of Gods word. This will one day become a reality, where all of those who believe, will become a spiritual part of, and will also physically live in Gods holy city, the new Jerusalem, for all of eternity.

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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