

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. 27th – Job 40:6-14

This week we will finish the Book of Job. We pick up today where we left off last week, the Lord speaking to Job. As you read verses 6-7, where is God and what is his demand? What point is God making to Job in verses 8-9? Knowing that Job's answer to these questions must be "No", God emphasizes his point in the difference between God and Job through a series of demands found in verses 10-13. If Job can do these things, then what would be the two results (vs. 14)? How often we think we know better than God! But if God addressed these things to you, what would you say? What do these verses tell us about God? What do they reveal about humans? Where have you fallen into the trap where you think you know more than God and "demand your rights?" What might need to change in you so as to not go there in the future? Spend some time in prayer today, asking for forgiveness and for the Holy Spirit to humble your heart towards God.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th – Job 40:15-24

Today we continue God's discourse with Job. Verses 15-24 describe the creature Behemoth. As discussed on Sunday, many scholars believe that this animal is either a hippopotamus or an elephant. Other scholars say the animal is mythological and doesn't really exist, but is simply a symbolic animal illustrating God's creativeness. Read through the description of Behemoth. What is the only being that can have any effect on Behemoth (vs. 19)? What kind of control do we as humans have of Behemoth (vs. 24)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about you? Does it matter if this is a true animal or a mythological creature? Is the point God is making valid in either explanation?

Wednesday, Nov. 29th – Job 41:1-11

We now turn to chapter 41 and a creature named Leviathan. This time scholars do not agree on much when it comes to explaining Leviathan. Some scholars have described this sea creature as an overgrown crocodile. Others say it is a whale. Still others believe it is a mythological and symbolic creature. And still others believe it is a sea monster, which lives in the depths. Read the descriptions in verses 1-9. What does this sound like to you? A crocodile? A whale? Does it matter? What is God's point for bringing up Leviathan (vss. 10-11)? If we can't control the sea creature, then why do we think we can control God? After all, everything, all of creation—including our homes, possessions, children, spouses—everything belongs to God! We just get to enjoy it while we are alive. Considering everything belongs to God and not to us, how do you think we should treat and care for everything we possess? And if God asks for it back, should we not be willing to do so, since it belongs to God anyway? What have you learned or been reminded about regarding God? About yourself? How did Jesus live into this fully? Consider Jesus' prayer in Matthew 26:36-44. How do your prayers go? Why do you think God would have us give things back to Him? What does our resistance or refusal say about our love for God?

Thursday, Nov. 30th – Job 41:12-34

We continue today by hearing more about Leviathan. What does God describe in verses 12-17? What do you find amazing about this description? Now continue with verses 18-21. What picture does this conjure up for you, with smoke pouring from its nostrils and lightning coming from its mouth? Verses 22-29 describe its neck. When you close your eyes, what do you see? Now put the head on top of that neck and attach them to a body of scales. What about verse 30? What does it describe? Now add the belly to the rest of the image you have created. What picture have you created in your mind? Verses 31-32 give us a clue as to where Leviathan can be found. Where would that be? What does God say about the animal in verses 33-34? What do you think God's point is? Could this creature exist or is it just the stuff fairy tales are made from? Does it matter in regards to God's point? We need to remember that we do not have all the answers. While our 21st Century minds want to say that none of this exists, we cannot say for certain. After all, we already know that we have not been to the very depths of the sea.

Friday, Dec 1st – Job 42

Today we finish the Book of Job. It has been a great journey. As discussed Sunday, a vast number of scholars do believe that this last chapter is an addition to the poem, in that it returns to the genre of narration rather than poetry. Nonetheless, it has important things to teach us about who God is, who we are, and helps point us to Jesus. God has finished speaking. How does Job respond (vss. 1-6)? What can we learn from this response? Now read verses 7-9. Who does the Lord address and what does he say (vss. 7-8)? Who is missing from the list of friends? What does that say about Elihu? What do the friends do (vs. 9)? In verse 10, we see God's response. We had spoken about how losing wealth and health in Job's time also meant losing one's place of honor. But what God does in verse 10 reverses Job's prestige and status in the community. How do we know this (vs. 11)?

Verses 12-17 gives us an inventory of what God restores to Job. Compare this inventory to what Job had in Chapter 1:1-3. Was God's restoration faithful? Abundant? Take some time to consider today what Job taught you about suffering, justice, and the ways of God. What have you learned about God? About humans? About Jesus? How might the end of Job point to our life being restored when Jesus returns?

Saturday, Dec. 2nd – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Isaiah 35:1-2.