

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, Sept. 11th – Job 1:1-12

We have returned to our Journey through the Bible Chronologically. Job will be our next book. As you read verse 1, where does Job live? While we are uncertain where that is, we do understand that many countries are named for the clan or ancestors. If this is the case, who is Job's ancestor (Gen. 22:20-21)? There is also reference to an Uz as a descendent of Shem, the blessed line of Noah. Keeping in mind the possible ancestry of Job, he would not have been an Israelite, but how is he described (vs. 1)? How is "blameless" described in this verse? What else do we learn about Job (vss. 2-3)? That is considerable wealth. In verses 4-5, we see Job's practices regarding the sins of his children. Beginning in verse 6 the scene changes. Where do we find ourselves and who is present? How does the conversation between God and Satan begin (vs. 7)? How does God describe Job to Satan (vs. 8)? But Satan isn't having any of it. What is his argument over God's boasting about Job (vss. 9-11)? How does God respond to Satan's argument, in order to prove that he (God) is right about Job (vs. 12)? God is pretty certain that Job will hold up through the test, and so God allows Satan to test him. Notice who is not part of the agreement. Job is unaware of what has transpired. What does this say about God's insight into Job's character and heart? What does this say about Satan and his work? What does this say about us? About how God sees the deepest parts of our heart and knows us like he knows Job? What would God find in your heart? Would he be convinced that you would not be undone by Satan's temptations? If you are not certain of this, pray today asking God to strengthen your desire to serve only Him no matter what happens.

Tuesday, Sept. 12th – Job 1:13-22

We left off yesterday with a deal between God and Satan regarding Job's faithfulness, and that faithfulness being tied to his God-given prosperity. Today we see the first test and the results. Read verses 13-19. What does Satan do in an attempt to break Job's faith and trust in God (vss. 13-19)? Notice the pattern at the beginning of each verse. "As he was still (yet) speaking" is used to usher in the next tragedy. This indicates a rapid-fire chain of events meant to overwhelm and pile upon Job a series of attacks to make him crack and curse God. What is Job's reaction to these rapid-fire successions of great loss (vs. 20)? There are three things that Job does. What are they (vs. 20)? The last item is worship of God. Notice that Job neither blames God or Satan. How does Job worship (vs. 21)? How did Job view his possessions, including his children? For Job, everything was a gift from God, for a period. That is why he can say, "Praise be to God." What is the benefit for Job seeing his possessions and children as a gift from God (vs. 21)? We are less apt to blame God when we see everything we have as a gift from God, and do not think it is our right to possess it. This does not mean we won't feel grief, but we can worship and be grateful for what we have while we have it. What does this reveal about God? How does this point to Jesus and grace as a gift? How does this first test help you rethink how you view your family, possessions even your faith? How can you get to the point that you can make verse 21 your prayer of worship towards God?

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Job 2:1-5

Once again, we return to the heavenly courts. Who is present once again (vs.1)? What does God ask Satan? What is Satan's response (vs. 2)? What good things does God say about Job (vs. 3)? Notice at the end of the verse that Satan urged God to harm Job, but in the end, God allowed Satan to test Job. God did not do the testing. But Satan still isn't buying. What is Satan's response to God regarding Job (vs. 4)? Do you agree with Satan? If someone's health is removed and God doesn't fix it right away, will they blame and reject God? Is Satan's supposition correct? God allows it, but what parameter is set (vs. 5)? What if God allowed this to happen to you? Your life would be spared, but there would be poor health? Consider what Paul says when his health is affected (2 Corinthians 12:5-10)? What does this teach us about suffering? While God may allow suffering, God is not the cause of suffering. Consider Jesus. God allowed the suffering, Jesus endured the suffering, but who caused the suffering? Pray today asking God to give you strength and patience during your times of suffering.

Thursday, Sept. 14th – Job 2:7-10

We begin today with the attack on Job's health. What was Satan's disease of choice (vs. 7)? How did Job respond (vs. 8)? In the message Sunday, we spoke of sitting among the ashes, probably being outside the city at the dung heap and the harsh contrast of the person who was and the person who now is. We also spoke of the possibilities of what the boils could have been, but remembering it was painful physically, emotionally and spiritually. Job is a broken man at this point in every way. Adding insult to injury, what is Job's wife's response to this test (vs. 9)? How do her words reflect Satan's proposed response from Job when he was before God? Yet despite all of this, how does Job respond to his wife (vs. 10)? And in 10b, what is said about Job's response? What does this tell us about God? While God does not commit the acts, there is an allowance for Satan to tempt, but with parameters. Satan cannot go beyond the permission of God. What does this reveal about those who suffer? Is there another option beyond complaining? Which option did Job choose? And what about Jesus? Consider his suffering. Not just on the cross but in all that led to the cross. What does his example teach us about our own suffering? What might you need to reconsider regarding the sufferings you experience?

Friday, Sept. 15th – Job 2:11-13

We have all heard the saying, "Misery loves company." That is what will happen today. Who responds to Job's plight (vs. 11)? Notice that they all come from different areas, yet communicated with each other and came to visit as a group. Consider what this says about Job's influence and how widespread it must have been. What happens when they see the extent of the illness (vs. 12)? What does this reveal about these men's motives? Do you believe that they are sincerely concerned for their friend Job? What is another way that we see this concern (vs. 13)? What realization did these friends have about their friend? Consider that presence at this point is more important than conversation. Just being there for their suffering friend is enough. Also, consider the frustration that they cannot help him or alleviate his suffering. Over a period of time, this will become a motivating factor for what comes next. For now, though, they are content to just be and sit. When have you just needed to be with someone – a ministry of presence without words? When have you suffered and felt relief, when people just came to be with you? Consider how you are never alone, because God is always with you, even in times of suffering. Remember how Jesus has also experienced suffering. Spend time in prayer, thanking God for teaching you how to endure suffering and for providing the people and His Spirit to endure with you.

Saturday, Sept 16th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Job 3:25-26.