

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, Feb 24th – Judges 19:1-21

This week we will finish the Book of Judges, and again this week there will be no judge! But as you read, be aware of how far Israel, God's chosen people have wandered away from God. Once again, our story involves a Levite, who this time lives in Ephraim and travels to Bethlehem. What does he go to Bethlehem for (vs. 1)? How does this go over for him (vs. 2)? How is the matter resolved (vss. 2b-15)? This demonstrates the code of hospitality offered to the Levite. When they finally leave, why do they not stay in the suggested town (vs. 11)? Where do they head to and why (vs. 14)? What tribal area was it located in (vs. 14)? In verse 15, we see they settle down in the town square. This was an Israelite custom, to wait to be offered hospitality. To not be taken in by one of the residents was considered most inhospitable. Who resolves this matter and how does it come about (vss. 16-21)? Verse 21 tells us what true hospitality of the time looked like. We also begin to get a glimpse of the problem in the town in verse 20. What tells us trouble is brewing? It seems like a minor thing, but what does the lack of hospitality reveal to us about how far Israel had fallen? Consider the contrast of extravagant hospitality compared to the warning in verse 20. What does this reveal to you about humanity? What does hospitality look like in today's world? How is Jesus hospitable?

Tuesday, Feb. 25th – Judges 19:22-30

Today, please read the rest of the story at one time. What does this remind you of that we have already read (Genesis 19:1-11)? List all the various sins that took place and who committed them. Remember these are not foreigners doing this, but Israelites to other Israelites. What does this reveal about how sin can permeate and grow like cancer in the lives of individuals and communities? What does this reveal to us about humanity (ourselves)? How does this point to our constant need for Jesus? Consider where sin may have a hold on your life? It doesn't have to be sexual sin. It can be pride, arrogance, bitterness, ungratefulness, discontent, stealing, and so on. How is it spreading into your family or into the church, because you are not letting the Holy Spirit deal with it? What might you need to repent of and turn to Jesus for help with regarding this? Spend time in prayer asking the Spirit to search your heart, so you can see where clean-up still needs to take place. Do this every day and see what God will do in you!

Wednesday, Feb. 26th – Judges 20:1-17 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

As we continue the story today, let's start by reading verses 1-9. What does this tell us about the level of immorality they are willing to sink to and where they draw the line? The sin of this town is so grievous that it plunges Israel into civil war! It is good to know to draw the line somewhere at least. What is the battle plan (vss. 10-11)? Notice that there is a plan to avoid civil war in verses 12-13, but how does the tribe of Benjamin respond (vss. 13b-16)? As you read verse 17, look how many are entering this war. What does this reveal to you about not dealing with sinfulness in the body? What does this reveal to you when we decide to defend sinfulness as being okay? Where does sinfulness lead? Do you think that is why Jesus calls us to repent? By turning away from our sinfulness back to him, we find life not war. Where is God in all of this? Where do you keep making excuses for sin and defending it?

Thursday, Feb 27th – Judges 20:18-48

Today we read about the civil war between the 11 tribes of Israel and Benjamin. What do the 11 tribes do (vs. 18)? Why is this significant? Notice God has not left and is still willing to lead them, if only they will turn to Him. What happens the first day at war (vss. 19-20)? Do you think this made Israel question what they were doing (vss. 22-23)? Look what happens the second day (vss. 24-25)? Now Israel is pretty shaken by all of this, so what do they do and what are they told (vss. 26-28)? What happens (vss. 27-48)? What a terrible day for Israel. Sin had become so bad that there was no repentance. This left Israel fighting and killing each other. Humanity had come full circle. How does Jesus deal with sin? Notice Jesus' death still was and is needed. Take time during the day to thank Jesus and repent as you need to, so that your sins do not spread. Let's learn to keep our sin list short.

Friday, Feb. 28th – Judges 21

Today we finish the Book of Judges. As we begin, what is the problem Israel is grieving over (vss. 1-7)? How do they get around their vow (vss. 8-12)? Why do you think they did this to Jabesh-Gilead? What happens next, and what problem still exists (vss. 13-18)? Since they cannot break their vows still, what do they propose to the men of Benjamin that they do (vss. 19-22)? Do they do it and were they successful (vss. 23-24)? There is peace in the land again, but is it well? The closing verse in Judges gives the answer to that question. What revelation about God has the Book of Judges given you? What have you learned about us, humanity? How has all of this pointed to Jesus as our Judge?

Saturday, Feb 29th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Isaiah 43:1.