

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment 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 29th – 1 Samuel 21:1-15 & Psalm 34

This week we will really begin to experience the chronological part of our study. We will not only read 1 Samuel and Psalms, but we will go into Chronicles as well. For background information on Chronicles, please listen to Sunday's sermon found on Saint James' Facebook page. Today we start with David on the run, because Saul is out to kill him. Where does David run to and what happens (vss. 1-9)? In your Bibles underline or mark verse 6 as it will be something we will come back to when we get to the New Testament. Did you note who was present in Nob with David (vs. 7)? Seems like nowhere is safe. After being fed and armed, where does David go to next to escape Saul (vs. 10)? Gath is controlled by Philistines. What do the soldiers say about David and how does it make him feel (vss. 11-12)? How does David deal with the threat (vss. 13-15)? It must have been an interesting time for David, because he wrote a Psalm about it. Read Psalm 34. What is the repetitive theme of this Psalm? How does it relate to what David has been through in 1 Samuel 21:1-15? In David's heart and mind, who saved him? Whom does God rescue in times of trouble (Psalm 34:5, 7, 9-10, 13-15, 17-20)? How did David's rescue come about? What do these texts reveal about God? What do they reveal about humanity? How do these point to Jesus (Psalm 34:20)? None of Jesus' bones were broken. How does it feel to know if you turn to God, He will rescue you?

Tuesday, June 30th – 1 Samuel 22:1-2 and Psalm 57

Let's start today by putting ourselves in David's shoes. He is on the run and has a price on his head. The king wants him dead and nowhere seems safe. He has been told he will be king, but that looks pretty unlikely in the moment. Yet God said it would happen and David believes God. For now, David is reduced to living in a cave. Things seem pretty bad, don't they? Now read David's response to his situation in Psalm 57. What does David cry out for from God (vs. 1)? He then reassures himself with what facts (vss. 2-3)? Verses 4 and 6 state the reality that David finds himself in. Yet in the midst of this trying time David declares his confidence in God in verses 5 and 7-11. This is a great Psalm to learn and remember when we face our own trials. Now read 1 Samuel 22:1-2. How does God meet David's need? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? We see both sides, good and evil, in this Psalm. How does Psalm 57:2-3 point to Jesus? What moves you the most in these texts? How do they help you connect to God in a deeper way?

Wednesday, July 1st – 1 Samuel 22:3-10 and Psalm 142

Let's start today with 1 Samuel. Read verses 3-6. Who comes to David and what does he tell him to do? Who hears of it? How does this news of David's arrival go over (vs. 7)? What does Saul accuse his officers of failing to do (vs. 8)? Remember Doeg the Edomite from 1 Samuel 21:7? Well, he appears next. What does he have to say about all of this (vss. 9-10)? Now let's read Psalm 142. How do these two texts relate to each other? David is in a tough spot, needing to seek refuge for his parents and then being told to go back to Judah where Saul finds out he is there. This Psalm is a lamenting Psalm in that it doesn't sugarcoat the predicament in which David finds himself. Rather he tells God directly what is happening and then reminds himself, as well as telling God, that he (David) will find refuge in God alone. David declares in verse 5 that God is really all he wants in this life. Remember, David is the anointed future king. What does this reveal to you about God and our struggles? What does this reveal about us as humans in our struggles? Do you see a difference between Saul and his struggles and David in his struggles? How does this point to Jesus and his struggles? Where are you struggling today? Have you told God about this? Are you to the point that God alone is enough? Take some extra time with God today in prayer. Let your heart be known.

Thursday, July 2nd – 1 Chronicles 12:8-18

We will now turn to read what the Chronicler has to say about David. David has hidden in the cave (his stronghold). Who has come to join David and where did they come from (vss. 8-14)? What did they bring to David's cause (vss. 8 and 14)? Who else has come to join David and how does David vet them (vss. 16-17)? How did they pass the vetting process (vs. 18)? Did you notice what came over them? How do you think these warriors came to seek David out (consider verse 18)? What does this reveal to you about God meeting your needs? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider Jesus for a moment. Did Jesus do his ministry on his own? God provided Jesus with men to travel and work with him. Do you see a pattern here? Are you a lone ranger or do you allow God to provide you those who will work with you sharing the burden? If not, why not?

Friday, July 3rd – 1 Samuel 22:11-23 and Psalm 52

We close this week on a sad note. Read 1 Samuel 22:11-23. What has happened in this text? Who does the killing? Who refuses? Why do you think they refused? Why kill the women and children of these priests as well? Who escapes and where does he go? David writes a Psalm regarding those who did the heinous act. Let's read Psalm 52. Whom do you think David is talking about in verses 1-4? Saul? Doeg? When God's justice comes down, who will be amazed and who will prove to have no trust in the Lord (vss. 5-7)? How does David contrast himself (the hunted one) to those who are hunting him (vss. 8-9)? It doesn't mean it is easy, but David knows God sees and God's justice will prevail. David will continue to trust in the Lord. One more point about these Psalms and reading Chronologically. Note that we have read Psalm 34, 52, 57 and 142. And yet all 3 deal with times early in David's life. This helps us tie the Psalms, wherever they are placed in the book of Psalms, to the time when the Psalm was written. What has God revealed to you about himself in these texts? What was revealed about humanity, both the wicked and the faithful? How does David's life of being hunted point to Jesus' life of being hunted (by Herod after his birth, by the religious leaders during his ministry) and consider the innocents who died because of David and Jesus. Where today is wickedness killing the innocent and hunting down the good?

Saturday, July 4th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 25:39-44.

