

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, June 15th – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

This week we will read through our beloved childhood story in Scripture, the anointing of David and his battle with Goliath. We left off last week with God's intent to not have Saul's descendants' rule because of Saul's sins, and Samuel leaves Saul never to see him again but mourns for Saul every day. How does this period of mourning end (vss. 1-3)? So off goes Samuel, and how is he received (vs. 4)? They seem a bit nervous, do they not? We see in verse 5 that Samuel does all the purification rights and is ready for the sacrifice. When Jesse shows up with his sons, what is Samuel's first response and what are God's remarks to that response (vss. 6-10)? Well things are not looking good, are they? Seven sons and none are chosen. What happens next (vss. 11-12)? How is David described? God's seal upon David is carried out through the anointing with oil. How does this take place (vs. 13)? Who is present to watch? What happens to David? When the ritual is over, what does Samuel do? What does this reveal to you about God (vs. 7)? Did you see anything else? What does this reveal about us as humanity (vss. 6-7)? How does this point to Jesus? Consider that Jesus is "the anointed one", the Messiah or Christ, which means anointed. How does Jesus follow in this line of David? We are also at a point where the plan for salvation has taken another large step, for it is a descendant of David (not Saul) who will be king forever.

Tuesday, June 16th – 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Returning to Saul's story today, we see that things for Saul are not going so well. The Spirit of the Lord has departed him (and filled David) and a tormenting Spirit has replaced God's Spirit. Where does this spirit leave Saul (vs. 14)? What do Saul's servants suggest to Saul (vss. 15-17)? Guess who they are going to bring in (vss. 18-20)? How did this go over (vs. 21)? What was the result of this (vss. 22-23)? Do you think God sent a tormenting spirit to Saul? If not, what do you think? Consider if you had the spirit of God and it was removed. What kind of state do you think you might be in emotionally, mentally and physically? Why do you think David's music soothed Saul? Consider the kinds of music David played. David's music praised God. How do you think that impacted the tormenting spirit? What was revealed to you about God today? About humanity and its need for God? How does this point to Jesus? Take some quiet time to thank God for giving you His spirit to dwell in you. Then go and let God's Spirit shine through you into a world that is very dark right now.

Wednesday, June 17th – 1 Samuel 17:1-11

We are back to war with the Philistines today. Verses 1-3 tell us where the battle will occur. Starting at verse 5, we meet the main Philistine warrior, Goliath. Read verses 5-7. How is Goliath described? Take a moment to imagine what he might have looked like. How would you feel if you had to go to war against him? Goliath is full of himself. How do we know this (vss. 8-10)? With what deal does he taunt Israel? What are Saul and the Israelites reaction (vs. 11)? Is it legitimate? What are Saul and the Israelites forgetting? How do we do the same thing when we are in trouble? Where is their faith? Why are they not seeking out God? See how easy it is to forget in times of trials and suffering? How does it feel to know God created Goliath and made him that big? What does this reveal to you about God? About humanity and our lack of faith? Consider how this points to Jesus. How did he respond when taunted and facing trials? What fear, trial or suffering are you facing today? Who do you need to pray with you and for you? Are you turning to God and waiting on him? If not, why not?

Thursday, June 18th – 1 Samuel 17:12-31.

Today we meet David again. Read verses 12-15. Why is Jesse not at war (vs. 12)? Who is in the army (vs. 13)? What had David been doing thus far? How long has Israel been across from the Philistines (vs. 15)? What happens next (vss. 16-22)? This is how and why David is in the midst of the Israelite army. What does David witness (vs. 23)? What else does David witness (vs. 25)? What do the men share with David about this daily ritual and the king's offer (vs. 25)? David has his own questions in verse 26. What is the most important question and what does it say about David? Notice the men confirm the reward, but do not address why they continue to let Goliath do this day in and out. Enter David's eldest brother Eliab. What does he have to say to David (vs. 28)? Notice David's response in verse 29 – just like an annoying little brother! So, what does David do next? What happens (vss. 30-31)? Why do you think David seems unafraid? Why do you think David's question got passed on to Saul? Where is God revealed? What does this reveal to you about humanity? As you answer that, consider how the king and army responds to the situation and how David does. How does this point to Jesus? Consider the questions Jesus asked people and how many tried to keep him quiet.

Friday, June 19th – 1 Samuel 17:32-58

We close this week with the epic battle between David & Goliath. What does David tell Saul and what is Saul's response (vss. 32-33)? How does David defend his offer (vss. 34-37)? Does Saul give in (vs. 38)? While Saul sends David out, he does have good intentions to help him. What does Saul do and how does it go over (vss. 38-39)? What weapon does David choose to use against Goliath (vs. 40)? Let the battle begin! How does the dance of war start (vss. 41-47)? Who is going to get the credit for this victory (vs. 47)? Now read verses 48-51 and imagine you are there watching this scene unfold. What strikes you most about this scene? How does the battle finish up (vss. 54)? Meanwhile, back in King Saul's tent, what peculiar conversation does Saul have with Abner (vss. 55-56). Abner brings David before Saul with Goliath's head in hand and Saul asks about David's father. Why did Saul do this? After all, hadn't David been playing the harp for Saul and didn't Saul send word to Jesse asking to keep David with him? As discussed Sunday, scholars seem to have varying opinions on this. One opinion is that there is a varied timeline, where what came before in the text actually came after the battle with Goliath. Another view is that Saul's mind is not well, due to the tormenting Spirit. We don't really know exactly why Saul doesn't seem to know David, but in the end, Saul will know him well and things will only get worse for both of them from there. What has this revealed to you about God? About humanity? How does it point to Jesus or reveal the nature of Jesus taking on our Goliaths? Spend some time in prayer today giving God the glory for fighting our battles for us through Jesus.

Saturday, June 20th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 18:5-9.