

LESSON FOUR REPENTANCE

Text: - Luke 15:18 – 19

*I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father,
I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more
worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

INTRODUCTION

Many people have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, **yet they freely continue in their former life.**

Except we turn away completely from our former wrong ways of living, our claim that we have Jesus will be false.

Repentance as a result, is very necessary if we want to live a right and meaningful Christian life.

As Christians it is very important for us to know and understand our God, the reason for the first coming of Jesus Christ, the consequences of sin and the necessity of repentance.

Our topic for this week is; **REPENTANCE.**

MEMORY VERSE

*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to
be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
2 Corinthians 7:10*

1. WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance is having a deep, bitter regret for our wrong doings and ready to confess as well as forsaking them all. It is a total turn around or away from a particular life with a strong desire of not going back to it again. Above all, accepting Jesus Christ as our personal LORD and Saviour. (Acts 2:37-38)

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF REPENTANCE

- a. John the Baptist preached it:- Matt. 3:1-2
- b. Jesus preached it:- Matt. 4: 17

- c. Jesus commanded His disciples to preach it:- Matt. 10:7, Mark 6:12, Luke 24:47
- d. The disciples preached it:- Acts 2:37-38, 3:19
- e. Apostle Paul preached it:- Acts 17:30, 20:20-21
- f. Out of the seven (7) Churches in Jesus' revelation to John on the Isle of Patmos, five (5) were warned to repent.
 - i. The Church of Ephesus:- Rev. 2:4-5
 - ii. The Church in Pergamum:- Rev. 2:16
 - iii. The Church in Thyatira:- Rev. 2:21-22
 - iv. The Church in Sardis:- Rev. 3:3
 - v. The Church in Laodicea:- Rev. 3:19-20

3. THE DANGER OF REFUSING TO REPENT

It is not the desire of our Heavenly Father for anyone to perish. Hell was not created for human beings, (Matthew 25:41) however except the sinner repents he or she will perish.

- a. Except you repent you shall perish:- Luke 13:3,5, Eze. 18:30
 - i. Cain:- Gen. 4:1-13
 - ii. Lot's wife:- Gen. 19:17,26
 - iii. Judas Iscariot:- Matt. 27:3-5

NOTE

Judas Iscariot was sorry and regretted betraying Jesus Christ but he didn't repent. He didn't confess, forsake and ask for forgiveness. He rather chose to commit suicide by hanging himself. Being sorry alone for your sins is not repentance.

- b. God will surely punish sin:- Acts 17:30, Eze. 18:4
 - i. Ananias and Saphira:- Acts 5:1-11
- c. Eternal destruction awaits all unrepentant sinners:- 2Pet. 3:9-11
 - i. Lazarus and the rich man:- Luke 16:19-31

4. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

(The Prodigal son:- Luke 15:11-22)

- a. With a penitent heart, CONFESS your sins:- Ps. 38:18, Luke 15:21, 18:13
- b. As you confess, flee from them (FORSAKE THEM):- Is.55:7, Pro. 28:13, Matt. 3:8
- c. Return to the LORD. Accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour:- 1Thess. 1:9, Acts 26:18

5. THE BENEFITS OF REPENTANCE

- a. Your sins will be pardon (forgiven):- Acts 3:19, 1John 1:9, Eze. 18:31-32
- b. You will be delivered from the wrath to come:- Eze. 18:21-23, Jonah 3:8-10
- c. There will be joy in Heaven:- Luke 15:7
- d. God will hear you when you call:- 2Chro. 7:14, John 9:31, Ps 66:18, Job 42:5-6

e. You will receive The Holy Spirit:- Acts 2:38

f. You will do that which Jesus Christ did while He was here:- John 14:12

CONCLUSION

Before our Heavenly Father there are no hidden secrets of sin. One may pretend before men but not before The LORD our God. He sees in the darkest night and He knows all things. What can you hide from Him? Numbers 32:23 says; “be sure your sin will find you out.”

Have you repented from your sins? If not do so NOW!!! God richly bless you. Amen

BIBLE READING PLAN

Scripture Reading For The Week

Days	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday	Ex. 34 – 36	Matt. 26
Tuesday	Ex. 37 – 40	Matt. 27
Wednesday	Lev. 1 – 5	Matt. 28
Thursday	Lev. 6 – 9	Mark 1
Friday	Lev. 10 – 13	Mark 2
Saturday	Lev. 14 – 15	Mark 3
Sunday	Lev. 16 – 19	Mark 4