

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 6th – Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Welcome back to our Journey Through the Bible. We are still in Deuteronomy, which gives Moses' last instructions before he dies. As a reminder, he has talked about obedience to the laws, how to worship and do sacrifice, as well as how to basically live as God's people. Today we will begin to look at what is required of Israel as they enter the Promised Land and what they need to do to be obedient. As we begin, what are the seven nations that will be removed and what information are we given about them (vs. 1)? As you move to verse 2, who will do the heavy-lifting of removal and who will do the clean-up action? What does clean-up look like (vs. 2)? If your Bible uses the word "destroy," remember what we learned in Pastor Shirley's sermon or look it up in the study notes or a Hebrew Dictionary. To show no mercy looks like verse 3. Why are they to be obedient to verse 3 (vs. 4)? What else are the Israelites to do as part of the "clean-up" and why (vss. 5-6)? Now read verses 7-8. This is God's reminder to Israel that it is not because they were hot stuff, but because God loved them and rescued them as a fulfillment to the oath he had made to Abraham. How faithful is God (vs. 9-10)? For a thousand years is hyperbole, but actually has some truth in it. Remember back in Genesis, Ham's descendants through grandson Canaan were to be cursed and destroyed. Here we are about a thousand years later and that is what is coming to pass as Israel enters the Promised Land. So, because God is faithful to all His promises, what does Moses warn and instruct Israel to do (vs. 11)? What does this text reveal to you about God? What have you learned about yourself? How do these texts point to our need for Jesus? Spend some time in prayer today asking for forgiveness for worshipping false gods and thinking it is okay. Then ask God the Holy Spirit to keep your heart and mind protected and focused on Him alone.

Tuesday, May 7th – Deuteronomy 7:12-26

Our theme this week is remember and obey. Picking up where we left off yesterday, if Israel is obedient to all that they were instructed to do yesterday, what will be the results (vss. 12-15)? Those are the promises of God towards His obedient people. But what must Israel do (obey) to receive these blessings and why (vs. 16)? So, God is not just being mean to these other nations. What is God's issue with these Canaanite tribes? As we move to the next set of instructions, what is the issue that Moses deals with (vs. 17-18a)? Fear is what held the Israelites from entering the Promised Land forty years ago. Moses is making sure history does not repeat itself. When fear creeps up (which means it will), what is Israel to remember (vss. 18b-19)? Again, in verse 21 Moses calls for Israel to not be afraid. What things does Moses say God will do (vss. 20, 22-24)? When God completes His promises of handing the natives over to Israel, what is Israel's responsibility from that point forward (vss. 25-26)? Notice that the issue again is that these objects will become a trap for Israel and lead them to worship and desire things over God. As you think about this text, what have you learned about God? About yourself? About the need to focus on Jesus? What do you think God might ask you to destroy, so as to not be led away from worshipping God alone? If you are not sure, spend some time in prayer asking God and He will show you.

Wednesday, May 8th – Deuteronomy 8

As we move to chapter 8, we begin with a call to remember and obey (1-2). What are they to obey and what will be the results of obedience (vss. 1, 6-9)? What are they to remember and why do they need to remember this (vs.2). As you read verse 3, is there something familiar about this verse? These are the words Jesus quotes to Satan when being tempted in the desert. What else is Israel to remember (vss. 4-5)? What do these verses tell us about God? When they have obeyed and God has delivered on all He has promised, what is Israel to do and why (vss. 11-17)? Israel is to not get proud and forget. Rather they are to remember what God did for them. They did not do it (vs. 18). What is the next warning (vss. 19-20)? How fast things will change if Israel forgets and disobeys. How much are we like Israel? We get rich and forget God. We get comfortable and God becomes a hobby, easily dismissed when inconvenient. What does this reveal to us about God and His character? How do these verses point to our need for Jesus and His understanding of our plight as the fallen creation? What convictions are stirring in your heart today?

Thursday, May 9th – Deuteronomy 9:1-6

We start today with Moses once again dealing with the fear that will creep up in the Israelites. This time he is very specific of the kind of fear that will come. What fear does Moses address and when did this fear come up in the past (vss. 1-3)? What is God's promise to Israel (vs. 3)? After this promise comes a warning. It is not a new warning but apparently an important one, since we have had it numerous times already. What is the warning (vss. 4-6)? Consider our cultural response about people today. "Everyone is a good person." Do you think God sees us as good or stubborn? Even the person who exemplifies goodness, but does not follow Jesus is stubborn against God, aren't they? And this stubbornness does not mean that God hates us, for God loves us in spite of our stubbornness. That's why He gives us Jesus and His Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Rather God is fulfilling His promises to Abraham. What does this tell us about God? About ourselves? About Jesus? What might need to change in your understanding of God and His ways in your life this week because of this text?

Friday, May 10th – Deuteronomy 9:7-29

We close this week with a need to remember the stubbornness of Israel, because we forget too easily what we do wrong and then are doomed to repeat it. What stubbornness that led to sin does Moses want Israel to remember (vss. 7-12)? Wow, 40 days from seeing God on the mountain to creating an idol to worship. What does Moses have to say about this (vss. 13-16)? What is Moses' reaction to what he saw as he came down the mountain (vs. 17)? After that initial shock of what Israel (led by the chief priest) had done, what was Moses' first course of action and why did he do what he did (vss. 18-21)? What does that tell you about us? Then Moses wants them to remember one more stubbornness. What was this stubbornness they are to remember (vss. 22-24)? Again, what did Moses do in response to their sinful lack of trust in God (vss. 25-29)? Prayer is communication, passionate communication with God. It is not so much to change God's mind as to change peoples' hearts. But God gives us permission to come to Him and ask anything. The answer may be no sometimes and yes other times. But God is faithful to His plans for us, even when we may not be aware of it. Moses demonstrated great faith in God's love for stubborn people. What does this tell you about God and His ways and plans and faithfulness? What does this tell you about yourself and your similarity to Israel? Again, how does this text point to Jesus and our need for Jesus?

Saturday, May 11th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading 1 Kings 8:54-61