

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, May 17th – Psalm 27

Let us start today by reading through Psalm 27. Have you ever been afraid as an adult? David knew and understood fear. But fear of something, other than the LORD, is not helpful in a lot of cases. David addresses this being “afraid” in this Psalm. In verse 1, why does David question being afraid? Verses 2-3 build on this declaration of why he should not be. What reasons does David give (vss. 2-3)? What does David ask of God (vss. 4-6)? Yet with all that said, we see that David still struggles with fear. How is David’s fear revealed in verses 7-10? David was apparently aware that his fear was still there. How does David address the fact that this was so (vss. 11-13)? David turns to God and asks God to teach and lead him. Waiting is difficult when we are afraid. What is David’s instruction to himself and to us (vs. 14)? Notice there are 3 things we are to do: wait patiently, be brave, be courageous while we wait. What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? Consider what a relationship with God looks like, so that fear doesn’t gain the upper hand. What does this reveal about humanity? Where does fear grip you? How can your relationship and trust in God give you confidence and courage during the wait for the answer? How does this point to or reveal Jesus to you? Consider what Jesus endured while waiting. If you find you are afraid, call out to God. Remind yourself of God’s faithfulness and power.

Tuesday, May 18th – Psalm 28

One of the answers we looked at this week was the strength to endure that we receive from God. Let us read through Psalm 28. What is David’s prayer today (vss. 1-2)? Once again David is looking for help and mercy from God. Why is he looking for these? What is happening (vss. 3-5)? So, what is David’s answer after God answers him (vss. 6-7)? Verses 8-9 give us the answer as to what God does for His people. What does he do (vss. 8-9)? What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? How is God the answer for David and us? What does this reveal to you about humanity? God gives us strength in times of trouble to endure. God will carry you in His arms. Do you live this or just give lip service to this? Finally, how does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider what Jesus says about himself in John 10:11 and 14, and what David says here in Psalm 28:9b. Do you experience Jesus as your Shepherd?

Wednesday, May 19th – Psalm 29

Today is a day of praise, worship, and awe in our Psalm. Read through Psalm 29 and then come back. What does David call to happen and whom does he call to act (vss. 1-2)? Verse 3 through 9 give us a great reason why we should answer and follow David’s call. What metaphor does David use to describe God’s worthiness to receive our honor and worship (vss. 3-9)? As you read this, consider the creation story in Genesis 1. What did the voice of God do in Genesis? God’s voice alone is powerful enough to make all these things happen. This should create awe, wonder and yes, even a little fear about God’s power. It is because of his power that David makes the statements in 10-11. What does David say about God? What was revealed to you about God today in these verses? What does it reveal about yourself? How do these verses point to Jesus? How is Jesus the answer? (Think “Word of God.”)

Thursday, May 20th – Psalm 30

Today’s Psalm is for the dedication of the Temple which had not yet been built. Remember Solomon will build the Temple, not David. Ironically there is no mention of the Temple itself, but rather redemption and worship. Read through the Psalm and then come back. This Psalm starts with praise and the reason for praise. What is David’s reason for praising God and who is invited to join him (vss. 1-4)? Verses 5 and 11 are book ends for what comes between them. What does each verse speak about? Now going back to verses 6-10, what did David do that brought on the mourning (vs. 6-7)? What was David’s response that resulted in God then choosing to remove the mourning (vss. 8-10)? Now that David’s mourning has passed and he is “joy filled,” what does David do (vs. 12)? Notice that worship of God while sinning is not a guarantee of blessings. Our sin leads us away from God. It feels as though God has withdrawn and turned his back on us, but alas, we are the ones who move away. Pride and superficial contentment can lead us to withdraw from God. What has this Psalm revealed to you about God? What have you learned about yourself? How does this point to Jesus? How did Jesus’ mourning get turned into joyful dancing? Where has Jesus done that in your life? What answer does this Psalm give to the question, “The answer is...?” Spend some time in prayer today. If you are mourning, repent and receive God’s forgiveness and be filled with joy again. If you are joy-filled, then dance and praise and worship God.

Friday, May 21st – Psalm 31

Today we will close the week with our 25th out of 73 Psalms to study, which means we have covered nearly a third of David’s Psalms. Let’s read through it and then come back. In this prayer, what are the things that David asks God to do and why (vss. 1-5)? Verses 6-8 shows a contrast between David and others. What difference is David demonstrating? Specifically, what does David do that these others do not? As we move to verses 9-13, how is David feeling and what is he experiencing physically? Have you ever felt that way, like the whole world was against you? How did it affect you physically? But despite all that David has experienced, what does he profess about God and what does he seek from him (vss. 14-20)? Now that is some serious faith, considering where David is at when this Psalm was written. We close with the praise and worship of God. This is a very common practice with David. David pours out his gut-wrenching woes but does not stay there. He ends with praise and worship of God. Read verses 21-24. Notice the call to be loyal to God, strong and courageous, and to put hope in the Lord. This is a good practice for all of us when we have those moments where it seems unbearable. What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself? Would God consider you loyal, strong, courageous, and filled with hope in Jesus? How does this Psalm point to or reveal Jesus? Consider what David was suffering at the time. Jesus suffered similarly and even more. How does that help us place our hope in Jesus? Remember, Jesus knows and has experienced our pains and sufferings. But Jesus has overcome and will help us to overcome as well, either on this side of glory or the other side. Now that is a phenomenal reason to praise God today.

Saturday, May 22nd – For tomorrow, please read Acts 2 and don’t forget to wear Red & White tomorrow.