

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. 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, October 4th – 1 Kings 5:1-18

This week we will start the building of the Temple. As with any building project, there are needs that need to be met before any construction can begin. Having allies is one good start. What allies does Israel have and why does this relationship exist? How is the future solidified (vss. 1-6)? What do you think of Solomon's diplomatic wisdom thus far? How does Hiram of Tyre receive this request from Solomon (vss. 7-9)? What wisdom do you see in this response? What were the final terms of this arrangement (vss. 10-12)? But lumber was not the only thing needed. What else did Solomon have to get into place (vss. 13-18)? Where do you see wisdom in creating this labor force? Consider for a moment that it is God's wisdom given to Solomon to build the Temple for God. Imagine the massive undertaking this must have been. Do you sense any excitement that it is beginning? Do you sense any anxiety in those making the plans? What does this Chapter reveal to us about God? About us as human beings? Consider that we are about to enter our own building project this year. How does this point to and reveal Jesus? Consider how Jesus in us makes us a living temple. Do we put as much thought into our bodies and minds as Solomon did into logs and stones?

Tuesday, October 5th – 2 Chronicles 2:1-18

Now we will turn to the Chronicler and his description of the beginnings of the Temple building. As we begin, let us consider why Solomon is building the Temple (vs. 1)? What else besides the Temple is Solomon going to build? Now read verses 2-10. To whom does Solomon write and for what does he ask? What differences are there between yesterday's request and today's? What is different about the numbers of workers from yesterday? What seems to be the focus for the Temple that was not so much the focus in 1 Kings (vss. 5-6)? Remember, the Chronicler is very interested and focused on the worship of God. How does King Hiram respond to Solomon (vss. 11-16)? Again, look at the differences from yesterday. Consider what in verses 13-16 is different or added. One thought has been that since Chronicles is believed to have been written after the exile, they would have known that the logs were delivered to Joppa and transported to Jerusalem from Joppa. Also, the writer wants to make sure that the beauty of the Temple is restored when the rebuild is finished, so that is why there is more description than we found in 1 Kings. How does this chapter 2 finish (vss. 17-18)? What does this reveal to you about God? Keep in mind that this was written after the exile. Notice the similarities in the instructions. What does this reveal about us and our need for worship? How does this point to Jesus and the Temple (the church) he is building now?

Wednesday, October 6th – 1 Kings 6:1-13

Today we will return to 1 Kings and the beginning of construction. Verse 1 tells us a lot. What month did the construction begin? How long has Solomon been king? And how long has it been now since the Exodus from Egypt? The month of Ziv would be around late April to early May. We now move into the description of the Temple. It is sometimes good to get a piece of paper and a ruler and draw this using 1 inch for 1 foot. So, you would draw two nine-inch lines parallel to each other and two three-inch lines at each end. Off of one of the three-inch lines, draw a 1.5 inch add-on for the entry. As you read in verse 6, the complex was 3 stories tall. Do you notice anything about each story in verse 6? Verse 7 tells us a bit about the actual construction. What has happened and where did it happen? Why do you think that is? As we continue, we see the rest of the description of how the Temple was built. Where is the main level entrance? Where were all the rooms located? How high was each ceiling? Are there no vaulted ceilings here? This section ends with a message to Solomon from God. What is the message (vs. 11-13)? With that said, how does this end (vs. 14)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity and yourself? How does this point to or reveal Jesus?

Thursday, October 7th – 2 Chronicles 3:1-14

Today we return to the Chronicler's description of the building of the Temple. Read verses 1-2. What additional information are we given in this opening? There is some significant history with Mount Moriah. This is where God stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac. It is where David bought the land from Araunah to offer sacrifices to God to stop the plague that killed 70,000 Israelites, because David took a census. This is an important place. Now read verses 3-14. These are the descriptions of the Temple. While the dimensions are the same, what is the focus of the Chronicler? Consider how much closer this description is to the Tabernacle. What specific descriptions remind you of things found in the Tabernacle? Yesterday we learned of all the rooms that were built into three sides and yet there is no mention of that in this description. What does this description reveal to you about God? Do you sense awe and wonder at the beauty of it all? What does this reveal about us as humans? What are we capable of creating, thanks to the gifts of God? What does this reveal about or how does it point to Jesus?

Friday, October 8th – 1 Kings 6:14-38

Today we finish Solomon's building of the Temple with the layout of the inside and the finishes. What is the first part of the inside that is described and how was it finished (vss. 14-18)? Moving to the Holy of Holies, how was it constructed and how was it finished (vss. 19-22)? Now the main sanctuary is the next area of focus. What was built and placed there and what were the finishes (vss. 23-35)? Finally, we move out to the courtyard. How was it constructed and decorated (vs. 36)? This concludes the building of the Temple. Verses 37-38 tell us when it was completed and how many years it took. The month of Bul is around October/November. What have these descriptions of the Temple revealed to you about God? What have they revealed to you about humanity? How does this all point to Jesus? Consider today what Jesus said about the Temple in Mark 13:1-2. Ponder how the Temple was built to engage people in worship and involve them in the presence of God. Since we each are the Temple of God in that He dwells in us, how are we engaging people in worship and the presence of God?

Saturday, October 9th - For tomorrow please read 1 Kings 7:13-37.