

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

6.7.2026

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.

Moses Prays for Mercy

Numbers 14: 11 - 24

In order to pray for mercy, we must have faith in God's unchanging nature. So, as believers, we trust in God's never-ending love, which assures us that his promises remain constant, despite all of the uncertainties in our life. This provides us security, that his grace, his mercy, and his truth will never fail. God does not change, therefore, we can rely upon his word, for his promises remain entirely trustworthy. God's love and faithfulness toward mankind is perfectly balanced, and his unconditional love guarantees that we are always surrounded by his grace, while his steadfast faithfulness is a surety that his promises and his truth remain completely reliable. God's love is boundless and never will ever fail, and he stays true to his promises and commandments, which reassures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. So, when the world around us feels chaotic, resting in his unchanging hand offers unto us a solid foundation on which we are to build our life in his Son Christ Jesus.

Romans 8: 38 – 39,....for I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord....

As believers, our relationship with God is based upon his unchanging nature. Even when we stumble and fall, his love for us remains steadfast. Gods love for us is proven by the redeeming work of Christ on the cross. He exists everywhere, his presence is everywhere, there is no place that we can go to hide from his nearness, therefore, it stands to reason, that nothing can disconnect us from his love. We were dead in trespasses and sin, but now we are made spiritually and eternally alive in Christ. God does not promise us a life free of affliction, but because of his mercy and his grace he promises to be with us through anything and everything that we will ever face in life. His mercy, his grace, and his love is constant, given unto us by his indwelling Holy Spirit. All we must do is to accept.

Numbers 14: 11 – 12,....the Lord said....how long will this people provoke me....how long will it be ere they believe me, for all signs which I have shewed among them....I will smite them....and make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they....

Why is it, as believers, when facing new challenges in our life that we forget the past faithfulness of God. So, there is despair in our life that arises when our faith is tested. For even though we have experienced his mercy and his grace many times, we still doubt his ability to protect us each time a new difficulty arises. So, even though his justice requires discipline for our persistent rebellion, his mercy is patient, it is loving, and it is forgiving. So, when we feel overwhelmed by the uncertainties of the world around us, his word is a reminder unto us to choose faith over fear, and to trust in the promises and commandments of his word.

Numbers 14: 13 – 16,....Moses said....the Egyptians shall hear it....they will tell it to the inhabitants of the land, for they have heard that thou Lord art among this people....now if thou shalt kill all this people....then the nations which have heard....will speak saying....because the Lord was not able....he hath slain these in the wilderness....

Like Moses, as believers, we reason with the Lord when we are working through life's issues. Reasoning, but not arguing, means listening to God's perspective, and then expressing our hopes and concerns, using his wisdom and knowledge to seek understanding from him, growing in our faith and in our trust in him. This all hinges on our fellowship with him, aligning our thoughts with his thoughts, our will with his will. Coming face to face with God, humbly and honestly, results in a deeper, more grounded relationship with him, for reasoning with God leads to his grace.

Isaiah 1: 18 – 19,....let us reason together, saith the Lord....if ye be willing, and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land....

Romans 12: 2,....be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God....

When we reason with God, we transform our lives by changing the way that we think, as we meditate upon his word, for we now have replaced worldly fear and doubt with spiritual confidence, which allows us to understand his will, and receive his guidance in our life. This transformation signifies God's ability to take our guilt and shame and restore us into a state of divine righteousness in Christ. True faith requires God's grace, which leads us into his glory, and reminds us that we cannot hide from God.

Numbers 14: 17 – 20,....I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great....the Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression....pardon....the iniquity of his people according unto the greatness of thy mercy....and the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word....

God's grace, and the reality of his justice toward all of humanity is patient, and it has compassion. But God does not forget unrepentant sin, for there will always be consequences for disobedience. So, we appeal to the greatness of his steadfast love, asking him to judge us by his mercy. We admit that we have sinned, and through his love he is slow to anger and eager to forgive. This in return, shows unto his willingness to extend to us, through salvation, his grace, despite our rebellion, for God places value on our prayer of intercession with him.

Numbers 14: 21 – 24,....as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord....all those men which have seen my glory....have not hearkened to my voice....surely they shall not see the land....but my servant....because he had spirit with him, and he hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land....and his seed shall possess it....

Gods' sovereignty will ultimately prevail over all worldly limitations. Despite our wavering faith, his ultimate purpose is to make his presence known throughout all of creation, for his plans are not restrained by human limitations. Gods glory encourages trust, and it reminds us that his power extends far beyond anything else, for his power is active and purposeful, and it has meaning. So, while the majority of people are overwhelmed by worldly fear, as believers, we have boldness through faith, and by our obedience to his word we pray for his mercy, so that we might continue to experience his grace. True obedience requires acting upon the promises and commandments of his word, which means having a total devotion on the unseen power of God. We are to focus on his promises and not on the challenges that are standing in our way. Gods' mercy toward us is a long-term result of our faith and obedience unto him, which not only impacts our life, but also the lives of others around us.

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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