

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

4.19.2026

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.

The Deception of False Teachers

2 Peter 2: 10b - 22

How do we as believers overcome the deception of false teachers. How do we resist the devil and stand firm in our faith in Christ. Through prayer, and the study of Gods word we prove all things. By the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit we try all things whether they are of God.

1 Thessalonians 5: 21,....prove all things, and hold fast that which is good....

Every message given, whether teaching, preaching, or by testimony or example, must align with the gospel of Gods word. The only way that this can happen is through spiritual discernment, where we actively examine all our spiritual experiences against the scriptures. Now, once this process has taken place and the truth is revealed, then the truth must be embraced, and we must hold onto that truth as our eternal lifeline. This evaluation and testing, which comes by the leadership and guidance of the spirit protects the church from false teachers.

1 John 4: 1,....believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world....

So, as believers, we must have a willing desire to verify whether or not the doctrines being taught have originated from God. A true doctrine in the spirit of the Lord acknowledges that Christ has come in the flesh, was crucified and resurrected, which provides a basis for challenging those teachings that are not driven by the spirit of God. Therefore, our ultimate goal is to verify the truth, in a world full of sin.

2 Peter 10b – 11,....presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities....where as angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord....

A self-righteous, spiritual pride challenges, and mocks the truthful realities of Gods word. These are those who lack the fear of the Lord, those whose actions are reckless toward the things that they do not understand. These false teachers despise authority, acting with a greater boldness than even Gods most powerful beings, and they live according to their own sinful, lustful desires. These individuals are bound for destruction due to their foolish actions. Having a desire for unrestrained freedom leads them into slavery of their own worldly pride, making them arrogantly rebellious against the spirit of God. But even so, God will use their false deception for his purpose.

Exodus 9: 16,....for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power....

Romans 9: 17,....scripture saith unto Pharoah, even for this purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth....

Gpd raises up individuals, even those who resist, and reject, and declare falsely, so that he might achieve his divine purpose. God is glorified, not only by his mercy, but also by showing his power in judgement, ensuring that his power might be known throughout the entire world.

2 Peter 2: 12 – 16,....these....spread evil of the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption....and shall perceive the reward of unrighteousness....spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceiving's....they cannot cease from sin....cursed children....which have forsaken righteousness, and gone astray....following....Balaam....who loved unrighteousness....but was revealed by his iniquity, by the donkey speaking with man's voice....

There is a severe consequence from choosing a corrupt, sinful, immoral lifestyle over righteous living for God. These false teachers misuse fellowship within the body of Christ, deceiving many through their immoral ways. Using worldly influences to grow in their own self-righteousness, rather than serving and glorifying God. Abandoning the pathway of righteousness for selfish gain, means deliberately turning away from God to chase after their own worldly, lustful desires, and material wealth. It means knowing the truth, but constantly living a life of disobedience, choosing their own will over Gods will, leaving their spiritual principles for profit, prioritizing worldliness over godliness. The example of Balaam being rebuked by his own donkey serves as a warning to false teachers who are motivated by greed, those who disregard the authority of Gods promises and commandments, and lead others into sin. But God will ultimately expose and put an end to the destructive actions of these false, immoral teachings.

2 Peter 2: 17 – 20,....wells without water, clouds....caried with a temptest....allure through lusts of the flesh....they promise....liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption....they have escaped....the world through the knowledge of....Christ....they are again entangled therein....the latter end in worse with them than the beginning....

Whatever overcomes a person also enslaves them, and regardless of what many claim, if someone is controlled by lustful, prideful greed, then they are not free. Still, they promise freedom, encouraging immoral behavior, disguised by grace, demanding absolute obedience and control, bringing those who will follow them into spiritual bondage. Let us remember that liberty in Christ is not the right to do as you please, but it is the power to do as you should, which is to live righteously in him.

Matthew 12: 35,....a good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things....

A person's actions are the outflowing of the workings of the heart, for true character is revealed in such a manner, not just by outward appearances. It is the heart that represents our inner self, our thoughts, our motives, and our desires, creating a capacity for either good or evil, and for this reason we are judged accordingly. The only way to consistently produce good works is by the renewing of the Holy Spirit within, rather than just changing our outward behavior.

2 Peter 2: 21 – 22,....for it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered unto them....

Reverting to a sinful lifestyle after coming to Christ will bring a stricter judgement. False teachers who know the way of righteousness but choose to return to the immorality of the world, for them will come a greater accountability, and despite an outer show of cleansing their inner nature will never change. The promises and commandments of God's word speak of the dangers of falling away from his truth, this is a warning against following the enticements of false doctrines, which encourage people to return to their sinful habits. As believers, we must do everything possible through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we might guard against the deception of false teachers.

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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