

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, Nov. 12th – Numbers 15

We are back in Numbers again and will pick up where we left off. The Israelites have been sent back to the wilderness for their rebellion. Chapter 15 starts us off with a reminder of the sacrifices that are to be given when their children reach the Promised Land. What kind of offerings will be made (vss. 1-3)? And what shall be offered with this sacrifice (vs. 4)? In verses 5-10 we see what liquid offerings are to be made, based on the animal presented. Verses 11-16 tell us how the sacrifices are to be prepared. Who do these instructions apply to (vs. 15)? In verses 16-21, the grain offering is reviewed. That is a lot to remember. What happens should someone forget these rules (vss. 22-31)? Notice the difference between unintentional and deliberate failure. The expectation is that we will take it seriously enough to not intentionally blow it off. As you read verses 32-36, how serious is Sabbath? It is not the gathering of sticks, but the blatant disobedience towards God that gets this man stoned. Forgetfulness seems to be a concern and problem, so what is God's remedy for that (vss. 37-41)? I think of it as one wearing a cross around his neck. Even with tassels or a cross, we still tend to forget God, don't we? At times we unintentionally fail to be obedient and at times we are intentionally disobedient. Spend some time with Jesus today, repenting of your disobedience and forgetfulness. Then ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you more often, so that you don't forget.

Tuesday, Nov. 13th – Numbers 16

As we move along today, we have a story of blatant disobedience. Let us begin by reading the story first. Read verses 1-19. Who is stirring up trouble (vs. 1)? How many did they get involved (vs. 2)? Now considering there are about one million people, 250 is a relatively small number. What is their gripe (vss. 3, 12-14)? By the end of the story, how many did Korah stir up (vs. 19)? How is Moses going to address this issue (vss. 4-7)? The scene is set for a show-down of the Levites. What happens (vss. 19b-33)? This is the power of the almighty God. This demonstrates God's holiness. But what about the 250, who were stirring up trouble with these three (vs. 35)? Along with God's power, there is also mercy. What about all those incense burners (vss. 36-40)? And even with all of that, look what happens the next morning (vs. 41-42). What is God's reaction to this rebellion (vss. 43-45)? What do Moses and Aaron do (vss. 46-48)? In all, how many lost their lives due to this rebellion (vs. 49-50)? When we read this, we wonder why they were so foolish, and yet, we behave the same way. What has this text revealed to you about God? His anger? His mercy? What does it reveal about us humans? And how does it point to Jesus and reveal our need for Him? Take this lesson with you today and pay close attention to where you might be rebelling.

Wednesday, Nov. 14th – Numbers 17

The last two days have been long texts. Today is a mere 13 verses. It is God's revelation of whom He has chosen to end this rebelling over who is chosen to lead once and for all. What does God have Moses do (vss. 1-5)? What happens (vss. 6-11)? How do the people respond (vss. 12-13)? How does their response speak truth? How is their response a bit melodramatic? What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about us? What does this reveal about Jesus and our need for Him?

Thursday, Nov. 15th – Numbers 18

Now that we are finished with the rebellion this week, we turn to priestly matters. Who is responsible and accountable for what (vs. 1)? Remembering all the work that is to be accomplished, how has God provided help for Aaron and his sons (vs. 2)? How are the duties split up (vss. 3-7)? What happens if the wrong person gets too close to an area they are not to serve in (vs. 7)? As discussed in Exodus and Leviticus, priestly work is full-time, so care for themselves and their families must come from God. How will God provide for them while they serve the Lord (vss. 8-19)? What restrictions will the Levites have and why (vss. 20-21)? How will they be provided for (vs. 21)? What is the warning provided in verses 22-24? The Israelites are expected to offer the tithe and the Levites will receive it. But what does God expect the Levites to do once they receive the tithe (vs. 26)? What will this tithe of the tithe represent (vs. 27)? Verses 28-32 are a wrap up of the Levite tithes. To whom do the Levites bring their tithe (vs. 28)? Can it be second-best? Who may eat of the grain tithe after it has been offered (vs. 31)? What is the final warning to the Levites (vs. 32)? What do these instructions reveal to you about God? Do you see mercy and provision? What does this reveal to you about humanity? And what does this reveal about Jesus? Did you know Saint James tithes on the tithe? We tithe on our offerings, giving to apportionments, which benefits ministries, those who serve us and the global church. We put into practice these lessons. And since we have done so, we have been blessed to pay our apportionments in full for the last two years.

Friday, Nov. 16th – Numbers 19

We finish this week with another purification ritual for sin. In light of all that has happened in the last few days, there is obviously a need. Read verses 1-10. What preparations are needed in order to have water of purification? From what defilement does the purification water purify the person (vss. 11-16)? What are the parts of the purification ritual (vss. 17-19)? What happens if someone does not complete the purification ritual (vss. 20-23)? Why do you think there is the concern over dead bodies? What are some practical reasons for needing purification? Remembering the rebellion and death that ensued, why else might purification need to take place? What does this reveal about God and His holding to purity? What does this reveal about us as humanity? What does this reveal about Jesus' death and resurrection? How does that offer us purity today? Spend some time thinking through these questions and ask God to reveal His heart to yours.

Saturday, Nov. 17th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Numbers 21:4-9.