

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. 25th – Deuteronomy 4:1-31

As we read our texts today, consider a father who is facing his death speaking to his children. For Moses, this is his first fatherly impassioned plea to Israel. What is Moses' first plea (vss. 1-2)? What happened in the recent past to those who disobeyed and those who did obey (vss. 3-4)? What will happen if they heed Moses' pleas (vss. 5-7)? To help them live into this need for obedience, what incident does Moses tell them to remember (vss. 8-14)? These decrees are not from Moses but from whom (vss. 12-14)? What is the first warning that Moses' gives to Israel (vss. 15-20)? Why do you think making idols is such a concern? So why is Moses telling them all these things now (vss. 21-22)? If they do not abide by Moses words, what will happen (vss. 23-24)? Underline or highlight verse 24 in your Bible to remind you about who God is. When is Moses concerned about a breakdown in obedience (vs. 25)? Verses 26-31 are a prophecy, a foretelling of what will happen when Israel fails to obey. What is the prophecy? How does Moses know this is going to happen? How does Israel's past point to its future? What have you learned about God from this text? What have you learned about yourself? How does this point to Jesus? Why do we need Jesus?

Tuesday, Feb. 26th – Deuteronomy 4:32-43

Have you ever considered how to address the pluralism of religion today? Do all paths lead to God? Do we have the only God? Moses certainly believes that there is only one God, and that this God has chosen Israel to bless. What is Moses' argument for there being only one God (vss. 32-38)? When you read these verses what do you feel inside? Are you convinced? If they believe what Moses has said, what does Moses tell them they should do (vss. 39-40)? Moving to verses 41-43, what task does Moses take care of now? We have two-and-a-half tribes there. Where are the refuge cities placed? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this tell us about ourselves? Why do you think Moses is so emphatic? Are you that insistent or are you soft on who exactly God is?

Wednesday, Feb. 27th – Deuteronomy 4:44 – 5: 22

Today we begin what is commonly called Moses' Second Address. We get that feeling of a new speech from verses 44-49. Notice that 46b to 49 is a description of the Holy War against the Midianites and the land that was conquered. These verses are the introduction to the speech that follows. Moving to Chapter 5, what does Moses say (vss. 1-5)? He is going to tell them specifically what the decrees are that they are to obey. What are the decrees (vss. 6-21)? How do verses 7-9 tie into what we read about Monday and Tuesday? Compare verses 12-15 to Exodus 20:8-11. What is different? What is the same? What is the point? How were these words delivered to Israel (vs. 22)? Can you state the decrees by memory? Can you explain them to someone else? Do these still apply to us today? Why or why not? What does this reveal to you about God? About yourself? How does this all point to Jesus?

Thursday, Feb. 28th – Deuteronomy 5:23-33

We pick up where we left off yesterday, with Moses reminding Israel of receiving the 10 Commandments from the mountain where God appeared to them and spoke to them. We read what God said to them yesterday. Today we see how Israel responded. What was their reaction (vss. 23-26)? They are afraid of dying after a personal encounter with a fiercely loving God. Notice however, that they have no problem sending Moses off to speak directly with God and risk dying. I do want to pause here and consider the fact that these are the people who saw the plagues, became wealthy as they fled Egypt, walked through the Red Sea on dry ground and watched Egypt's army drown when they tried to cross. These are the people who were given manna and water and saw miracles. And yet, they didn't want to know God or come face to face with God. They only wanted to know God through Moses. Are you like Israel or are you like Moses? As we finish today's text what does God have to say about all of this (vss. 28-31)? What happens next (vss. 32-33)? Moses tells Israel the first time and Moses is telling Israel again today. What does this reveal to you about God and His presence? What does this reveal to you regarding God's presence? How does Jesus fit into all of this, being the presence of God in flesh? Spend some time in prayer with God over these things and see what the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

Friday, March 1st – Deuteronomy 6

We move to chapter 6 today, but this is still part of the second address that Moses makes. Therefore, this ties into what we read on Wednesday. What does Moses call Israel to do and why (vss. 1-3)? What kind of commitment will it take to do this (vss. 4-9)? Why do they need to make this commitment now (vss. 10-13)? What will making this commitment and living into it help prevent and secure at the same time (vss. 14-19)? Who is to be taught and how are they to be taught (vss. 20-25)? Did you teach your children? Are you teaching your grandchildren? Are you teaching your neighbors' children? Do you hear a call to teach the children attending Saint James? What does this chapter reveal to you about God? What pleases God? What crosses God? What does verse 15 tell you directly about God? What does this reveal about us as humans? How are we like the Israelites? Who makes us righteous today? How does still desiring and striving to live into obedience honor God? When we fail, how does Jesus aid us?

Saturday, March 2nd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Deuteronomy 9:1-6