

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, September 13th – 1 Chronicles 29:22b-25 and 2 Chronicles 1:1

This week we return to the narratives of the Bible with Solomon's story. This will carry us through October, at which point we will begin the Book of Proverbs. We start at the end of David and the beginning of Solomon. Read through today's text. While this is only four (4) verses, there is quite a bit to glean from it. It also completes 1 Chronicles for us and we can add that to the finished column. What ritual is performed that makes Solomon king (vs. 22b)? Who else did the anoint on this day (vs. 22b)? Once appointed and anointed as king, three important things solidify that this is God's choice: 1.) the military and the sons of David; 2) the people of Israel; and the favor and blessings of God (vss. 23-25). How did God show His pleasure with Solomon as King (vs. 25)? As we start 2 Chronicles, what does the author say about the start of Solomon's reign? What did Solomon do? What did God do? (1:1) What do these verses reveal to you about God? What do they reveal to you about yourself? Consider how they obeyed and followed Solomon's rule over them. Do you trust those who lead you and work alongside you? How do these verses point to Jesus? Consider that as magnificent as this was to watch in Solomon's time, it will still be just a pale shadow of when Heaven comes down to earth with Jesus in the end.

Tuesday, September 14th – 1 Kings 2:13-18

For the rest of the week, we will be reading from 1 Kings. We read yesterday that Solomon was king, God was with him, the people rejoiced and obeyed him. But not everything is as settled as it seems. Read these six verses and then come back. Do you remember who Adonijah was? He was Solomon's older brother and was considered the next in line because he was the next oldest living son. But David put an end to this by having Solomon, God's choice, anointed king before David died. We read that Adonijah has surfaced again. Whom does he go to and why (vss. 13-14)? What is the reason he believes he has the right to even ask for a favor (vs 15-16)? Read his opening statement. What insight does this give you regarding what Adonijah believes to be true? Is he there in good faith to support his brother, King Solomon? Now with all this buildup, what is the favor Adonijah asks of Bathsheba (vs. 17)? How does Bathsheba respond (vs. 18)? Do you understand why this is a problem? Abishag is part of King David's, now Solomon's, harem. We need to tie this back to Absalom's act with the concubines when he invaded Jerusalem, driving David to the wilderness. To have a concubine is a claim to the throne. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this say about ourselves, humanity? There is a little Adonijah in each of us when we don't get our way. How does this reveal or point to Jesus? Consider how Judas was like Adonijah and went to the priests to betray Jesus, as Adonijah tries to betray Solomon. Is there someone you have betrayed? Is there some sort of politics you have played to get your own way? Spend some time in prayer today confessing this sin and asking God to guide you to accept His mercy and vision for your life.

Wednesday, September 15th – 1 Kings 2:19-25

Today we continue the story of Solomon, Bathsheba and Adonijah. How does today's scene open up (vs. 19)? Once everyone is seated, Bathsheba begins her reason for being there. How does the conversation go (vss. 20-21)? What is Solomon's response (vs. 22)? Why is he so adamantly against this request? Remember what this means for him and his brother if he says yes. So how does Solomon choose to handle the request (vss. 23-25)? Seems drastic to our 21st Century understanding. But let's pause for a moment and consider what life would be like for Solomon, if he doesn't handle this in this particular manner. Also, let's remember what happened prior to Solomon becoming king. Read 1 Kings 1:41-53. Adonijah was warned not to do these things. What does this reveal to us about Adonijah's heart? If Solomon allows him to live, what would continue to happen? For the culture of this time, it was what was expected. We will stop here today. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? How does this point to Jesus? If you are not sure, pray and ask God to give you wisdom and understanding. If you are still not sure, go see Pastor Shirley to help.

Thursday, September 16th – 1 Kings 2:26-35

As we pick up more of the story today, we see that Solomon needs to take care of a few more people in order for there to be peace. Who is the next person Solomon deals with (vs. 26)? How does Solomon deal with him and why this decision (vss. 26-27)? Eli was the priest when Samuel was growing up and the priest that presided when the Ark of the Covenant was captured in battle. Who is the third person Solomon is going to deal with (vs. 28)? How did Joab know there was trouble and what does he do (vs. 28)? How does Solomon choose to deal with Joab (vs. 29)? How does this play out (vs. 30)? What does Solomon direct Benaiah to do and why (vss. 31-33)? Remember Joab was head of David's military. Also remember David's instructions to Solomon in 1 Kings 2:5-6. What happens next (vs. 34)? This leaves us without a priest and a commander. How does this problem get resolved (vs. 35)? What does this reveal about God? Consider Abiathar, the dismissed priest, descendant of Eli. It may seem like God forgets or doesn't care, but He doesn't forget and he does care, but chooses when to act at the most appropriate time. What does this reveal about us/you? We may think we are getting away with things, but they do have a way of catching up with us. How does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider Jesus' return as King of kings and Lord of lords? Will he forget or not care?

Friday, September 17th – 1 Kings 2:36-48

We close this week with Solomon completing the last instructions given to him by his father David. Let's start today by reading 1 Kings 2:8-9. Now let's see how Solomon does as David asks. What are Solomon's instructions to Shimei (vss. 36-37)? What is Shimei's response (vs. 38)? Have to say, not such a bad deal. What happens next (vss. 39-40)? Why is this a problem? What happens then (vs. 41)? What does Solomon do with this information (vss. 42-46a)? Solomon offered grace and provided a way for Shimei to live a long life. But Shimei did not abide by the agreement, and it cost him his life. We saw a lot of old issues arising early in Solomon's reign, but Solomon deals with them all. What was the result (vs. 46b)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal about us, humanity? Again, how does this point to or reveal Jesus to us?

Saturday, September 18th - For tomorrow please read 1 Kings 3:1-28.