

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. These 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, Oct 30th – Job 27

This week we will focus on Job's final words. As pointed out on Sunday, each chapter takes up a different theme. Chapter 27 is where Job once again declares his innocence. Right off the bat, what guarantee does Job make to give credence to his vow (vs. 2)? To declare something on the "living God" is a pretty strong guarantee. You had better be right. Verses 3 to 6 is the vow Job makes. What does he vow? Then he shifts from his vow of innocence, despite how things look, to the ultimate fate of the wicked. What declarations does Job make about the plight of the wicked (vss. 7-23)? Much of what Job says, we have already read. Some have been Job's arguments. Some we find in one of the friend's arguments. What does this say about Job's situation when these two declarations (vow and plights of wicked) are placed together like this? What questions does it raise? Consider the concept of mystery for a moment. Though Job knows he is blameless and a man of integrity before God, there is this mystery of why he is suffering, a suffering that is very real. When have you found yourself living in the mystery of your faith? In the space where logic and solid wisdom just do not work to explain things? How does Job maintain his integrity in the midst of this mystery? How does it honor God?

Tuesday, Oct. 31st – Job 28

Chapter 28's theme is Wisdom and where it can be found, especially since it seems to be failing Job right now. Job begins this part of the speech with what humans know how to do. What does this list consist of (vss. 1-11)? Notice that this knowledge is for humans and not for the animal world (vss. 7-8). This wonderful wisdom on how to do and find these treasures is in humanity alone. But is knowledge wisdom? That answer comes in verse 12. One can have knowledge without understanding or wisdom. Now read verses 13-22. What do we learn about the value of wisdom? What do we learn about where wisdom is? True wisdom seems to be elusive. So where can one find wisdom (vs. 23)? How did God "find" true wisdom (vss. 24-27)? What makes it true wisdom (vs. 28)? Seems so simple and yet so difficult to do, especially when we are faced with suffering, death and mystery. To have fear is to have awe and reverence for who God really is. It is a healthy and loving fear of the Creator. And this leads us to a change in the way we live. Out of reverence, respect and love for God, we know that His ways alone are right and we should live accordingly. We align our lives to God's will. So, do you have wisdom? Or are you still doing it your way, when you disagree with God's way?

Wednesday, Nov. 1st – Job 29

Our theme for chapter 29 is Job remembering his former life filled with blessings. Notice that as Job starts, his first remembrance is that of his relationship with God. What does Job remember (vss. 1-6)? These verses include images that describe great wealth and abundant blessings from on high. Then Job moves to remembering the position he had within the community and the respect he was given. How does Job describe these moments of his life (vss. 7-10)? Then Job moves on to the things he would do within the community. What were some of those activities (vss. 11-17)? And while living this lifestyle, what did Job believe would happen in the future (vss. 18-20)? Is this not how we think sometimes? Now read verses 18-25. What are Job's final memories of this time? While what Job says is true, we can see where Job is getting dangerously close to pride. Yet he doesn't cross that line. How do we know that (vss. 1-6)? What does this reveal about relationships and motives? Job had a charmed and blessed life. He did many great things to help others, all while remaining humble before God. How are you doing on that front – remaining humble before God? Is your service out of concern and compassion for others as Job's?

Thursday, November 2nd – Job 30

Today our theme will be Job remembering his losses and the anguish it has brought. And just to get a sense of how far Job has come from his earlier days, read verse 15. This is a summary of his life at this point. What has he lost? Now go back and read verses 1-14. How do these verses express how bad his terror and losses truly are? As we move on to verses 16-19, besides loss of wealth and respect, what else is Job suffering? Who else is part of the attack (vss. 18-19)? At this point we see the desperation of Job. What does he cry out for in verses 20-23? Do you sense the agony and disappointment? Then there is the break in the plea to God and Job does this litany that begins in verses 24-25. Job wants to know where are those who would help and weep for those in trouble. After all, isn't that what Job did for others? In fact, as we read verses 26-31 we see that Job was looking for the good as he had done, but in each case what did he find? Have you ever felt this low and abandoned? Yet Job still does not turn against God and believes that God will declare him innocent. He believes this even though he has lost everything. Do you possess a faith in God that deep and strong? What can you do today to allow God to develop this kind of faith in you? What might you need to give up for God in order to develop utter reliance on Him?

Friday, Nov. 3rd – Job 31

Today we complete Job's final speech and our theme today is Job's final appeal of innocence. This chapter is a list of "ifs" and "thens." As we read, we will see that Job believes that if he had committed any of these wrong things, then he would deserve a specific reprimand. Begin by reading verses 1-4. To complete today's study, fill in the following chart: (the first one is done for you)

| VERSES | IF | THEN | VERSES | IF | THEN |
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| 5-8 | Lied, strayed lusted or sinned | Let others eat the crops & uproot them | 9-12 | | |
| 13-15 | | | 16-20 | | |
| 22-28 | | | 29-32 | | |
| 33-37 | | | 38-40 | | |

What patterns do you see in Job's appeal to his innocence? Are you innocent of all these things? Do you understand why we need Jesus? Do you have a deeper sense of the necessity of the holiness given to us through Jesus? What will be different in you today because you read God's Word?

Saturday, Nov. 4th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Revelation 7:9-17.