

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. 14th – 2 Samuel 4:1-12

One thing we can say today is that current day movies don't have anything over Old Testament stories. This week we start with Ishobosheth, the crowned king of Israel, thanks to Abner. What is the state of mind of the king and Israel (vs. 1)? Is it ever good when a king and the country are in fear? Who is introduced at this point and what do we know about them (vss. 2-3)? Then there is this interlude or explanation in verse 4. We need to read and remember this, because it will be important in a week or two. Now that we know about the sons of Rimmon, what happens (vss. 5-8)? Sounds like they did David a favor, doesn't it? They have done away with David's enemy, freeing the path for his becoming king over all of Israel. How does David respond (vss. 9-12)? Why do you think David chose to do this? Was he right? What does this teach us about taking control? Consider the many human revelations we receive in this chapter. Fear is not our friend in many cases. Murder to hurry the timeline is never right. Justice will prevail and can be harsh. How do these things point to Jesus and his life? How does this point to Christ's resurrection as justice? Consider all who were fighting against God's plan for David to become King of Israel. Where are you trying to take control, speed the process, or rebelling against God? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you if this is the case and repent.

Tuesday, Sept. 15th – 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 1 Chronicles 11:1-3

Today we will be witnesses to an historic event – the anointing of the king. Let us start today by reading both of our texts. There are two reasons that Israel submits to David as their King. What are these two reasons (vss. 5:2; 11:2)? Are these the only reasons that David will be king? Can you think of another rather obvious reason? What takes place after the elders of Israel come to David and make these statements (vss. 11:3a; 5:3a)? We are not sure what the covenant consisted of, but I am willing to bet it was God-honoring. With the covenant in place, what happens (vss. 5:3b; 11:3b)? The 1 Chronicles text stops here. What does the 2 Samuel text add to this historic event (vss. 4-5)? It is estimated that David was anointed around the age of 15. How long did it take from God's anointing to Israel's acceptance and anointing of David? That is a really long time to wait, but does prove that God is in no hurry, even when others push the timeline. How long will David be king over all of Israel (vs. 5)? We know that David will be 70 when he dies because he was 30 when his reign started and will reign for 40 years. So, the rest of David's story will take place over the course of 40 years. What does this reveal to you about God and His faithfulness to His word? What does this reveal to you about humanity? What good can we accomplish? How does this point to Jesus? Consider that Jesus is an heir to David and King forever!

Wednesday, Sept 16th – 1 Chronicles 12:23-40

Yesterday we read about the anointing of the king by Israel. Today we will join the coronation party! We start off by noting who joined David at Hebron. Who came to Hebron and why (vss. 23-38)? That is pretty impressive and demonstrates the might of David's new army, as well as the respect he had earned from these men as a warrior. With that let the coronation party begin! Verses 39-40 provide a glimpse into the coronation festivities. How long was the party (vs. 39)? Look at the distance that many traveled for this historic event. What does the last line of this text say? When was the last time Israel had great joy throughout the land? Who do you think is responsible for that? Consider our circumstances right now. There is not much joy in the midst of the country or even in the church. How might this text be uplifting to us as we go through these dark times? How does it strengthen our hope in the one who is our joy? What does this reveal about humanity and our ability to endure, persevere and celebrate? How might we incorporate that into our lives today? How does it point to celebrating Jesus? What might be different if we learned to live and celebrate in spite of what we are experiencing?

Thursday, Sept. 17th – 2 Samuel 5:6-16

Let us start today by remembering that in the Books of Joshua and Judges, Israel had failed to move out the original inhabitants of the land, even though God instructed them to do so. Remember we said it would happen, but not until we reached David. Well, today it starts. Where is David headed and what is the first group he will conquer (vs. 6a)? How do the Jebusites respond and what is the result (vss. 6b-7)? Verse 8 tells us how the battle was fought and how Jerusalem was conquered. What do verses 9-10 tell us regarding Jerusalem and David after this battle? Did you note who gets the credit (vs. 10)? Now there were kingdoms outside of Israel who were at peace with Israel. Which country was it and what did they do for David (vs. 11)? What did this confirm to David (vs. 12)? In verses 13-16, we see David took on some more wives and his first sons from them are listed. Are any of these names familiar to you? You will for sure become quite familiar with one of them after Christmas. What do these verses reveal to you about God (vss. 10, 12)? What do they reveal about humanity (vss. 6b, 11, & 13)? How does any of this point to Jesus? Consider God's actions in David's life and compare these actions to the actions in Jesus' life.

Friday, Sept. 18th – 1 Chronicles 11:4-9

We will close this week looking at the Chronicler's version of yesterday's text. Read these verses. What things are the same? What things are different or missing? Why do think the Chronicler would leave those things out? What is the most important statement in both versions (vs. 9)? It is so important to remember that David does not become powerful on his own, but through God. David is part of God's plan of salvation. What does this text reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? How does it point to Jesus? What is the most significant thing you remember from this week's study of God's word? How will it encourage you as you go forth in joy?

Saturday, Sept. 19th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Samuel 6:12-16.