

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 of the book. 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 27th – Deuteronomy 12:1-14

This week we will look at Moses' instructions regarding worship once they enter the Promised Land (see verse 1). What is the first thing they are to do when they arrive (vss. 2-4)? What are they to do instead and where are they to do it (vss. 5-7)? So, the rituals that have been established will carry on, but things will be a bit different, as there will be a location within the Promised Land where that will take place. This is a foreshadowing of the Temple. As we read on, we see that things are not right with worship and God is being patient. What does Moses say is happening and why (vss. 8-9)? What will change (vss. 10-12)? Who are they to remember to include in their celebrations and why (vs. 12)? Then comes a warning and a set of instructions of how things will work once they arrive. What does Moses warn them about (vs. 13)? And what instructions are they to follow (vs. 14)? What does this tell us about how worship will work between now and when the Temple is built? This will be important to remember when we start reading Israel's history in the Promised Land before the Temple. So, based on what we read today, what does this reveal to you about God? What does this say about us (vs. 8)? How does this point to or reveal Jesus (vss. 5-7)? Spend some time in prayer and worship today and remember to gather as community this week to worship corporately as well.

Tuesday, May 28th – Deuteronomy 12:15-32

We continue our study on proper worship. What is now being allowed for Israel as they enter the Promised Land (vss. 15-16, and 20-25)? What decree remains intact? Do you remember why blood is forbidden to be eaten? It is the life force of the animal and it shows respect for the life of the animal. Also, it protects the lives of the Israelites from any diseases carried in the animal. But while they can eat any meat they choose now, what is required regarding burnt offerings (vss. 17-19, and 26-27)? That is because these animals are being set-apart – made holy – and offered to the Lord. Therefore, they must do so as the Lord has prescribed. They have had 40 years of training in these practices, but as they spread out into the new land, some things will be different (like locations), but the practice will be the same. As we finish today, what is the warning of God that Moses gives to the Israelites (vss. 28-32)? Why should they not seek to learn how these nations worshipped their false gods (vs. 31)? What does this reveal to you about God? Where do you see God loosening the strictness allowing freedom for Israel to worship within their territory? With all these warnings, what does this reveal about us? How does this point to Jesus and how we worship today?

Wednesday, May 29th – Deuteronomy 13

Today we shift our focus to the reality of being tempted to worship idols. This is a major problem today as well, so Moses' advice and instructions can help us today. What is the first scenario that they might encounter (vss. 1-5)? Notice that these prophets speak truth and have special wisdom. When do you know they have it wrong (vs. 2b)? What does Moses tell Israel to do when this happens (vss. 3-5)? We don't need to "kill" them today, we just need to move them out of leadership/prophet roles and keep them silent. Praying is also a great weapon for your protection and God's ability to silence them. As we move on, what is the second scenario that Moses gives and how are the Israelites to respond (vss. 6-10)? When this happens what will be the result (vs. 11)? Again, while we do not stone people, we do need to remove false prophets from our midst and pray for them. We have one final scenario today and it is in verses 12-17. What does Moses say will happen and what is Israel to do? Do you think God takes this stuff about leading people away from him seriously? It happens still today and by those whom we may have held in great esteem. It happened to Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11) but Jesus was ready and refuted the temptations. What does Moses say God will do if Israel obeys and stays the course (vs. 18)? What does this reveal about God to you today? What does this reveal about ourselves and how easily we can be led away from God? How does this point to Jesus and what can we learn from Moses and Jesus in these times of false teachings and leading us away from God's ways? Pray today asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to see if and when you are being deceived.

Thursday, May 30th – Deuteronomy 14:1-21

Today we turn to what is clean and unclean ceremonially speaking. This text covers what animals can be eaten or not eaten. In light of what we read this week so far, why do you think there are still restrictions? What do you remember about these animals from when we studied Exodus? Consider that today we do not eat Vultures or camels or such. Some people today do not eat fish like shrimp or lobster. We know that if pork is not cooked properly and stored properly, we would get sick. Additionally, many of these animals were used in the worship of the foreign gods. God is keeping these prohibitions in place as a way to protect and separate Israel both physically and spiritually from being like the other nations. Why do you think God wants Israel to be different from those among whom they will be living? How can God's strategy be using Israel in mission to help others to look to the one true God? What does this reveal to you about God and how much he loves and cares for creation? What does this reveal about us as Easter People in a world that rejects God today? How does this point to Jesus for you today, especially as we prepare to come to the table this week for communion?

Friday, May 31st – Deuteronomy 14:22-29

We close this week with instructions on tithing. This is a subject that most don't like to read or dismiss because it speaks of tithing crops and livestock. Remember, we are seeking what the text reveals to us about God, ourselves and Jesus. What is the first set of tithes that are to be set aside and why is Israel to do this (vss. 22-23)? So what happens when the tithe of your crops are much too much to carry to the appointed worship place? What is an alternative option (vss. 24-25)? When you arrive, what should you do with the tithe (vs. 25)? Who is to be remembered (vs. 26)? How does this remembrance tie into what the priests may receive for their work as ministering to the Lord and God's people? What happens every third year when they bring their tithe (vss. 27-29)? Remember, why is it important to do this (vs. 23b)? How does the call to tithe help you to remember and fear the Lord? How does the use of your tithe help others? Who are the Levites among you that you are supporting and blessing? What does this reveal about God and His ability to care for you? When you read about tithing, what does this reveal about you and your heart towards giving? How does this point to Jesus as the firstborn male sacrificing himself for all of mankind? What things about worship have you learned this week? Where do you see a lot of this happening today in our midst, both good things and false idol worship/prophets? Pray that God would give you wisdom and a heart of generosity.

Saturday, June 1st – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Acts 1:6-11.