

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, March 4th – Deuteronomy 7:1-11

We will start this week with some difficult texts that we find makes us uncomfortable. Read verses 1-2. What is God going to do and what does God require Israel to do to make it happen? How do you feel in reading that God commands there be no mercy? What else is Israel commanded to do (vs. 3)? And why are they not to do this (vs. 4)? What further instructions does God give Israel regarding what to do with these other nations (vs. 5)? What is God's reason for these actions (vs. 6)? They are holy! They are chosen! Verses 7-9 explains why they are chosen above all other nations. What are the reasons God gives for choosing Israel? We end today with a warning. What is the warning (vs. 10)? What is the way to not be the recipient the warnings in verse 10 (vs. 11)? What does this tell you about God today? What does this reveal to you about us? To understand how this points to Jesus, read John 15:16-17. How does what Jesus say in John's text relate to today's study? How does it feel to know you too have been chosen?

Tuesday, March 5th – Deuteronomy 7:12-26

We start today with promises from God to Israel. Make a list of all the things God promises them (vss. 12-15)? Which is the most important (vs. 12)? But these promises are contingent on what and why (vs. 16)? Remember when we discussed how fear was the factor that kept the first generation from entering the Promised Land. How does God address the potential for fear again (vss. 17-24)? Who is going to do this? Note God is going to do the heavy lifting, but Israel is expected to go and conquer. And when they obediently do conquer the land, what are they reminded to do (vss. 25-26)? Underline verse 26 in your Bibles. That will be an important verse to remember for the future. What does this reveal about God? Why do you think God is so intent of having the other nations destroyed? Is God justified in His decision? Why or why not? What does this reveal about us, especially how fear controls us? Where is fear of outcomes controlling you today? Where do you fail to move out and serve/obey God because of what someone else might say or think about you? Spend some time in prayer today asking God to reveal to you where fear has a hold on your life. Thank Him for helping you overcome your fears.

Wednesday, March 6th – Deuteronomy 8:1-10 -- Ash Wednesday Service is 7:00 pm tonight

We begin today with a call upon Israel to do something. What is the call upon them and what will be the result if they do it (vs. 1)? Verses 2-5 tell of how and why God responds to Israel's obedience or lack thereof. What does God have them remember? Notice that verse 5 speaks to discipline. What does God have to say about discipline? As we read verse 6, what is the call again upon Israel? Why are they called to do this (vss. 7-10)? Considering all that God is going to provide Israel with, is the obedience just to keep what they get (lip service) or is the obedience to flow from a loving grateful heart over all that God has provided (loving obedience)? Consider today how discipline helps to foster loving obedience? What does this text reveal about God? Is God generous and a God of abundance? What does this reveal to you about us, humanity? Do we always get it right? Where do you struggle in obedience to God? Does your obedience to God flow from your love of God or does it flow from a fear of losing something? How does Jesus exemplify the generosity of God? How does Jesus show us what loving obedience and faith looks like? Don't forget, tonight is Ash Wednesday. Let's start our Lenten Journey by lovingly obeying God to gather together as His body to remember. See you tonight.

Thursday, March 7th – Deuteronomy 8:11-20

We left off yesterday with God's reminder that when they have eaten their fill, Israel is God for the giving them the Promised Land. What follows deals with what happens to us when we are fat, happy and content. What are we in danger of when we are doing well in life (vs. 11)? What causes us to forget and disobey (vss. 12-14)? How does pride play into this? How does pride play into disobedience? So, what do they need to remember so as to offset their pride (vss. 15-18)? Why is it important for them to remember these specific things? How does this ward off pride? What if they forget? What will happen then (vss. 19-20)? Pride is one avenue to idolatry. How does our pride lead to us practicing idolatry? Where do we give lip service to God providing for us while knowing it is really what we do? What does this text reveal about God and his knowledge of how we will behave? What does this say about us? How does this point to Jesus and how he lived and his humility? What might need to be changed in you to bring you into alignment with Jesus?

Friday, March 8th – Deuteronomy 9:1-6

We finish this week with the declaration of victory by God. How is this victory going to take place (vss. 1-3)? Who again is doing all the heavy lifting in this battle (vs. 3)? What is Israel's part in this victory (vs. 3)? What is the real victory over (vs. 4)? We need to pause here a minute and look at what Israel might say. In verse 4 it talks about Israel declaring that the victory comes because they are "righteous" or they are "good" depending on your translation. When do you hear this declaration today? You know, "He/She was such a good person." To be a good person before God so that God accepts you means you are declaring that person to be righteous before God. You see, another concept that is not new and is wrong. How do we know it is wrong? Well God explains why in verses 5-6. What is the reason for God's victory (vs. 5)? What does God have to say about the Israelites (vs. 6)? What does this text reveal to you about God's likes and dislikes? What does this reveal to you about humanity? How do these verses point to our need for Jesus? Can we be right before God on our own merits? If not, what is the only way then to be right before God? Where do you think you are still "good enough" before God? You might want to think about turning that over to Jesus.

Saturday, March 9th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Matthew 27:1-5 (Tomorrow is Scout Sunday. Come support our Cub Pack.)