

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

9.21.2025

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 which he would have you to see through the study of God's word that we share.

In Heaven and Earth

Jeremiah 23: 18 - 24

Gods ultimate plan involves an overlap between that which is spiritual and that which is physical. This means that the connection between the divine characteristics of God and humanity represents the entirety of his creation. This relationship between the things seen and things unseen is one of which that only God could bring these two realms together, which he done, in order to show his divine authority over all things. This once connected union of heaven and earth became separated due to mans transgression and sinful actions. But, God made a way of escape through his Son, Christ Jesus, who taught all of mankind faith, by believing in him, and all who will accept Gods free gift of his mercy and his grace will overcome the separation between man and God, so that the power of that which is spiritual might come first in our life, for we need to have faith in the spiritual before we can change anything in the physical, for it is by our faith in Christ that we will have a positive effect on our physical surroundings. So, as believers, we have a physical existence with a spiritual reality. Therefore, we must be heavenly minded, so that we do not conform once again to the world that we live in. When man's earthly existence comes ahead of the spiritual, it is then that worldliness will prevail and become a hindrance, allowing humanity to lose sight of the fact that mankind was first spiritual beings, but now in physical bodies. This in turn brings about a false sense of truth within the body of Christ of Christ, and even though mankind claims that he is speaking on behalf of God, the reality of the truth is that Gods word is being misrepresented and distorted, leading many astray.

Matthew 24: 4 – 5,....Jesus....said....take heed that no man deceive you....for man shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many....

Discernment concerning false prophets and teachers is crucial in the life of the believer. God wants us to be able to distinguish between the truth, and the false teachings of the world, which we can only do by becoming rooted and grounded in the truth of his word. Those who will deceive many will not be those who claim to be Christ, but it will be those who claim to come in his name, declaring that Jesus is Lord, but they will not be ministers of God. This works-based salvation will they boast of in the name of the Lord, but Christ will not be in their hearts.

Matthew 7: 22 – 23,....many will say....Lord, Lord....prophesied in thy name....cast out devils....done many wonderful works....profess unto them, I never knew you....

True faith involves doing the will of God in obedience to his word, not merely just performing good works, for good works alone will not portray the importance of being spiritually prepared. So, this means that in order for the teaching and preaching of Gods word to be true and authentic, then the one bringing the message must have a genuine relationship with God.

Jeremiah 23: 18,....for who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word....who hath marked his word and heard it....

There are many who claim to stand in the presence of God and receive his understanding and commandments, but they actually speak from their own arrogant imagination, rather than from a divine revelation from God. These false prophets and teachers tell of prosperity, both physically and spiritually, they tell of health and wealth, teaching lies of comfort and compassion to an already disobedient people. God's word warns mankind against such spiritual leaders, those who claim godly authority without divine backing. A true man of God will reveal unto mankind the truth of Gods word, with the intention of leading people toward repentance, not comforting them in their sins, so as not to offer up a false sense of hope.

Jeremiah 23: 19 – 20,....behold....the lord is gone forth in fury....grievously upon the head of the wicked....the anger of the Lord shall not return until he hath executed....till he have the thoughts of his heart....ye shall consider it perfectly....

Gods' warnings, his wrath, his condemnation, and his chastisement will continue until his divine calling is accomplished, and the false security that is being built up in the lives of mankind is destroyed. The word of God portrays a message of divine accountability and gives the assurance that there will be consequences for those who are unfruitful and disobedient. So, in order for the believer to recognize the seriousness, and the significance of deception that comes from false prophets and teachers, we must be able to comprehend the importance of how that it will affect our life in Christ. Therefore, we must test the word of God, which was spoken, so that the truth might be revealed through the leadership and guidance of his Holy Spirit.

1 John 4: 1 – 3,....believe not every spirit....try the spirits whether they be of God because many false prophets are gone our into the world....hereby know ye the spirit of God....every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God....every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God....

As believers, we are not to accept every message or teaching as if it has come from God, but we are to test each one against the truth of Gods word. This means that we identify false teachers by examining their speech and their actions to see if it aligns with the truth of the gospel of Gods saving grace, for those who are truly from God will listen to him, and then they will teach the truth of his understanding, which can only come from him.

Jeremiah 23: 21 – 22,....I have not sent these prophets....I have not spoken to them....if they had stood in my counsel, and....my people....hear my words, then they should have turned....from their evil way....

God does not encourage people to continue in sin, for he is continually calling people away from a life of sin. False prophets and teachers use Gods word to help people feel better about living in their sinfulness, because they lack the spiritual insight and understanding that it takes to guide people into the righteousness of Christ. The word of God gives unto us, as believers, constant reminders of the importance of leadership through discernment, and the consequences of our disobedience, and failing to follow after the truth of Gods word.

Jeremiah 23: 23 – 24,....am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not A God afar off....can any hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him....do not I fill heaven and earth....

God is present everywhere, and nothing is hidden from him. Therefore, trying to give false hope to mislead people by pretending to have a divine calling from him will not go unnoticed, nor will there be an escape from the judgement and wrath of God. God cannot be deceived, for he is in complete control. This means that everyone will experience the results of their deeds, for no one can escape the consequences of their actions, especially those who try to deceive him.

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

All actions have consequences, and whatever we put our faith in, whether it be in the flesh or in the spirit, that is going to determine how that we live our life in Christ. Therefore, we are warned, to keep our relationship with God as such that we will not be deceived. Our choices have predictable outcomes, therefore, we must live according to the spirits guidance, so that we will always produce spiritual fruit. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding encourages godly, intentional living, which portrays unto others the importance of what we put into our life in heaven and earth.

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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