

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Genesis 9:1-7**

This week we will finish the Noah story. The flood has ended and we pick up after the offering to God was made and the covenant is made. Today begins the instructions for the “Do-Over” and Noah and his sons will be the humans to begin this fresh start. We will see two things today. First is the blessing. Read verses 1-4. What three blessings do Noah and his sons receive (vss. 1-3)? Verse 4 is tied to the blessings, but is a warning about the execution of the blessings. What is the warning? The reason behind this is that life was believed to be in the blood of creation. There is scientific truth to this when you consider our need for blood and healthy blood at that. So, we are not to eat or drink the blood of animals. But the remainder of this text is a little more shocking. What does God institute in verse 5? Why do you think God has instituted capital punishment? Go back and read Genesis 4:8-16. Now remember what has all transpired between then and this point. What does this teach us about ourselves? What does this reveal about God? Is God making this decision out of anger or malice? How is this act a loving act? What does this say about our ability to “rehabilitate” in our own power? What is God’s reasoning for such a strict ordinance (vs. 6)? While this is shocking to many of us, the text ends with the blessing again in verse 7. What have you learned about God today? What have you learned about yourself as a human? How does this point to our need for Jesus?

### **Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Genesis 9:8-17**

Today we have the confirmation of the covenant that God had promised to make with Noah. Who is this covenant with (vss. 8-10)? And what is the covenant (vs. 11)? God will restrain himself from destroying all creation in the future via a flood. What does that reveal about God? Now reading forward, we see how God elaborates on the sign of the covenant (vss. 12-17). What is the sign (vs. 13)? What is the purpose of this sign (vss. 14-16)? Notice God states twice that this sign of the bow in the sky will remind GOD not to destroy all of creation through floods. Have you ever thought about what the sign means when we see the rainbows in the sky? How, after studying this text in context, does your understanding of the rainbow change? What do you think it means when we see a double rainbow? What are two responses we should have when seeing a rainbow? First we should be grateful that God is always faithful to his promises. But we should also be asking ourselves, “What is happening that God needs a reminder?” So, what has this text revealed to you about God? Where do we see the love of God? Do you see God’s justice? What does this say about God’s wrath? What about humanity? What does this reveal about us? And how does this all point to Jesus? Spend some time in prayer today, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you a deeper reverence for the one who holds back his wrath and offers forgiveness and love.

**Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Genesis 9:18-29**

We start off with the fact that Noah's three sons took God's command to be fruitful and multiply seriously. All people will now come from these three sons. Life on land begins again. How does it start (vss. 20-21)? Well, maybe not the best start. While Noah is passed out naked from his stupor, what happens (vss. 21-22)? What is the difference between how Ham handled this and how his brothers did? Sexual morality and nakedness was a big deal for the Hebrews. Apparently, the lingering and looking at his father's nakedness was considered as inappropriate as it would be today. What happens next (vss. 24-25)? Notice it is not God cursing Ham's youngest son, Canaan, but a sobering-up grandfather, Noah. What does this say about humanity? Have you ever wondered why Ham's youngest son is cursed? As discussed on Sunday, there are a couple of explanations, but it appears that all of Ham's children are included. Canaan is the land the Jews (from Shem's lineage) will take and conquer under Joshua. Shem's line will be the Messianic line, the line from where Jesus will be born. What does this reveal about God and his plan? What does this text reveal about us as humanity? Spend some time considering the idea that God is completely other and outside our timeline. He saw and sees the beginning and the end and every moment in between. What do you find assuring about that thought?

**Thursday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Genesis 10:1-20**

We will finish this week with the next genealogy. Remember we said we would read them and not just glance over them, as we read through the Bible Together. The first genealogy is that of Japheth's line. Japheth's descendants are believed to be the Gentiles who will eventually be received into God's kingdom through Jesus. Next come the four sons of Ham. Look at the list of names under Cush's descendant, Nimrod (vss. 8-12). What does the text tell us about Nimrod? What cities (descendants) does Nimrod build that are familiar to us? Verses 13-14 tell us of Ham's second son's lineage. What group is listed there that we remember? Finally, read verses 15-19. These are Canaan's descendants. Do any of these names ring a bell with you? What about the territory that Canaan's descendants lived in (vs. 19)? If none of these are familiar to you today, perhaps it would be a good place for a paperclip or folded over page, so that as we continue, you can come back and refer to this genealogy. These are the future players in God's story. What do these genealogies reveal about God? What do they reveal about humanity? Spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal himself to you today through His Word and Holy Spirit. Be open to what God has for you and share it in your Doing Life Together Group this week.

**Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Genesis 10:21-32**

We wrap up this week by looking at the final genealogy this week, that of Shem. Some of these names may not be very familiar right now, but after Lent when we resume our study through the Bible, some of these names will appear again. This is the lineage that will lead us to Abraham. In verse 25, we see a precursor to chapter 11. While not very exciting to read, the truth is it does move us forward in the story. Close this week considering what you learned about God's covenant with humanity through Noah. What does this reveal about God to you? Also, consider the curses that are given. Words matter when spoken. They did shape much of what happens in the future. That curse continued for centuries. Finally, ponder the fact that the lineage of Jesus has been set and the messiah will come from Shem's descendants. This is set before anyone is even aware of their need for Jesus. What an amazing God we have who works in and among us, even when we are wicked in thoughts, actions and motives. Close this week out in prayer, thanking God for His work throughout history, including through today and as we move forward. Thank Him for Jesus and making a way for us to know Him better and face the realities of ourselves.

**Saturday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Genesis 11:1-9.**

