

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 25th – Leviticus 1

This week we begin the book everyone hates to read – The Book of Leviticus. As we read this together, I pray that our journey will help us see the importance and relevance these writings have for us today. As we mentioned Sunday, now that the Tabernacle is built, what exactly is supposed to happen here, how and why? It defines how worship will be accomplished in such a way that God will be honored and revered. One of the primary ways this will happen is through the offering of sacrifices. A sacrifice is something that costs you for the benefit of or in honor of another, in this case God. Today we begin with the burnt offering. Some burnt offerings will be given from the livestock of the Israelites and the rules and reasons for this are explained in Chapter 1. Verses 1-4 give the Lord's instructions to Moses. Which animals are the Israelites to bring (vs. 3)? What purpose will this sacrifice fulfill (vs. 4)? Verses 5-13 tell us how the sacrificial process should be carried out. Notice the detail involved, including where this should take place (vs. 11)? But not all people had livestock or the wealth to offer livestock, so there was another option for the burnt offering. We find this in verses 14-17. While not as involved, note that it still is a pleasing aroma to the Lord. The burnt offering made the sinful Israelites acceptable and holy before God. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about you and your relationship to God? How does this point to the need for Jesus, even this early in Israel's formation as God's holy children? Spend some time pondering what you are learning about God today. Is this lining up with your picture of God? Where might you need to adjust your concept of God to match God's revelation of Himself?

Tuesday, June 26th – Leviticus 2

As we move to chapter 2, we read about the grain offerings. Grain offerings can be wheat or corn, but were usually wheat. Verses 1-10 give us the instructions for the various ways to bring a grain offering and how each way is to be prepared. Notice that unlike the burnt sacrifices yesterday, only a portion of what is offered today is burned on the altar. What happens to the rest of the offering (vss. 3 & 10)? As discussed on Sunday, these grain offerings are the fruits of our labor and were most commonly offered during the festivals set out by God. It was a way for the Israelites to dedicate back to God what God enabled them to do. Frankincense was representative of the prayers attached to the offering. We see in verses 11-13 the restrictions and additions that are attached to these offerings. Leaven (yeast) was forbidden and was viewed as representing evil/sin. It was not to be used. Honey, though sweet, was also not to be used-- for God is not sweet, God is divine and wholly other. Yet there is another addition that should be added to the grain offering. What is it (vs. 13)? Salt serves two purposes. It adds flavor and a richness which is found in the covenant with God. It also retards decay. In verses 14-15, the rules are covered again and in verse 15, we see the purpose of this offering. What is it? This is a reminder that we are dependent on God and what we have is given by his hand out of love and grace. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about humanity? Where did you get reminded of Jesus in this?

Wednesday, June 27th – Leviticus 3

Today we turn to the sacrificial peace offering. Again, this is a livestock/flock offering. As you read the whole chapter through, what animals are used (vss. 1, 6-7a, & 12)? Notice they can be male or female for this offering. In all three cases, what is to be offered as the sacrifice (vss. 2-4)? If a lamb, the fat from the tail should be offered as well. What type of offering is the peace offering (vs. 16)? What is forbidden regarding this and the other sacrifices (vs. 17)? Why is this important? If you remember Sunday's message, there were various reasons to offer a peace offering. Also, notice there is no explanation of what to do with the remainder of the sacrifice. That is because those instructions do not come until chapter 7. But we did learn that it was to provide a meal in which others would come and eat together in peace. What does this reveal about God? What need in us does this reveal regarding gratitude and communion with God and others? How does this text point to Jesus?

Thursday, June 28th – Leviticus 4:1-12

Today we turn to the sacrificial sin offerings. Whose sin will today's text address (vs. 3)? Verses 1-2 tells us what the sin offering is to accomplish. Note the kind of sin the sin offering deals with (vs. 2). As you read verses 3-12, what animal is used for the sin offering? In what way is this similar to the other offerings? What is distinctly different? Why is it important for the priest to offer this sin offering (vs. 3)? So if the priest is unholy, stained by sin, guilt comes upon the whole community. Again, we need to note that this is unintentional sin, not intentional disobedience. Some translations refer to it as accidental sin. What does this reveal to us about God and God's view/tolerance of sin? What does this reveal about humanity and you in particular? What expectation is implied in this text when it comes to sinning? How does this point to Jesus and our need for Jesus? Spend some time in prayer and consider in your life where you sin intentionally and where you sin unintentionally. What is the difference? Ask God to forgive you and give you the grace and power to overcome your sinfulness.

Friday, June 29th – Leviticus 4:13-35

Today we will see how sin is dealt with for the rest of the community. As we read, you will see the process for sacrifice is the same as is the reason. But the animals will change as we move down the chain of command. Let's start by reading verses 13-14. These verses are repeated for each group/person who brings a sin offering. Who is guilty of sin? When do they become guilty? What does this say about how often the sin offering will be made? Now read verses 15 -21. Consider the order of the instructions and how detailed they are, so we can follow them precisely. As you read 22-35, you will see the procedure is similar. What slight changes are there? What similarities are there? What is the result of completing the procedures exactly as prescribed (vs. 35)? What does this say about the seriousness of sin from God's perspective? What does that say about us as sinners? Do you think God has changed His mind on sin? Or is God faithful and never-changing? How does this point to our need for Jesus and how does the life, death and resurrection of Jesus deal with your sin and humanity's sin? How does the text "Lamb of God" reflect what you have read yesterday and today? How does it help you understand even more what an affront our sin is before God? Today, offer yourself as a living sacrifice of praise and obedience to the one true God who took away the sin of the world through His Son.

Saturday, June 30rd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Exodus 15:1-22.