

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

2.1.2026

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 what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Solomons Dedication Prayer

1 Kings 8: 22 - 30

As believers, in order to serve God in sincere commitment we must ask him for his presence and for his power in our life, which includes acknowledging his sacrifice for all of mankind, while at the same time seeking to be a living sacrifice for his glory. This means being in a right standing relationship with God, and through our obedience living according to his will, being consistent in prayer, which will result in a more powerful, spiritual impact in our life in Christ.

James 5: 6,....the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much....

Living accordingly in our righteous life in Christ reflects our deep relationship with God, which makes our prayers more of an impact, as his will and his desire aligns with ours. Our passionate, persistent prayer life gives unto us the power to bring about a significant, effective, spiritual breakthrough, that changes our situations and circumstances, showing that continual, lasting faith, yields fruitful results. God listens, and acts upon the sincere prayers of his people, which demonstrates his faithfulness, his love, his mercy, and his grace, bringing his divine intervention and healing, so that we, too, might follow after his example and offer up the same to others.

1 Kings 8: 22 – 24,....Solomon stood before the alter of the Lord....and spread forth his hands toward heaven....he said....there is no God like thee....who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart....who hast kept with thy servant....my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest....with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day....

God's word teaches us that our focus must be rightly on him. This means prioritizing him above our personal desires, and worldly distractions, so that it might lead us to a spiritual peace of mind, which is achieved through prayer, and by our obedience to his word. Keeping our mind focused upon him means removing the sin in our life that hinders our relationship with God, which gives unto us eternal strength and perspective. As believers, we are encouraged to trust in Gods unfailing promises, promises that persuade us to respond with undivided hearts, as he shows unto us his unmatched faithfulness and his wholehearted devotion toward us. This in turn provides hope, and the assurance that our future commitments and conversations will be acknowledged and heard by him.

Psalm 96: 9,....O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, fear before him, all the earth....

As believers, we acknowledge Gods unique divine character, recognizing his perfection, understanding that he is worthy of our praise. Gods' holiness highlights his pure, divine nature, inviting us to confess his sovereignty, while growing in the presence of his righteousness, and sharing the message of the gospel of his saving grace to the world.

1 Kings 8: 25 – 26,....therefore now....keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, there shall not find thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne....so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me....now, O God....let thy word....be verified which thou spakest unto thy servant David....

Gods promise are faithful promises, but they are conditional promises that are based upon our faithfulness and obedience unto him. As believers, the fulfillment of his divine promises has become our responsibility, which is dependent upon our relationship with his Son, Christ Jesus. This shows unto us that our blessings are not automatic, but they are dependent upon our obedience to his word, while recognizing his purpose and his plan, to establish an everlasting kingdom with all who will believe. Gods promise becomes our ongoing commitment unto him, reminding us that favor with God requires faithful living from us. As believers, our eternal hope points to Christ, and our need to faithfully humble ourselves unto the promises and commandments of his word. Therefore, we pray for God to prove unto us his unchangeable word, which demonstrates unto us his past faithfulness, building up our confidence for his future fulfillment. Our prayer is for God to make his promises real unto us in our life, as we trust in his unbreakable word.

Romans 8: 24 – 28,....for we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen in not hope....if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it....likewise the spirit....helpeth our infirmities....the spirit itself maketh intercession for us....he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirit, because he maketh intercessions....according to the will of God....and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose....

As believers, we are saved in hope, for our future unseen glory has not yet happened. Now, since our hope is in that which we already now possess, it requires patient endurance, and active waiting on our part. Therefore, we live in the present blessings of our salvation, while anticipating our future unseen fulfillment, making our life in Christ the object of our hope. It is our eternal hope, empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, that allows us to persevere through our present trials and tribulations, all the while trusting in his coming fulfillment. Our life as a believer, is a life of anticipation, where present worldly struggles are overcome by the glory that God has promised, but is not yet fully revealed.

1 Kings 8: 27 – 30,....will God indeed dwell on the earth?....behold the....heavens cannot contain thee, how mush less this house that I have builded?....have thou respect unto the prayers of thy servant....to hearken unto the cry....which thy servant prayeth before thee today....that thine eyes may be open toward the place of which thou hast said....that thou might hearken unto the prayer....where they shall pray toward this place....hear thou in heaven....and when thou hearest, forgive....

God, who is not confined by physical structures, is an infinite God, who attentively and compassionately listens to the heartfelt prayers of the believer. God chooses to listen to his people, and he hears our prayers in real time, making our faith, a daily, present reality. God fulfills his promises unto us by making his presence accessible unto all who come unto him by faith. This teaches us that we can approach him with confidence, knowing that he sees and values our sincere, humble heart, and answers our prayer. Prayer is our means to connect with a forgiving God, acknowledging our sinfulness, and the need for his divine mercy. Even when we do not fully express our needs to him, he extends his mercy and shows his grace unto us. Through sincere prayer and meditation, we can access his mercy and his grace to find forgiveness for our sins.

Psalm 86: 3 – 7,....be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily....unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul....for thou, Lord, act....ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee....give ear, O lord, unto my prayer....in the day of my trouble I will call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me....

Gods' goodness, and his abundant mercy offers comfort, with the assurance that he listens and responds to all who will call upon his name by faith. This promise of spiritual renewal is the basis, not only for our forgiveness, but also for us to extend his forgiveness unto others. It shows Gods limitless love and desire to have an intimate relationship with those who serve him. Gods love is a declaration of his mercy and his grace, which motivates, and encourages, dedicated, humble prayer, providing a reliable basis for trust, with an open invitation for all of mankind to call upon his name. For God does not withhold his grace from anyone who will diligently seek 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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