

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment 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 18th – 1 Samuel 8

This week we make the transition from Judges to Kings. Samuel is the last judge and a prophet. While things last week seemed to be leveling off for Israel again under Samuel, we see today that there is trouble in paradise. What is happening and what is Israel's request (vss. 1-6)? Samuel is not pleased, but when he checks in with God, what does God say (vss. 6-9)? What is Samuel's warning to Israel regarding having a king (vss. 10-17)? These are things that Israel had not thought through all the way. But continuing like they are now is not working either, because corruption has entered the priesthood and the families of the last two judges. So, what is Israel's response to Samuel (vss. 11-19-20)? What is God's response (vs. 21)? What does this reveal to you about God? How about what it says about us? Consider what God tells us the problem is in verses 7-8. Where do we reject Jesus as our God and King? Where do we look to our government to be our saviors? What might need to change in you? Where do you too easily compromise, instead of waiting on God?

Tuesday, May 19th – 1 Samuel 9:1-10

Today we get to meet Saul. Who does Saul belong to and what traits have we been given to describe Saul (vss. 1-2)? What task does the father send Saul on and with whom (vss. 3-4)? Where do they go and look (vss. 4-5)? Were they successful? The servant gets a bright idea. What is it (vs. 6)? How is this received and what is the result (vss. 7-10)? Now the man they are going to go see is Samuel. Note verse 9. Not only is Samuel a judge but what else is he referred to as being? What does this reveal about God and divine coincidence? What does this reveal about humanity? Where has God led you without you being aware of it at first, only to later see that God's hand was involved all along? Spend time thinking about that today and then thank God for working in your life, even when you were not aware of it.

Wednesday, May 20th – 1 Samuel 9:11-27

Today we continue our story of Saul and his looking for the lost donkeys. Since neither Saul nor the servant know who Samuel is or what he looks like or where he can be found, how do they finally find Samuel (vss. 11-14)? Now I do not use the term "divine coincidence" without scriptural support. What happens next that supports the fact that God is moving and pulling this together (vss. 15-17)? How is this more than just about Saul? How will Saul be more than a judge God raises up to save Israel? Next we read about the Saul and Samuel's first encounter. How does it go down (vss. 18-20)? Imagine being Saul in that moment and having the "Seer" you have never met tell you these things? How would you have felt? Now read verses 21 through 25. How was Saul treated that evening? Why do you think he was treated differently than the other guests? How does this part of the story end (vss. 26-27)? What does this reveal to you about God and His ways? What does this reveal to us about ourselves? How does this point to God's work in the world through Jesus? Divine coincidence?

Thursday, May 21st – 1 Samuel 10:1-16

We start today off with the anointing of Israel's first God-chosen king. We use the phrase "God-chosen" because back in Judges 9:6, Gideon's son Abimelech was named king over a portion of Israel, but not by God. How does the anointing of Saul take place (vs. 1)? Read verses 2-8. Why do you think Samuel tells Saul all of this? Note verse 6. What is going to happen to Saul? The power of the Holy Spirit of God changes people – even back in the Old Testament. So, what was this change, the new person (vs. 9)? How are the signs Samuel gave Saul fulfilled (vss. 9-13)? Who does Saul run into after this and what is the exchange they have (vs. 14-16)? What does Saul fail to share about where he was? Why do you think he keeps that a secret, especially after all that has happened? What does this reveal to you about God? Ponder all that Samuel knew before it happened and then how it happened exactly like Samuel said. What does this reveal about us as human beings? Who got it right? Who seems to still miss the mark? How does this line up with the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus?

Friday, May 22nd – 1 Samuel 10:17-27

Today, the official announcement of a king is made. How does this announcement go down (vss. 17-21)? Who is missing (vs. 21)? Where do they find him (vss. 22b-23)? Notice in verse 24 that God has chosen this king for Israel, the Israelites did not elect him or get a say in the process. How does this tie into verse 25? In other kingdoms, the kings thought they were gods and no one had rights or duties imposed upon them. Only the Israelite kings have this distinction. Once Samuel dismisses everyone, who went with Saul (vs. 26)? But not everyone is happy. Who is not and how did they behave (vs. 27)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about us humans? Consider those whose hearts are changed and those who complained and rejected Saul as king. How does this point to Jesus and how he is accepted or rejected today? Spend some time in prayer today, asking God to show you whom you need to share Jesus with and whose heart has been made ready by the Spirit to hear the Good News. Then share with someone and be ready to help them accept Jesus as savior and Lord, should the opportunity present itself.

Saturday, May 23rd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 13:1-4.

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JUST A REMINDER TO WEAR RED OR WHITE
BEGIN PRAYING ASKING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SET US ALL ON FIRE!**