

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, November 15th – Proverbs 2

This week we will do one chapter of Proverbs a day. Wisdom is a gift from God to his creation. We all need wisdom even over patience. That is what Proverbs 2 is about – the benefits of having wisdom. As Pastor Shirley said yesterday, many of these early chapters are like a parent speaking to a child, or God speaking to us through Solomon. What does that parent ask the child to do (vss. 1-4)? What do these reveal about the value of wisdom? What will be the result of this search (vss. 5-11)? How are these results worth more than silver or treasures? What else will wisdom accomplish (vs. 12)? Why would this be important (vss. 13-15)? So basically, wisdom keeps us from the folly of lying and corrupt people. But what else will wisdom save you from (vs. 16)? Sexual immorality is unwise. What are the signs that sexual immorality is afoot and what are the consequences (vss. 17-19)? How does Solomon wrap up this teaching? What is the wise advice from the parent (vss. 20-22)? What does this chapter reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to us about humanity? Consider the choices we make every day. How does this point to our need for Jesus? Spend some time today asking for wisdom.

Tuesday, November 16th – Proverbs 3

Today we continue with the parent sharing wisdom with the child. God is the one sharing and we are His children. What is the first thing the parent bids the child to do and what will be the result if the child heeds the parents' request (vss. 1-2)? Long and satisfying life is still promised but it comes with learning this wisdom and living it out! What is the first piece of wisdom today that the parent offers and what will be the result if it is followed (vss. 3-4)? Who doesn't want that? One of the most quoted texts comes from verse 5-6. Why do you think the writer tells us to not depend on our own understanding? How does verse 7 answer that question? Without God's wisdom, what path will it naturally take? But if we follow God's wisdom, even if we are not sure we understand it, or agree with it, what is the benefit (vs. 8)? So, what happens when we get it wrong? Does God abandon us? How does Proverbs answer these questions (vss. 11-12)? What wisdom is given regarding wealth (income) and when followed, what will be given (vss. 9-10)? What is revealed about wisdom in verses 13-18? Why do we need God's wisdom (vss. 19-20)? God is the one where wisdom resides. The parent returns to pleading with the child to pursue wisdom. What wisdom does he offer the child (vss. 21-26)? In verses 29-35, we see pearls of wisdom. Each pearl is either two related lines or verses long, a pattern we see a lot of as we move deeper into Proverbs. Verses 27-30 are how we should treat our neighbors. What do you learn from these nuggets of wisdom? In verses 31-35, we see the comparison between the wicked and the godly, the wise and the foolish. The foolish are the wicked because they have no wisdom. What are their actions and consequences? What are the consequences for the godly and wise? What does this chapter reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself and all humanity? Considering Jesus is the embodiment of wisdom, how does this reveal Jesus?

Wednesday, November 17th – Proverbs 4

We move to chapter 4 today and begin with the parent instructing the child. How does this conversation begin today (vss. 1-2)? What example does the parent give to the child to do this (vss. 3-9)? What has the parent learned and experienced? Returning to the child, what does the parent implore (vss. 10-13)? Starting in verse 14 we see the wise instruction begin. What is the theme in verses 14-19? What should we do? What should we avoid? What is the theme of verses 20-23? What are ways to protect one's heart (vss. 24-27)? Considering these words of wisdom are from your heavenly father to you, what is revealed to you about God? What is revealed about yourself and humanity in general? How does this point to Jesus? Consider how he lived his life. Did Jesus live into these teachings?

Thursday, November 18th – Proverbs 5

Today we will speak about sexual immorality. Believe it or not, God has a lot to say about this. We start off in verses 1-2 with the father calling his son to pay attention and listen up. What is the warning for today and how does the temptation look (vss. 3-6)? What is the Father's advice (vss. 7-8)? If the son does not heed his Father's wisdom, what are the possible consequences (vss. 8-14)? What emotions are revealed in this? Instead, what wisdom does the Father impart regarding what the son should do instead (vss. 15-20)? But there is one more thing that the Father points out to the son. What is it (vss. 21-23)? God sees, and sin is a trap that takes your life. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal about humanity and yourself? How does this point to Jesus and the way to life?

Friday, November 19th – Proverbs 6

We will close this week out with Proverbs 6. In this chapter we deal with some very wise life lessons. The first has to do with money and loans. Read verses 1-5. What is the life lesson being taught? Have you ever co-signed a loan and had it not work out? This is good advice to keep friends and families on good terms. Next comes a lesson on work. Read verses 6-11. What is the lesson? What example is used? What happens when the lesson is not followed? What will happen to you? Have you ever wondered what a wicked person looked like, so you could more easily spot them? What do verses 12-15 reveal to you and what will be the consequence? Do you wonder what it is that God hates? (Yes, God hates things.) How many items are there (vs. 16)? What are these things hated by God (vss. 17-19)? Are you guilty of any of these? Truthfully, we all are guilty. Verses 20-23 instructs the child again. What is the instruction and to what lengths should it be applied? These instructions are to be applied to the next imparted wisdom; one we have covered before. What will it keep you from doing and why do we need it to keep us from this (vss. 24-35)? Did you note the seriousness of the consequences? What does this reveal to you about God's design for our sexuality? Do you think God means it? Most of us came out of the sexual revolution, which did not follow these teachings. Do you see in the culture today where this lack of wisdom has led us? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal about humanity? How does it point to our need for Jesus? Pray asking God to forgive you for when you did not follow God's wisdom. Then ask for wisdom going forward.

Saturday, November 20th - For tomorrow please read Proverbs 8:1-11