

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 25

Scripture of Lesson: John 13: 1~38

1. Judas submission to Satan

- a. Judas consigned himself to be used by the Jewish leadership who had evil intentions
- b. How we can avoid evil creeping into our souls – oppose all evil consciously.
 - i. Ps 119: 115 *“Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.”*
 - ii. I Thes 5:22 *“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”*
 - iii. Let us remember that we are not nearly as smart as Satan.
- c. Satan is working hard to deceive the humanity and spoil God’s salvation plan. But the Lord will triumph.

II Thes 2: 8~10 “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even Him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

2. Jesus washing the disciples’ feet – example to us

- a. Son of God showed an example of washing His disciples’ feet including those of Judas.
- b. How can we wash each other – show spirit of forgiveness and compassion.

3. Our need for cleansing through Christ’s blood

- a. Hymn: *“Wash me, O Lamb of God, wash me from sin. By Thine atoning blood, O make me clean! Purge me from every stain; Let me Thine image gain; In love and mercy reign, O’er all within.”*
- b. David’s repentant prayer after his sin involving Bathsheba [Ps 51: 1~3] *“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”*
- c. Have we been washed through the blood of Christ?

4. Free will, omniscience and grace: Judas, Peter and we

- a. Judas’ betrayal was fore-known to Christ [v. 21]. Yet He loved Judas to the end and gave him an opportunity to repent. Lord knew the battle going on in Judas’ heart in that evening.
 - i. It was also foretold [Ps. 41:9]. *“Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”*
 - ii. Christ was willing to have His “heel bruised by Satan [Gen 3: 15].”
- b. Was Judas destined to betray his Master, or did he betray Christ of his own free will?
- c. Was Peter bound to failures, or was his faith not mature yet?
- d. How is our faith? How often do we need God’s forgiveness and cleansing?

5. “Love each other” – love as our testimony for Christ

- a. V. 34~35 *“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”*

- b.* History of Christianity fails to demonstrate fulfillment of this commandment by the Christendom.
- c.* Love of God and love of neighbor are the key to true world peace.