

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, July 27th – 1 Samuel 29

A couple of weeks ago, we read that King Achish was going to go to war against Israel. He was going to take David and his men with him, and David would be his personal guard. The answer as to whether or not David would fight against Israel starts us off this week. We see in verses 1-2 that the Philistine army is marching out to war and look who is with them behind the king (vs. 2). How do the Philistine commanders respond (vss. 3-5)? What does the king do (vss. 6-7)? What is David's response (vs. 8)? How does this finally end (vss. 9-11)? Do you agree with the Philistine commanders? Were they right in their assessment? Consider how God protects David from having to make this choice between fighting with the Philistines or being killed by them. What does this reveal about God? What about us humans? Consider how this points to Jesus and his work in our lives. What if instead of running in to fix things, we just keep taking one step at a time and allow God to fix it for us as we go? How would our lives be more peace-filled and less stress-filled? Do you think David was nervous in trying to figure out how this was going to go down? Where in your life are you struggling and waiting for answers? Whom do you have praying with you for deliverance?

Tuesday, July 28th – Psalm 56

Today we are going to read a Psalm of David's that comes from yesterday's story. Remember, the Philistine commanders do not trust David and are angry because the king invited David and his men to join them. Start by reading the entire Psalm. In verses 1-4, what was David facing and how did he calm himself? We know from yesterday's story that the Philistine commanders did not trust David and wanted him gone. In reading verses 5-7, how was this experienced by David? There was uncertainty all around. If he refused the king, David would be in trouble. Accepting the invitation put him at odds with the commanders. How does verse 8 express how David is feeling in the middle of all of this? How does David calm his nerves again? What reassurances does he have (vss. 9-11)? In verses 12-13, how does David reflect that God has resolved the matter through King Achish? What realities does David reveal to us about God? About ourselves when we get into situations like this? How does this point to Jesus trusting in God during his dilemmas? What from this Psalm should you hide in your heart and keep close at hand during difficult days? What reminders from this Psalm will benefit you most?

Wednesday, July 29th – 1 Samuel 30 & 1 Chronicles 12:20-22

After being dismissed from the battlefield, David and his men return home in about three days. What did they find when they returned and what information do we have about this event (vss. 1-5)? Who is in trouble now and with whom (vs.6)? So, what does he do about it and what is God's response (vs. 7-8)? What happened next and who did they meet (vss. 9-16)? How does this battle go down (vss. 17-20)? Whom had David left behind in Ziklag (vs. 21)? How did some of the men who went with David respond to those who had not (vs. 22)? What is David's answer to this complaint (vss. 23-25)? Sounds like a pretty "kingly" decision does it not? But David took this a step further. Who else received part of the booty and why (vss. 26-31)? Now turn to 1 Chronicles 12:20-22. When David is returning to Ziklag after fighting the Amalekites, what happens? Where do these men come from? How does verse 22 describe David's army now? What does this text reveal to you about God and His ability to continue to secure the win and to protect? What does this reveal about humanity? Consider David's and his men's response regarding the split of the plunder. We are capable of both sides, aren't we? How does this point to Jesus and His reign today? Are you someone who defected from the world to be a follower in Jesus' army?

Thursday, July 30th – 1 Samuel 31

Today we will encounter the end of Saul's reign. Start by reading chapter 31 from start to finish. What strikes you as the most tragic part of this end? Where is God in this? How would you have felt if you heard the Philistines killed your king and your town was nearby? Would you have fled? Do you wonder if this is how it felt for Jesus when he died on the cross? Where was God when Jesus cried out to him on the cross? Were the followers of Jesus who fled and hid like the Israelites who fled and hid? What does this reveal to you about humanity in general? Consider how blessed we are to not have to face things like this on a daily basis. But do remember, that while we don't many of our brother and sister believers around the world do face these types of situations regularly. Spend some time in prayer asking God for their protection and in utter humility thank God for not having to go through this experience.

Friday, July 31st – 1 Chronicles 10:1-14

Start today by reading our text in full. Pretty much the same story as yesterday. Almost verbatim. But there are two extra verses in this story. They are verses 13-14. What do these say about Saul's death? Did God kill Saul, or did God allow the death to happen? Remember what Samuel from the grave said about this battle. What sins does the Chronicler attribute to Saul? How does this point to God's faithfulness in all things, good and bad? What does this tell us about ourselves and our natural proclivity to sin? How does this point to the work of Jesus and our need for him? Congratulations, you have now completed 9 books of the Old Testament and parts of 2 others. Well done.

Saturday, Aug. 1st – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.