

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, Nov. 13th – Job 33

This week we will hear from Elihu. He has a retort to Job directly and to Job's three friends indirectly. So who is this guy Elihu and what issue does he have (vss. 1-2)? As mentioned on Sunday, scholars are divided on whether this was an add-on to the Book of Job, or if Elihu, because of his age, was there but not listed as a "friend" of Job. In addition to being angry with Job, who else is Elihu angry with and why (vs. 3)? Why have we not heard from Elihu up until now (vss. 4-7)? But after listening to all these speeches, what has Elihu determined (vss. 8-9)? So what does Elihu say and whom does he address first (vss. 10-15)? What has all this dialogue left Elihu feeling (vss. 16-20)? Have you ever been so charged up over something that you just had to speak? How did it go when you did? Would it have been better to be quiet or was speaking up the right thing to do? Truth is, it can go both ways. As Elihu prepares to launch his remarks, what parameters does he set and why (vss. 21-22)? This is an important point. He is not interested in flattery, but in speaking what he believes to be the truth. What does this reveal about what we will read this week? Is Elihu going to be gentle or ruthless or somewhere in between? After reading Elihu's complaints against his elders, is he right or wrong? You have studied their arguments with Job. Do you agree or disagree with Elihu? What does this part of Elihu's response so far reveal to us about humanity? Where do we get all worked up? What might we learn from this?

Tuesday, Nov. 14th – Job 34

We return to Elihu's speech. Today he will direct his comments to Job and to Job's responses to his friends' arguments. Verses 1-7 are a prelude to what Elihu will say to Job. How does he promise to address Job (vss. 3 and 7)? Why is going to address him like that (vss. 4-6)? In verses 8-11, Elihu summarizes Job's points. Do you agree with his summary? Beginning in verse 12, Elihu begins to layout his issues with Job and Job's position. How does Elihu begin with Job (vs. 12)? What is the first point that Elihu brings up about which he disagrees with Job (vs. 13)? What support does Elihu use to prove his point (vss. 13-18)? Do you agree with Elihu? Moving on, Elihu describes a different scenario to refute Job's claim that God doesn't listen. What picture does Elihu paint (vss. 19-22)? But what explanation does Elihu give to refute that God would allow this to happen (vss. 23-25)? What, according to Elihu, precipitates this miraculous restoration (vss. 26-28)? He finishes this part with a summary statement in verses 29-30. What is his summary? This section ends with a pause for rebuttal. But it seems to be more rhetorical than a real opportunity. How do we know that (vss. 31-33)? What is correct in what Elihu says? What is not true? Why do we know it is not true? What does that tell us about the truths we cling to? What does this reveal to us about God? About Jesus? About us?

Wednesday, Nov. 15th – Job 35

Today Elihu will address not only Job, but also his friends. How do we know this (vss. 1-4)? Elihu asks some interesting questions about how our sins affect God. What does he ask and what does he insinuate is the answer to his questions (vss. 5-8)? What is Elihu's point? Now Elihu will turn directly to Job's complaint. Read verses 13-16. What issue does Elihu address that is a complaint of Job's? What does Elihu say is God's response to such complaints? Elihu states the main fault with such a complaint is what (vs. 12)? Since this is addressed to Job, what has he just said about Job? Do you agree with Elihu's points in this chapter? Why do you disagree? Is your disagreement based on knowledge of God or feelings about God? How does knowing Jesus' life and ministry support or reject Elihu's suppositions? What does this reveal about us as humanity?

Thursday, Nov. 16th – Job 36:1-21

On this Thursday, Elihu will complete his argument regarding God's justice, which he began in chapter 35. As you read verses 1-4, why does Elihu feel the need to continue his defense of God's justice? Yesterday Elihu called Job arrogant. How does verse 4 strike you, when thinking about Elihu? What does Elihu say about God's justice in verses 5-10? How does God deal with the wicked and the oppressed (vss. 6-7)? If someone is found caught up in trouble, how is God working (vs. 10)? If they listen to God, what will be the result (vs. 11)? If they fail to listen to God, what happens (vss. 11-15)? So how does this all tie back to Job and his situation (vss. 16-21)? What is wrong with Elihu's diagnosis and advice? Is everything that Elihu says wrong? Could it be that it is just not applicable to Job's case? What is revealed about God? What is revealed about humanity?

Friday, Nov. 17th – Job 36:22 – 37:24

Today we finish the last argument, which will be the end of Elihu's speech. He will now shift the focus from God's justice to God's power. As we read Elihu's descriptions of God's power, what do you learn or what are you reminded about God's power (vss. 22-33)? How does this affect Elihu (vs. 7:1)? In verses 2-12, we read more descriptions of God's awesome power. This power impacts humanity directly. How (vs. 13)? At verse 14, we see the dialogue is directed to Job. Beginning at 15 through verse 18, Elihu describes more of God's power. By the end of verse 18, what challenge does Elihu make to Job? How does this challenge carry on in verses 19-21? These verses are directly tied to the question in verse 18. We conclude with Elihu's summary statement. What point does Elihu make (vss. 22-24)? Do you agree with Elihu? Where do you disagree? Are his descriptions of God's power accurate? Are they complete? So why would he be wrong in applying it to Job? What does this teach us about being right, but knowing we could still be wrong? What have you learned this week from Elihu's speech? Where did you pause in awe and wonder? Where were you aggravated? What did you learn? Why do you think this speech is important to know? Spend some time in prayer today thanking God for Elihu's speech, as well as God's justice and power and unfailing love.

Saturday, Nov. 18th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Job 38:1-11.