

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

6.21.2026

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.

Gods Mercy in History

Joshua 24: 2 - 13

What we cannot do for ourselves God graciously does for us, and in spite of our disobedience, his love remains steadfast. Therefore, his love is unshakable, unconditional, and eternal. It is a promise that his divine love is not based upon mans performance, but it will endure perfectly throughout all of life's hardships and personal failures. God's love is a permanent commitment, and we cannot do anything to make God love us less, nor can we do anything to make him love us more, for he has already done all that he can do for us, for he gave his only begotten Son. Therefore, his love is loyal in keeping his promises, regardless of whether we are faithful in return. His steadfast love never changes, for it is a constant source of hope, offering peace and contentment, even during what we feel to be the darkest time of our life.

Lamentations 3: 21 – 23,....this I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope....it is of the Lords mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not....they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness....

Gods' mercy and his grace is a constant source that prevents mankind from being destroyed by the consequences of our own sins. Gods' mercy and compassion never runs out, and it is continually renewed every day. Humanity deserves judgement from sin, but because of Gods great love and mercy, he offers grace instead of condemnation and wrath. Therefore, yesterday's failures do not dictate our standing with God today. Everyday offers an opportunity for a clean slate through repentance, by relying on his unwavering faithfulness. So, as believers, we have the assurance that his love, his mercy, his grace, and his compassion will never run out. Everyday offers a new start regardless of past mistakes. This comes from his promise of faithfulness, and it does not depend upon worldly perfection, for he actively cares for us.

Joshua 24: 2 – 13,....Joshua said....thus saith the Lord....your fathers dwelt....in old time....I took your father Abraham....and led him throughout....and gave him Isaac....I gave unto Isaac....I gave unto Esau....I sent Moses....and Aaron....afterward I brought you out....I brought your fathers out of Egypt....he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them....your eyes have seen what I have done....ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season....I brought you into the land....they fought with you....I gave them into your hand....I destroyed them....therefore he blessed you still, so I delivered you out....I delivered them into your hand....I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from you....I have given you a land for which ye did not labopur....

Joshua, by the word that God had spoken unto him, shows seven characteristics of Gods mercy, which are: I took, I led, I gave, I sent, I brought, I delivered, and I blessed.

I took:

John 6: 44,....no man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent ne draw him....

It is God who takes the initiative to establish a relationship with humanity. He reaches out to us through his love, his mercy, and his grace, drawing us unto himself and unto his redemptive plan even before we knew how to seek him. He reaches into places of spiritual darkness, and by our faith believing he sets us on a new pathway, so that he might continually fulfill his promises unto us. Therefore, we must leave the old behind in order to follow after his calling. Now, sin at times clouds our judgement, and therefore we lack the spiritual capacity and desire to choose him. So, through the Holy Spirit, he draws us, by convicting us of our need for salvation, giving unto us the desire to follow Christ.

I led:

Psalm 23: 3,....he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake....

As believers, we are not maneuvering life's challenges alone, but we are being guided by his divine wisdom. Being led by the spirit means yielding to the promises and commandments of God's word, which directs us away from worldly sinfulness, and brings about spiritual growth in our life in Christ. So, God guides us in our life, by our faithful obedience, toward his truth. This transforms our life and shows the world who God truly is. He guides us and protects us, for his righteousness within us glorifies his name.

I gave:

John 3: 16,....for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son....

Through mercy, God gave mankind the free gift of his grace, so that we might serve him, by encouraging others to look to his saving grace, lifting them up in the glory of God. Every individual was created for a specific mission, and by faith, everyone was given a spiritual passion, with the capacity to understand his will, and to make spiritually sound decisions. The ultimate act of God's unconditional love and sacrifice demonstrates his desire to save humanity through their faith.

I sent:

Psalm 91: 14 – 15,....because he hath set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him, I will set him on high....he shall call upon me, and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him....

Gods' divine intervention assures us that spiritual battles are won by his power rather than by our own strength, for victory comes through grace, by faith. The greatest obstacles in our life are overcome by his grace. So, God is faithful to go before us, to prepare the way, and to be perfect us in times of trouble. Because he loves us, he will deliver us, he will not abandon us, for he promises to answer when we call upon his name, and he gives unto us a sense of purpose and a fulfilled life.

I brought:

Acts 17: 24 – 28,....God that made the world and....he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made by hands....as though he needed anything...he giveth life to all....hath made....all nations of men....to dwell on....the earth....hath determined....the bounds of their habitation....that they should seek the Lord....and find him....for in him we live, and move, and have our being....

God intentionally guides our life's circumstances, through every challenge, so that he might bring us into his purpose, all for our personal growth, so that he might place us exactly where we can actually serve him and others through his will. God places every person in their spiritual time and place with the ultimate purpose of drawing us into a closer relationship with him.

I delivered:

2 Timothy 4: 18,....the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom....

Gods divine act of mercy unto all of mankind is one of pulling us out of danger and spiritual bondage, to carry us through trials and tribulations, and to restore us into his righteousness, which gives unto us an ultimate eternal security of unwavering faith and divine protection. So, if we choose to do so as believers, God will shield us from the spiritual defeat and influences of the world, by giving unto us the strength to endure the challenges that come before us in our life in Christ. In this he demonstrates to us that his sovereignty remains our ultimate hope of his glory.

I blessed:

Psalm 1: 1 – 2,....blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly....but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth meditate day and night....

True spiritual blessings come from actively separating ourselves from the lustful, sinful desires of the world. We might live in the world, but we do not have to be a part of the world, but when we do his mercy withholds the punishment that we rightfully deserve. Yes, there will still be consequences to our actions, but these consequences he will use as an opportunity to bring us back into a closer relationship with him, and he will give unto us that which we did not labor for. His mercy means that we do not receive the punishment that we deserve.

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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