

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to 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 of the book. 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, Oct. 29th – Numbers 13:1-24

As we continue this week in Numbers, we will cover all of those who are “Who’s Who,” as well as the journey to the Promised Land. We pick up this week at their camp outside of Canaan (The Promised Land). What does God instruct Moses to do (vss. 1-2)? It was probably less conspicuous to send out twelve men than bring along 1,000,000 people. As you read through the list of names, which stand out for you (vss. 3-16)? What sorts of things are these twelve men to look for (vss. 17-20)? This is a pretty comprehensive list of things to check out. What did they find (vss. 21-24)? From this description, what do you think about what they found? “Anak” means neck and these people were famous for their height. And Hebron was where Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob were buried. What does this reveal about God and His fulfillment of promises? What does this reveal about us as humans? How does this point to Jesus and the Promised Land?

Tuesday, Oct. 30th – Numbers 13:25-33

Today we get the report from the twelve who were sent out as spies. How does their report start (vss. 25-27)? Is this a good report or a bad report? Would you want to move in based on this information? Now read verses 28-29. Nothing good comes after a “but” does it? What is their “but” all about? Who do we hear from next and what is their opinion of the situation (vs. 30)? What is the rebuttal (vss. 31-33)? Where was their faith? We need to pause for a moment and consider these are the same people who crossed the Red Sea, built the Tabernacle in the middle of nowhere and have had tangible experiences with the Almighty God! Yet they believe it is in their own ability not God’s to take over the land. How did Caleb get it right? What does this tell us about ourselves, when things look scary or change is coming? What do we need to remember about God, the God of all creation we claim to serve and love? How many times do we use “but” after declaring the mighty works of God? How does Jesus give us the power to debunk the “buts” we offer? Spend time today walking in faith and when the “but” pops up, stop and walk in faith.

Wednesday, Oct. 31st – Numbers 14:1-12 (Happy Halloween)

Well Israel got the report from the spies yesterday. Today we read Israel’s response. Did they listen to the ones who claimed it was scary or did they listen to Caleb, who was ready to go (vss. 1-4 & 10a)? Who tries to sway them differently (vss. 5-8)? What is their warning to the Israelites (vs. 9)? So, as we see in the beginning of verse 10, the people are getting ready to stone Joshua and Caleb. What happens next (vs. 10b)? What does God have to say about this whole situation (vss. 11-12)? Why is God so angry (vs. 11b)? What is God’s solution to these ungrateful Israelites (vs. 12)? What does this reveal to you about God? What do these verses reveal to you about us? When do you doubt God? When things don’t go easy, whom do you blame? How does this point to Jesus’ teaching on faith and absolute obedience? What Promised Land experience are you missing, because you are afraid to step forward or think you are too old to do it? How might this decision to not act in faith kindle God’s anger? Spend some time in prayer today, asking God to show you where you might be doubting and not moving because of fear and bad reports. Ask God the Holy Spirit to give you a double portion of courage today, so you may step out in faith into the Promised Land.

Thursday, Nov. 1st – Numbers 14:13-25 (Happy All Saints Day)

Yesterday we left off with God telling Moses he was going to destroy the Israelites and start over again with Moses’ children. Many scholars question if God is testing Moses to see if the corruption of sin has overtaken him. How does Moses answer God’s plan (vss. 13-16)? Moses points out what others will say about God Almighty – He couldn’t get the job done, so He killed His own people. What does Moses ask of God (vss. 17-19)? What is the power that Moses seeks from God (vs. 18)? How does God respond to Moses’ request (vs. 20)? But while there is forgiveness, there are consequences as well. What are they (vss. 21-23)? Who is exempt from this punishment (vs. 24)? So now what happens, since they are not going into the Promised Land (vs. 25)? What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about us? How does this point to Jesus? Remember Jesus intercedes for us continually, just as Moses did for Israel. What rebellion might Jesus be interceding for on your behalf today? What sin might you need to confess and what forgiveness do you need to receive? Do so today and thank Jesus for interceding on your behalf.

Friday, Nov. 2nd – Numbers 14:26-45

We close this week with the final judgment and punishment. What does God declare to the Israelites (vss. 26-29)? Consider back when we started, do you remember how many men there were? Who are the exceptions to this punishment (vs. 30)? Notice Joshua is added this time. As we move to verse 31, we see the premise of the complaint of Israel turned around against them. What does God say He will do? How does the sin of the parents affect their children in this case (vss. 32-33)? So how do we get the 40 years (vs. 34)? What happens next (vss. 35-37)? Who survived (vs. 38)? Now read verses 39-43. How is Israel’s disobedience compounded in these verses (vs. 40-41)? What will happen if they continue to disobey (vss. 42-43)? Was not this their concern in the first place, that started the whole rebellion against God? What happens next (vss. 44-45)? Some people just never learn! Instead of going from glory to glory, they go from sin to sin! Also notice that God doesn’t kill any of them, except for the ten who incited the rebellion. God simply will not allow them to enter the Promised Land. What does this reveal about God? What do these verses reveal about us? How do these verses point to our need for Jesus? Spend time reflecting on your own life. Are you going from glory to glory in faith or from sin to sin in rebellion? If you are not sure, ask God to show you. Truthfully, we all have both going on at the same time. We just need to become aware of it, so we can see where God is working in our lives. Pray thanking him that he is still working!

Saturday, Nov. 3rd – To prepare for tomorrow’s worship, please read 1 Corinthians 15:45-58.