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Bible Verse

Matthew 22:36-39

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

Come out for fun, fellowship and maybe even a little learning about topics important to you.

7:00pm every Wednesday night only at LWA!

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 2/21/16



Greetings!

This week we talked about prophets in general and about one prophet specifically, Jeremiah, as being God appointed messengers of His word to His people.

We looked at examples of three different types of messages delivered to God's people who were now divided into two Kingdoms.

The first message, in **Jeremiah 2:1-13**, had a tone which seemed to be full of frustration and disappointment with God's people that they would forget God's goodness and faithfulness and turn away from Him. It ends almost in exasperation with a stern warning to the children of Israel.

The next message we looked at, in **Jeremiah 16:10-13**, showed God making it extremely clear exactly why judgment would come upon them and in exactly what form that judgment would be.

These messages were delivered by the prophets for hundreds of years showing God's love, mercy and extreme patience with us. After all the warnings, and the people still not changing their ways, judgment did finally come just as God had warned.

We said this was similar to us being warned by our parents again and again that what we are doing was harmful but we just ignore them and continue. Finally, after many chances, our parents finally allow us to experience the consequences of our actions to learn for ourselves yet they still continue to love and care for us.

The last message we looked at, in **Jeremiah 31:31-34**, gives hope that God would continue to love His people and would never forsake them even though they had forsaken Him, He would provide a path to redemption.

We said that this message is a foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus and of the new covenant which cannot be broken and would redeem all of God's people once and for all.

We then looked at **2 Peter 3:8-10** to see the similarities between God giving Israel and Judah hundreds of years to change their ways before judgment came upon them and God doing the same thing today by giving us time to bring as many people as possible to the saving grace of Jesus before He returns for the final judgment of those who still choose to turn from Him.

As Christians, we are called to use this time given to us by God to share the Gospel with the world so that none will perish and all will be saved by coming to redemption through Jesus Christ. We do this by making a positive impact on our world around us through those we interact with and have influence with.

Sharing the Gospel in our words and actions can be very difficult which is why we have the Holy Spirit to help us. We said that the Holy Spirit will guide us to those who are ready to hear and will help us know what to say and how to say it. Sharing the Gospel becomes much easier when we stop trying to do it ourselves and instead allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

We finished with a prayer thanking God for the opportunity to share His word and for wisdom and discernment in how to go about sharing the Gospel with others, we asked to be shown opportunities in which we may share the good news and be a light to others.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible and talk about a "The fall of Israel."

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Jeremiah 2:1-13, Jeremiah 16:10-13, Jeremiah 31:31-34, 2 Peter 3:8-10, Matthew 28:19-20

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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