

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. 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.

Circumstances That Bring Faith

2 Kings 5: 1 – 5, 9 – 15

No matter the disposition of the spiritual maturity in our life in Christ, we must always submit to God's will. Our failure to submit is due to the lack of our willing attentiveness, as God reveals his character and his will unto us through his word. Submitting ourselves unto the will of God can be very difficult, for to do so we must give up our own worldly desires, our own hopes and wants, and we must choose to follow after Christ wherever he may lead. By submitting unto God, we are letting him know that he is the Lord of our life, therefore, we must focus upon him in every situation and circumstance that we face. Submitting unto God is not a submission of convenience, it is something that we must do every moment of every day, as we heed to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Micah 6: 8,....he hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God....

Through his word, God shows all of mankind what is good and acceptable in his sight, and that is to fear the Lord, walk faithful in obedience to his word, submit humbly unto him, and love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Now, only believers are accredited with the righteousness of Christ, which alone can act justly, live faithfully, walk humbly, and love God unconditionally, for only the believer lives his life from the source of his new life in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. But we must choose to do so, by submitting wholly and completely unto God.

Man focuses upon religious rituals, rites, and ceremonies, while God focuses upon faithful obedience to the truth of his word. Instead of taking pride in what we feel we bring to God, we must humbly recognize that no amount of personal sacrifice can replace a heart of that is committed to glorifying God.

Isaiah 66: 1 – 2,....thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, the earth is my footstool, where is the house that you build unto me?....and where is the place of my rest?....for all these things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord....but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word....

Do we have a genuine relationship with God, or do we attempt to confine or limit the will of God in our life. We must strive to live within the realm of Gods desires for us, surrendering ourselves unto his will, and allowing his spirit to transform us within. To do so means recognizing the authority of his word, while willingly seeking to embrace and experience the principles of his commandments and promises, and allowing each characteristic of God to have a sincere, heartfelt impact on our relationship with him.

1 Peter 5: 6,....humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time....

Believers are to develop a teachable spirit, and the development of such a spirit of humility takes much time in prayer and meditation in the word of God. While worldly pride is destructive, and disrupts our communion with God, a spirit of humility is pleasing unto him, for it represents the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, a humble spirit will grow in grace, and in knowledge, and in the understanding of God and his word, and by this will God raise us up in the newness of our life in his Son Christ.

Psalm 145: 9,....the Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works....

The word of God encourages us as believers, that with all new experiences of Gods goodness in our life, our faith is marked by our ever-growing spiritual maturity, which represents the ongoing work of God in our lives. We are reminded of the joy of the Lord, that is continually being fulfilled within us through the experiences of Gods faithfulness and grace in our lives.

So, I want to read you a story in the old testament that shows unto us the value of circumstance that God allows to take place in our life that brings about great faith.

2 Kings 5: 9 – 15,....Elisha, sent a message....saying, go and wash in the Jordan seven times....but Naaman was wroth, and went away....and his servants came near, and spake unto him....if the prophet had bid thee to do some great thing wouldest thou have done it....then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan....and he was clean....he returned to the man of God....and said, behold I now know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel....

So, as we look at the life of Naaman we can see many similarities to our own life in Christ, and one of those similarities teach us the importance of overcoming worldly pride, so that we might continue to pursue after our obedience to the truth of God's word.

Proverbs 16: 18,....pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall....

Arrogance in our life, if not overcome, will certainly bring disaster in both physical and spiritual ways. For if we are too proud to humble ourselves, then we will be humbled, for the consequences of our disobedience will bring the wrath and condemnation of Gods judgement. Yes, there are blessings and benefits to Gods wisdom, but there is also the destructive nature that comes from a prideful heart. The pridefulness of worldly living is the motivating factor behind most of the failures in our life, for pride is a pedestal that we put ourselves on, because it originates from the choices that we make in our life. Such arrogance is hazardous to our spiritual life in Christ, because it hinders our relationship with God by keeping us out of the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 3: 7,....be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord, and depart from evil....

Proverbs 16: 19,....better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, then to divide the spoil with the proud.

As believers, the importance of having, and following after a humble spirit is trusting that Gods plans for our life are designed for our good and for his glory. Therefore, his control over our lives is essential to our relationship with him, for even when we make our own plans, with God in control of our life, he will redirect our steps as he sees fit. So, we are encouraged by his word, to live with both purpose and humility, trusting that God is guiding us even when the way seems unclear.

Proverbs 22: 4,....by humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life....

To fear the Lord means to respect, to reverence, and to submit unto him in every area of our life. The fear of the Lord is our acknowledgement of our need for God. The proud person pursues his own self-righteous ways, but the humble person is one that is obedient to God and to his word. Humility and Godly fear will establish us securely in God so that we will not stumble and fall into the prideful arrogance of our own worldly righteousness, and it is then that like Naaman we will be able to proclaim that now we know that there is no God in all the earth, but the one who is God over all things.

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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