

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commit 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, Jan. 28th – Numbers 28:1-15

This week is a week of review and remembering of all that we have learned. I will cover all the offerings and some of the laws. Before we begin, think about how much you remember, how many sacrificial offerings you have read about and learned. The question as to why we need to read this again is probably found in your answer as to how much you remember. It was the same for Israel. Repetition helps us to remember. Let's begin with our first sacrificial offering. Look at the first offering (vs. 3). What is to be sacrificed (vss. 5-7)? How often and when is the sacrifice to be made (vss. 4, 8)? What is the next sacrificial offering to be made? What is to be offered (vs. 9)? When and how often is this sacrifice to be offered (vs. 10)? What is the difference between the two offerings, between the Daily and the Sabbath offerings? When is the next offering to be made (vs. 11a)? What is part of this offering (vs. 11b-14)? Is this in place of the daily offering or in addition to it? There is one more offering to be made. What is it and what does it cover (vs. 15)? Why do you think the directions are so specific? What is the expectation of God? What does this tell us about the people and God's desire for them? How do these sacrifices point to Jesus and how should we live our lives today in sacrifice for him? Spend some time in prayer, thanking Jesus for being the sacrifice for us and our sins.

Tuesday, Jan. 29th – Numbers 28:16-31

Today we move to the Passover sacrifices. When, how often and how long is the Passover celebration (vss. 16-17)? What are the requirements for the first day and the last day (vss. 18, 25)? Note that these days are in addition to the weekly Sabbath requirement. Now read verses 19-24. What are the sacrificial offerings for this festival? What do they address (vss. 19 & 22)? What other offerings are still to be made (vs. 23)? So they are not in lieu of the daily offering sacrifices, but in addition to them. As we move to verse 26, what is the next festival with offerings? What is the instruction about work on this day? What are the three types of sacrifices being made on this day (vss. 27-31a)? What is the reminder that the Lord gives to the Israelites (vs. 31b)? Why do you think this reminder is necessary? Consider your offerings to God. Are they your first and best or are they your leftovers? What does this reveal to you about God and his expectations and plans for us? What does this reveal about us as humans, God's creation? Why do you think we need so many reminders? How much of this could you have explained prior to reading about the offerings again? How do these things point to Jesus (think sacrificial offering)? Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you remember God's call on your life to be a holy and living sacrifice. Then pay attention to the promptings and live into it.

Wednesday, Jan. 30th – Numbers 29:1-11

We continue our reminders today with the next festival. What is this festival? How often does it take place and when (vs. 1a)? What are the instructions for work on this day (vs. 1b)? What is the sacrificial offering for this festival (vss. 2-4)? What other offerings are to be made with this festival offering (vss. 5-6)? As we move to verses 7-12, we learn about Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement. What are the requirements for this day (vs. 7)? What are the offerings that are to be made and why are they to be made (vss. 8-11)? A quick refresher can also be found in Leviticus 16:29-34. What does this reveal about humanity's relationship with God? Why do we need purification annually? What has changed? The sacrifice or humanity? How does this point to Jesus as our purifier before God? How does this help remind you that you are not pure on your own and you need a holy, perfect sacrifice to be made right before God? Spend time in prayer, thanking God for having made a way for you to be pure and holy in His sight.

Thursday, Jan. 31st – Numbers 29:12-40

We finish up the Jewish festivals today. What is the last festival, when does it take place, and what are the requirements (vs. 12)? As we move forward, read verses 13-34. What is different about the sacrifices for this festival? Did you notice each day a sin offering was offered as well? What is different about the last day of the festival (vss. 35-38)? What does verse 39 tell Israel? Are these the only sacrificial offerings they are to make? What other sacrificial offerings may be made? Verse 40 is referred to as the "Bookend" in that it repeats 28:1. This marks that these two chapters are a block of instructional text and that the instructions are over regarding sacrificial offerings and festivals. Pause for a bit and imagine what it would have been like to participate in these rituals. While the priests did a lot of the heavy lifting, the people were present and aware. How did these daily, monthly, and annual sacrifices help Israel stay focused on God as their sovereign leader and God? What do we do today to help us stay this focused and in love with God? Consider how these things can also lose their appeal. What happens then? Did God change or did our passion change? What does this all reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself? How do both of these chapters point to Jesus?

Friday, Feb. 1st – Numbers 30

Today we will look at the seriousness of vow taking. As we read this chapter, remember the status of women in this time was not always considered equal to that of men. In fact, up until the 1970s, men still made the majority of decisions regarding wives and family matters. So, we really do need to look at the point of these instructions and not through a political lens. We start off with vows made by men. What does God have to say about them (vss. 1-2)? Do you think God takes your vow seriously? Now read verses 3-15. These deal with vows or pledges made by women. In each scenario there are three things that can happen. First the woman makes the pledge and the father or husband does not object, so the woman is to fulfill the vow or pledge she has made. The second option is that the woman makes a pledge and when the father or husband hears about it, he objects and forbids it. God forgives the woman for not fulfilling the vow/pledge, because her male counterpart forbids it, and she must obey. God doesn't hold it against her. The third option applies to the husband. If he hears about the pledge, and says nothing on the day he hears about it, then his silence on the matter approves his wife to fulfill the vow/pledge. However, if the next day, he decides it is inconvenient, then the woman is forgiven because her husband forbids it, but he bears her guilt for not fulfilling the vow. Notice God is not the one excluding women from making vows or pledges to God. It is the fathers/husbands who are saying no, either to save or protect the woman or because he doesn't want to be inconvenienced. What does this reveal about God? About us as humans? Consider your vows you made to God on the day you joined the church. How seriously do you think God took those vows?

Saturday, Feb. 2nd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Numbers 32:1-5.