

IF I BE LIFTED UP

JOHN 12:32

Text: Hebrew 12:1-2; John 12:32

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³² And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Introduction:

1. LIFT

2. LOOK (JOHN 12:32)

A. Salvation

(Isa 45:22) "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

(Heb 12:1-2) "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, {2} Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

3. LEARN (MATT 11:29)

(Mat 11:29) "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

A. Word

From the Word we learn

1. His Will
2. About His Ways
3. His Wishes

4. LEAN (PROV 3:5)

(Prov 3:5) "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

A. People too often expect to know all the details, but not all the details are going to be known at times.

1. What is faith?

(Heb 11:1) "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

2. We are to live by faith.

(Rom 1:17) "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

(2 Cor 5:7) "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

(Gal 3:11) "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

5. LABOR (JOHN 14:12)

(John 14:12) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

(John 9:4) "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

6. LEADABLE (ISA 48:16-17)

(Psa 31:3) "For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me."

(Isa 48:16-17) "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. {17} Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go."

7. LIKNESS (COL 3:10)

(Col 3:10) "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

(Rom 8:29) "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

8. LOVE (2 COR 5:14)

(2 Cor 5:14) "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:"

A. Love the Lord

(Mat 22:37) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

(Mark 12:30) "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

(Luke 10:27) "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."

B. Love our Enemies

(Mat 5:44) "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

(Luke 6:27) "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,"

C. Love One Another

(John 13:34) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

(John 15:12) "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

(John 15:17) "These things I command you, that ye love one another."

(1 Th 4:9) "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."

(1 Pet 1:22) "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"

(1 John 3:11) "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."