

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, June 11th – Exodus 36:8-38

This week we will read about the actual construction of the Tabernacle, the items to be used in the Tabernacle and the priestly attire. As you read verses 8-13, pause and imagine what this would have looked like. All this material, colorful threads, golden clasps. Do you sense the majesty of it all? Next comes the protection layer of the tent. What materials are used and how big are they (vss. 14-19)? Now that the actual curtains are made, we need the frames on which to hang them. As you read verses 20-34, note the size, height and width, together with the amount of gold. Finally, today we see the final two pieces of the Tabernacle structure that needs to be built. First, the inner curtain separating the Holy place from the Holies of Holy (vss. 35-36). Then the entrance way leading to the Holy Place. Take time to imagine what it must have been like for those building the place where God would reside in their midst. How does our sanctuary reflect this honor? How do you, your body, as a living Temple of God, reflect this honor? What does this reveal about God and His picture of holiness and reverence? How does this beauty point to Jesus?

Tuesday, June 12th – Exodus 37

Today we will begin the actual assembly of the various items in the Holy Place. Read verses 1-9. This is the box that will hold the stone tablets of the law, the jar of manna that they kept, and the top will be the mercy seat that God will use to meet with Moses and Aaron. As you read, what feelings stir inside of you? Now read verses 10-16. This is the Table of Presence, which will hold the 12 loaves of bread and the liquid offering. Next comes the Lampstand. What ornamentations are to be molded into this lamp (vss. 17-22)? How much gold is it going to take to make this full-size lamp stand (vs. 24)? What additional items will be made from this gold (vs. 23)? The last piece to be included in the Tabernacle is the Incense Altar. What is the size of this table (vs. 25)? It would have been like a small coffee table in our living rooms. Yet, there are some differences between what we have and what Bezalel made. What are some of the differences (vss. 26-28)? The last items to be used inside the tabernacle are the last things we read about in this chapter. What are they (vs. 29)? Do you remember from what ingredients these anointing oils and incense were made? Knowing these are the pieces inside the Tabernacle (the meeting tent), what does this reveal about God? About God's view of worship? What does it teach us about the way we approach worship sometimes? Spend some time in worship this morning. Pray asking the Holy Spirit of Jesus to make your heart and soul beautiful before God as you worship.

Wednesday, June 13th – Exodus 38

Yesterday we finished the items needed within the Tabernacle. Today we will move outside the tent to the items needed for worship. Begin by reading verses 1-6. What is the item being constructed? To grasp the size of this, think of someone who is about six feet tall. This would be a foot and a half longer and wider than that person. With what is the altar covered (vs. 3)? That is because gold under fire melts. What is the next item that Bezalel builds (vs. 8)? Do you remember how that basin will be used? Now we move to verses 9-20. This is the tent-like wall that will form the courtyard around the Tabernacle. What are the precious metals used in the walls (vss. 11-12)? Only one side of the curtains are decorated. Which curtains are these (vss. 18-20)? Consider how our building is shaped. What would be considered the courtyard? What would be the Holy Place of the Tabernacle? Where would be the Holy of Holies? The answer to the last question is within each person gathered to worship, because the curtain in the Temple was torn upon Jesus' death. As you come to worship on Sunday, pause to consider the various parts of the Tabernacle and how we still today reflect that structure. We close today for an inventory of all the materials that were needed for the construction (vss. 21 – 31). Can you even imagine all these precious metals and materials and wood? And yet, even though they were in the wilderness, they had all that they needed, if they were willing to give it. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about us and our hearts? How does this point to Jesus?

Thursday, June 14th – Exodus 39:1-31 (Hebrews 8:3-6)

Now we turn to the priests' attire. Notice who is doing the crafting of the priests' garments (vs. 2)? While he helped and supervised other craftsmen on the other projects, we see here that Bezalel is hands-on in this work. What are the first two items Bezalel makes (vss. 2-21)? As you read through these verses, notice the exact duplication. Consider that this text was originally transmitted orally, and so repetition was necessary. It is necessary for us today, because we too easily forget. Verses 22-26 describe what was to be worn underneath the ephod. What was it? The rest of the garments are listed in verses 27-29. There are three items mentioned. What are they? The last piece is found in verses 30-31. From what material is it made? What does it say? And with that everything for the tabernacle has been crafted and is ready. What does this reveal about God and His grace in giving the needed abilities to get the job done? What does this reveal about us? If they followed the law, how many days per week did they work to get this completed? Read Hebrews 8:3-6. How does what we read point to Jesus? How is Jesus as our Chief Priest better still? Spend some time in prayer today, thanking God for all He has done for us and for the lessons in creating the Tabernacle.

Friday, June 15th – Exodus 39:32-43

We conclude the construction today and it is time for Moses to review the work. Read through the list one more time (vss. 33-41). What is Moses' reaction to the people (vs. 43)? Why was it so good (vs. 42)? Notice that no one tried to improve on what God designed. They were just obedient and served and gave generously out of love and reverence to the Lord. What does this reveal about God and His plans? What does this reveal about us and how we need to respond? What does it reveal about Jesus fulfilling God's plan for His life and for our salvation? Take some time today to consider what you have learned about the Israelites and God and their relationship. How are we too often like the Israelites? Next week we will finish Exodus. What stood out the most in our journey? What from reading Exodus have you learned that is connected to Genesis? What have you learned about God's character? What have you learned about humanity? And where have you seen the texts point to Jesus? Give these questions serious thought before we continue to Numbers and Leviticus.

Saturday, June 16th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Exodus 40:1-15.