

## 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, January 25<sup>h</sup> – 1 Chronicles 22**

We will now be looking at the set-up for the new Temple, which David will not build, but he will do a lot of the preparations for its building. How does this come about (vss. 1-5)? Beginning at verse 6, we see that Solomon is going to be instructed to build the Temple. What does that indicate to you? Yep, Solomon, though not the next in line behind Absalom, will become the next king. What does David say that tells us that (vss. 6-10)? Before anything begins, David prays a prayer of blessing over Solomon. What does he pray (vss. 11-13)? Now we get down to brass tacks and the information Solomon is going to need. What has David done and what does he do that aids Solomon's success in this endeavor (vss. 14-19)? Interesting that David sets Solomon to task while David is still alive. Notice that God had this planned out way in advance and David and Solomon are finally moving forward. What does this reveal to you about God and his ways? What does this reveal to you about humanity and what we are capable of doing? How does this point to Jesus? Consider Jesus' teaching on the Temple of his time and the fact that our physical bodies are His temple now. How can you take what David said about how the Temple should be built with how we should care for our bodies, which are the Temple of the Lord now?

### **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 23**

With the building of the Temple in motion, it is time to learn how the Temple will operate once it is dedicated. That is what we will be studying for the next few weeks. And we start with those who will care for and serve in the Temple, the Levites. Let's begin by reading verses 1-6. What is happening and why is David moving forward (vss. 1-2)? How does David structure them (vss. 3-7)? This is very similar to how things were done at the building of the Tabernacle. We will be doing a lot of list reading these next weeks. Instead of dreading it, let's see what revelations God will give us in these texts. Read verses 7-23. Are there any surprises in there for you (vss. 14-17)? What is the transition that will officially take place (vss. 24- 27)? The Tabernacle will no longer be used as Israel is settled. Now read verses 28-32. What is the work that these Levites will be doing? Going back to Numbers 4, how do these instructions compare with each other? What does this reveal to you about God? How about humanity? How do these texts point to Jesus and his church?

### **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 24:1-19a**

Yesterday we divided up the Levites and their roles. Today we turn to the Priests. These are the descendants of Aaron. What history are we reminded of that matters in the division of priests (vss. 1-2)? Who are the two current leading priests and from which priest are they descended (vs. 3)? How many groups did each get divided into (vs. 4)? Now comes the task assignments. There is a particular way in which assignments are going to be given. What is the way this will be done and why (vs. 5)? Who was keeping track of the assignments and how were the lots being cast (vs. 6)? Now read verses 7-18. This is the order the sacred lots fell and as we see in verse 19a, how the duties were assigned. Notice that the duties were "according to the procedures established by their ancestor Aaron "in obedience to the commands of the Lord, the God of Israel." This was not a willy-nilly work effort but truly of God. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about the ability to be obedient to ancient texts and instructions by humanity? How does this point to Jesus, our Chief Priest and his own faithful obedience to the Father? Spend some time in prayer today thanking God for being so consistent with us, even when we want things to change.

### **Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 24:20-31**

Today's text is rather short and to the point. Today we look at the family leaders among the Levites. Just as the priests were divided by families and assigned duties, so now the Levites will be. Read verses 20 -30. Do any of those names sound familiar? Look up Gen. 6:11, 6:18. You see some of the names listed in these verses. How were the Levites assigned their duties (vs. 31)? Who was present at the lot casting to verify the results? Apparently, there was concern of election fraud all the way back then! What do these verses reveal to you about God? About the nature of humanity? How does it point to Jesus and the lot cast for him?

### **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 25**

We close this week out with a new category of servants. This is different from responsibilities at the Tabernacle. But David, being a musician and worshipping God in song and with instruments, adds a new line of service, the musician. What is their primary duty (vs. 1 & 6)? What was expected of them and how were they appointed (vs. 7-8)? Now each family involved had a different musical task. Verses 2-5 break down for us the families and their responsibilities. As you read through them, how is this similar to how our musicians lead us? Does the church (the Temple of God) use music the same way and as effectively? As we read verses 9 through 31, we see the order of the assignments. Check back to verses 2-5 to see what responsibility they had been assigned. Notice that the responsibilities are mixed, giving no one more emphasis than another. That is because all the areas of responsibility are important. What has this revealed to you about God? What does it reveal about humanity? How does it point to Jesus? Consider Jesus' usage of Psalms in his teachings. Also, while hanging on the cross. How can worship music glorify God and bring you closer to Him?

### **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Romans 10:14-15.**