

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 21st – Psalm 68

We start today with a triumphant psalm about God's glory and power. What do the people of God cry out to God to do (vss. 1-2)? How will God's people respond (vss. 3-4)? How do those in need get treated by God, compared to the wicked (vss. 5-6)? Next is a history recap in verses 7-18. What are the three periods of Old Testament time referred to in this history? What are the people praising God for in verses 19-23? Starting in verse 24, we see another history recap, one that took place in David's time. Do you remember what this event was? Remember the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Judah on the second attempt? Verses 28-35 are praise and a declaration of who God is and how kingdoms and rulers should respond to God. If they fail to respond, then there are suggestions of how God should handle it. Verses 33-36 are what is called a doxology – a song of praise. What does this praise song reveal to you about God? What does this Psalm reveal to you about humanity? Yourself? How does this point to Jesus?

Tuesday, June 22nd – Psalm 69

We move from exaltation yesterday to sorrow and distress today. Please read through the Psalm and then come back to the devotion. David starts off with a plea to God to save him. What is God saving David from (vss. 1-12)? David does not give up. What does he do instead (vss. 13-18)? As we move to verses 19-21, what does David describe? Does verse 21 remind you of someone else? As we move to verses 22-28, we see a shift in David's lament. It is a list of what David wants God to do. What are some of the things David asks? Why is he asking for these things (vs. 29)? What will happen when God answers David (vss. 30-33)? Verses 34-36 are a form of doxology. It is praise for who God is and for what God will do and does do. What is David's praise about? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider those who are wicked and those who must feel like David. How does this point to Jesus (vs. 21)? And did not Jesus suffer from the things David did in this Psalm? Let's end today by writing your own doxology (song of praise)? What would you praise God for today?

Wednesday, June 23rd – Psalm 70

The description in my Bible about this Psalm reads, "An urgent prayer for help...when you are short on time and long on need" (*NLT*, pg. 1204). Please read the Psalm and then continue with the devotion. Such a great description of today's Psalm! What does David ask of God and why (vss. 1-3)? Then there is a shift to those who are not in trouble. What is the attitude of those not facing troubles (vs. 4)? Which category does David put himself in (vs. 5)? Is there any doubt by what is written that David is in trouble? Sometimes short, sweet and to the point pleas are what we need. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? Consider David's point that some folks are praising God and sensing gladness in God, even when David isn't. How does this point to Jesus? When do you think Jesus may have prayed a prayer like this?

Thursday, June 24th – Psalm 86

Today we will look at what it is to trust God, even when there is not an immediate answer. Read through the Psalm and then return to this devotional. What does David ask of God (vss. 1-7)? Why is he asking for these things (vs. 5)? What does this reveal about David's request? David ends this section stating he will call to God. Why does David call to God (vss. 8-10)? What does David ask of Him in verses 11-13? Finally, David gets to the real problem he is facing. What is the matter at hand (vs. 14)? What does David say about and ask from God regarding the matter (vss. 15-17)? Notice what David asks for in verse 15? Have you ever asked for that? It doesn't mean that the matter will be solved that moment but will affirm that God's favor is with David. How does having a sign of God's favor tie into receiving comfort and help? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal about yourself? What have you learned from this Psalm? How does this point to Jesus? Where did Jesus receive and experience God's favor, help and comfort?

Friday, June 25th – Psalm 101

We close this week with Psalm 101. David talks about the kind of life he will pursue to live. Take a moment and read through the Psalm. Verse 1 praises God for what attributes? Because of these attributes, what does David say about his life and what does he ask of God? Why do you think David asks for God's help? He does not mention any one person or group tormenting him or hunting him down. Perhaps this request has to do with David's desire to live a blameless life. If so, then what follows are the steps that David is going to take towards living a blameless life (vss. 3-8). Why would doing these things and being so selective in who we hang out with impact whether we have blameless lives or not? Consider for a moment why a blameless life matters to God, and to our witness of God's work in our lives. Why would David need God's help in this endeavor? What have we learned about humanity that points to our need for God's help? What does this reveal to you about God and His desires for how we live our lives? How does this point to Jesus, both our example and our Lord? Consider how we have the same Holy Spirit that dwelled in David. Do you have the desire to live a blameless life before God? If so, read this Psalm again and ask God to help you do so.

Saturday, June 26th – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 110.