

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 and direct 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. 20th – Job 38:1-11

Our focus this week will be on the Lord's response to Job about all that Job has said regarding his treatment from God. Where does God speak to Job from (vs. 1)? How does God begin his response to Job (vss. 2-3)? Imagine yourself being Job in that moment. How would you feel if God showed up to address your ignorance by telling you that you must answer His questions? What is the first series of questions going to be about and what does God mean by the "foundation" (vs. 4)? Specifically, what does God want to know from Job about laying the foundations (vss. 5-6)? Can you answer these questions? Keeping in mind that science may tell us how it works, does science tell us who came up with the plan and measurements in the beginning? How was God being cheered on as He created (vs. 7)? Now we move to the next set of questions and what do they address (vss. 8-9)? What did God do that was amazing (vss. 10-11)? The limiting of the sea is pretty amazing when you think about it. We can create dams that hold back or channel water, but as we are learning, what we build is not permanent. Yet, what God designs lasts forever. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about us? Spend some time in praise today rejoicing in the creative mind that made and continues to create all things.

Tuesday, Nov. 21st – Job 38:12-27

We continue today with more of God's questioning of Job. What is the first subject of questioning today (vs. 12)? Once again, scientifically we understand that the earth rotates on its axis every 24 hours giving us night and day. But God decided it should be this way and God decided that it would rotate in this direction, so the sun does rise in the east and set in the west. As you read verse 13, ponder what exactly God is asking Job? Can anyone spread light so that no darkness exists? And failure to have night darkness would eliminate what, according to God (vs. 13b and 15)? Verse 14 is the observation of bending light and shadows. As light moves, it adds brilliance, shadows, and changes the appearance of things that light shines on. Many of us learned about this in grade school, yet none of us can control it. On to verses 16-18... what is the subject of the next questioning? Can you answer any of these questions with certainty and detail? I do believe that we still have not been to the deepest depths of the sea, even with all our technology. Reading 19-20, we are back to light and darkness and then in 21, we have this sarcastic remark to Job. What does God say to him? Beginning in verse 22, we see a shift to the effects of weather. Again, science teaches us how these things happen, but we can neither control them nor make them happen in the sky. Can we make it rain or snow? Can we control where lightning strikes or the damage it does? As you ponder these things today, do you find yourself in awe and humbled before God? When you think of light and dark, are you reminded that Jesus is the light of the world? How does this remind you that humanity is part of the creation and not the creator?

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd – Job 38:28-41

Today we will finish chapter 38. We are still reading questions about weather as we begin. What is God asking Job about in verses 28-30? Now we can all make ice cubes, but do we have the power to freeze Lake Michigan or the Atlantic Ocean or even a small river on our own? Moving to verses 31-35, the questions are about things in the sky. Truth is, we cannot move a single star from where it is. We can observe if it moves or dies, but we cannot do it ourselves. In verse 33, we may have discovered the laws of the universe, but we cannot change them. Can anyone remove gravity from the earth? Verses 34-35 and 37-38 find us back to considering rain and lightning. Then in verse 36, we see God ask about humans. What does He ask? So God gave us intuition and instinct to discover how things work and how to survive, and how to find Him, but we cannot give this to those who lack it. The chapter closes with questions about what (vss. 39-41)? Consider that we have enough food to feed every human on earth, yet we don't. And God takes care of all the animals we don't even think about. What does this tell you about God? What does this remind you about humans?

Thursday, Nov. 23rd – Job 39:1-18

As we begin chapter 39, read verses 1-8. While humans have studied animals and know much about them, we did not establish their habits, reproduction or behavior. We just know how it happens. To emphasize our limitations, God gives another example from the animal world in verses 9-12. Taming a wild ass means we need to break their spirit. Without the work of taming, can any of God's questions be answered in the affirmative? In verses 13-18, God speaks of the ostrich, an animal about which many of us know little. What do you learn about the ostrich in verses 13-17? It sounds like there are no redeeming qualities in this bird. But then we get to verse 18 and what do we learn? While the ostrich might not be the brightest crayon in the box, it is built to outrun most other animals. And God designed the ostrich this way, and the wild ox this way, and the wild donkey this way. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this tell you about humanity? What limitations do we have that will always exist?

Friday, Nov. 24th – Job 39:19-40:5

We will finish God's first response to Job today. We continue where we left off yesterday with the creative abilities given to animals. Today we will start with the horse, something several of you know about. What attributes has God given the horse (vss. 19-25)? If we find a horse that is missing some of these attributes, can we instill them in the horse? We can try, but it won't work or be long-term. The last animal we look at will be the hawk, a majestic bird. What traits did God instill in the hawk (vss. 26-30)? Now humans can train a hawk to be a hunting partner, but the hawk is already instinctively a hunter, so that part is not taught. We teach the hawk to submit to our control. It is said that even with that training, hawks are wild animals and may not always follow their training. There is not a break in the questioning as God turns to Job and asks him what (vss. 40:1-2)? How does Job respond (vss. 3-5)? How would you respond if you were in Job's place? What point do you think God is trying to make to Job, especially regarding the fact that Job was blameless and filled with integrity before God? It has to do with not knowing everything and reducing God to our level of knowledge. We have learned a great deal about how things came about, but we have no power to make them happen. We can grow new plants, but we cannot create a new seed out of nothing. After reading all of these things this week, what information about God has been renewed in you? Where have you found yourself humbled? Where have you found Jesus?

Saturday, Nov. 25th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Job 42:10-17.