

Mt. Lebanon Church

Teaching Ministry

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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. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Your Sins Will Find You Out

Genesis 11: 5 - 8

As believers what do we feel is the significance of God's presence in our life? Do we see it as his guidance, his protection, or even his power that can transform our lives throughout our daily experiences, or do we see it as hardships, and persecutions, self-preservation, or self-righteousness. No matter how we see it God does not ignore any effort that we put forth in our life, even if it is efforts that we put forth in worldly desires, God sees it all. Therefore, God acknowledges, that when mankind works together, whether it is for what we believe to be good or bad, we will accomplish whatever we set out to do. So why is this a problem? Because humanity takes the gifts which God has given unto us, and through our own self-righteous abilities, we abuse these gifts for personal wealth, power, and gain. So let us understand that unity in worldliness can only produce more sinful worldliness, whereas unity in Christ will produce that which glorifies God. The word of God has proven over and over and over again that no matter how perverse or ridiculous something might seem, mankind will attempt to do it, if given the opportunity to do so, and for a short period of time, it will seem like there will be success, but rest assured that sinful worldliness is temporary, because God is in control.

Numbers 32: 23,....ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sins will find you out....

Contrary to what some may think, this does not mean that everyone around us will find out about our sinfulness, but it does mean that God already knows whether or not if we are keeping our promises and commitments to him.

Genesis 4: 7,....if thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?....and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door....and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him....

It is Gods desire that we rule over sinfulness, but it is Satan's desire that we allow sinfulness to rule over us. Often time, we want to set the standard for what is acceptable in our life rather than becoming obedient to Gods word, which is the standard of faith. It is very simple, if we are obedient to God, he will accept us. God acknowledges the reality of our sinful human nature; he also acknowledges the reality of mankind's choice to allow our sinful human nature to exist. Therefore, it is our responsibility to choose to overcome sinfulness. We must learn to acknowledge and rule over our temptations, instead of falling prey unto them, and yes, God will give unto us the strength to do so.

So, if you will turn with me to: We want to look at an example of how that disobedience to God will bring about sinfulness, and our sinfulness will always find us out.

Genesis 11: 5 - 8....the Lord came down to see the city and the tower....the Lord said....the people is one....they have all one language....nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do....let us go down, and....confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech....so the Lord scattered them abroad....they left off to build the city....

So, what do we learn from this passage of scripture? The one thing that we come to understand is that our sin nature will always be revealed. Now, whether or not those around us may or may not discover our sin nature is immaterial, because our sin nature will discover us, and we will not be able to run from its consequences. God allows the sinfulness in our life the power to pay us back, therefore, we cannot hide it, nor can we hide from it, and we certainly cannot outrun it, it will find us out.

Galatians 6: 7,....be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap....

So, how should we look at this warning given unto us from God? We should see it as encouragement. In our sinfulness we will discover suffering and death, but our life in Christ is all about God's grace, so instead of suffering and death, God gives unto us life and purpose. Warnings that are given unto us through God's word are meant not to discourage us, but to encourage us to see God's purpose and plan for our life. Yes, there will still be consequences for the choices which we make, but through the leadership and guidance of God's Holy Spirit we will begin to learn and to understand that what we do in our life does matter, and the choices in which we make will either be a reflection of our eternal rewards, or our eternal punishment. Therefore, what we produce in life is determined by the seeds which we plant along the way.

James 1: 12 – 15,....blessed is the man that endureth temptation....let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God....but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed....when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death....

How many times have we said, or have we heard someone say, why did God allow this to happen, or God should not have allowed this to happen, or maybe, one of the best excuses that we make is: I just could not help myself, or I just could not keep myself from doing it. This comes from disobedience, nothing more, nothing less, and it is because we are holding back our faith and trust in God. God is the creator of all that is good, and he is the source of every good and perfect work, and his goodness is unchangeable and eternal. For we who have been saved by grace, through faith in Christ, we have everything that is needed to live a mature, godly life, but in order to do so we must maintain a close relationship with Christ, which means nourishing ourselves with the word of truth, and praying without ceasing to the only one who can help us to understand that truth.

1 John 1: 5 – 10,....this then is the message....God is light, and in him is no darkness at all....if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth....if we walk in the light....the blood of Jesus Christ....cleanseth us from all sin....if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us....if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us....

Did you know that fellowship with God is the believer's choice? Just because by faith believing in Jesus Christ, we have gained salvation; this does not mean that we have fellowship with God. Sinful desires break our fellowship with God. This happens when we allow unconfessed sin to remain in our life. Now we know that we can never achieve sinless perfection in this mortal body, but we can choose to have fellowship with God, by confessing our sins, dying to self, and submitting completely and wholly unto God.

Gods desire for mankind, is to believe in his Sons saving grace. Gods task for mankind, as believers, is for man not to slip back into the same cycle of sin and death, in which we came out of.

Romans 6: 1 – 2, 12, 16....shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?....how shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein....let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body....to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are....

There will be times that we will argue that this grace which we have will permit us as believers to keep sinning and living a life of sin, because we have been forgiven. Nothing could be further from the truth. When we were born again, we were given a new position in Christ, a new Christlike nature, a new creation, our old life is dead to sin, and our new life is alive in Christ. Our position in Christ is perfect for he is perfect; therefore, our life should be a reflection of his perfection. This means that we are commanded to grow in his grace and in his knowledge. Yes, there will be times when our practices will not reflect our perfect position in Christ, but our desire should be to grow in faith and mature spiritually in the Lord.

2 Peter 2: 20 – 21,....if after they have escaped....the world through the knowledge of the Lord....they are again entangled therein....the latter end is worse....than the beginning....it had been better....not to have known the way of righteousness, than....to turn from the holy commandment....

The word of God exposes unto us how dangerous false teachings can be when are unknowledgeable to the truth of God's word. The word of God encourages us as believers to commit to a closer walk with God, so as to have a deeper understanding of our faith. It is very important that we become aware of the deceptive practices of false teachings so that it will not have a devastating influence on our life. Often time, the Lord must scatter us so that our focus will not be on our worldly desires. So, where does that leave us?

Psalms 11: 1 - 7,....in the Lord put I my trust....if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?....the Lord trieth the righteous....for the righteous Lord loveth righteousness....

So, what happens when Gods authority is rejected? What then can Gods people do? What have Gods people accomplished? When we allow sin to succeed, then our foundation of truth will crumble, and sinful worldly chaos will continue to prevail. Before any healing can take place, the foundation of our life in Christ must be restored. In the world in which we live, the truth of God's word is discarded by false teachings, therefore, we should place our trust in God so that we do not tremble in fear, for our hope is in the Lord. No matter what the circumstances that we face in our life, our hope is in God, and our trust is in his word of truth. So, let me leave you with this:

Romans 8: 18,....for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in 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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