

## 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 of the book. 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. 17<sup>th</sup> – Leviticus 25:1-22**

Today we will focus on Sabbath from several different perspectives. As we begin, notice where these chapters are given to Moses (vs. 1). Considering all that we have read that was given to Moses up on Mount Sinai, we can better understand why he was there for 40 days. So, what are the people of Israel supposed to do when they reach The Promised Land (vs. 2)? How exactly is this to work (vss. 3-5)? What will be permissible (vs. 6-7)? What if we practiced this today? How much better might our agriculture be? Beginning in verse 8, we see a much grander scale of Sabbath for the land, when we read about the Year of Jubilee. When does the year of Jubilee come (vss. 8-9)? What happens at Jubilee 9 (vss. 10-13)? Sounds like a bigger Sabbath year. So how does this all work, because after all, if I don't plant until the 8<sup>th</sup> year, how do we eat (vss. 18-22)? This is definitely a step of faith. But God, knowing we are faulty and conniving, gives us instructions on what and what not to do. What are these instructions (vss. 14-17)? Did you notice that all of creation needs rest? Humanity and animals need rest after six days of work. The land needs rest after six years of crops. What does this reveal about God and His understanding of our needs? What does this reveal about you? How does this point to Jesus being our ultimate rest? When was the last time you rested and renewed your Spirit in worship?

### **Tuesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Leviticus 25:23-55**

Today we turn to the theme of redemption in two areas of life. The first is the redemption of those who have fallen into poverty and/or are enslaved because of poverty. When a relative falls into poverty, how is Israel to respond (vss. 23-37)? Why are they to respond this way (vs. 38)? What is the next scenario of one who falls into poverty (vs. 39)? How were they to be treated and how long would this last (vss. 39-41)? Why are they to act this way (vss. 42-43)? What exception is there regarding owning slaves (vss. 44-46)? Next is the second theme of redemption. If things get really bad and someone in poverty has to sell themselves to a foreigner, what is the responsibility of his relatives (vss. 47-54)? This means that the year of Jubilee applies for foreigners living in the land as well. They must obey God's rules regarding redemption. Why is this the expected treatment of Israelites (vs. 55)? What does this reveal about God? Notice that God is well aware of the fact that there are folks who are going to end up in poverty situations. He doesn't make everyone "rich." What does this tell us about us today? What do you think God would like the church to do? Notice that Israel is to take care of the Israelites first. Does the church take care of those in the church first? How does this point to Jesus? How does Jesus redeem us? Think about how we are slaves to sin, so as to best answer that question. Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you to a redeeming force in the church, as well as thanking Jesus for redeeming you.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Leviticus 26:1-13**

Today is the day of God's promised blessings. But these blessing flow as long as certain things do not happen. What are the things that are prohibited (vss. 1-2)? Now if they obey and follow the decrees, what does God promise to do (vss. 3-12)? And why will God do these things (vss. 13)? Now go back and read the blessings again. What kind of life would this be? Do you think you would enjoy life like this? We still have to work the land, fight battles, and have the pains of birth, but God will make it all prosper. God will be continually in our midst. How does this tie into the not having idols to worship? And how would disobeying verses 1-2 hinder these blessings? What does this tell you about God and His desire for Israel and for you? But what does this reveal about you? How did Jesus fulfill these decrees? What do we learn about and from Jesus in this regard? Take some time today and consider what blessings you might be missing, because of idols you worship.

### **Thursday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Leviticus 26:14-46**

Today is the flip side to yesterday. Today we look at the consequences should Israel disobey. As we start, we see what God has to say about disobedience (vss. 14-17). Moving to verses 18-20, note that this is what will happen, if Israel continues to disobey after what happens in 14-17. After all of this, if Israel continued to be stubborn and disobey, then what happens (vss. 21-22)? And if they still will refuse to obey after that, what will happen (vss. 23-26)? And if that won't snap them out of disobedience, what is next (vss. 27-35)? Notice how verse 30 ties this all back to verse 1. And if you survive all of this, you are still going to be tormented. How will this torment look (vss. 36-39)? Definitely lacking peace here. All of these things listed in this chapter will happen, just to bring Israel to what point (vs. 40)? How will this come about (vss. 41-42)? And as horrific as things will get, what promise does God make (vss. 44-45)? What is God's ultimate desire (vs. 45)? Chapter 26 ends as Chapter 25 began. Where were these instructions given (vs. 46)? What does this reveal about God and what God thinks about idol worship and disobedience? What does this say about us? How stubborn are we against God, and how stubborn can we be? Where are you stubborn towards God? Where do you disobey or twist things? How does all of this point to our need of Jesus? How does Jesus demonstrate living in the blessings and not the punishments? Spend time repenting and confessing your rebellion to God, asking for forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Then ask the Holy Spirit to change your heart to know what obedience is and what it looks like as a member of Christ's family, the church.

### **Friday, Sept 21<sup>ST</sup> – Leviticus 27**

We finish the Book of Leviticus today. We are back on Mount Sinai and the theme of redemption from vows and donations made. As we read verses 1-8, out of love for the Lord, the male head of the clan might make a vow to serve God. But since non-Levites were not allowed to be in service to God, the vow would be made and then money paid to redeem the dedication. The money would be used for the upkeep of the Tabernacle and would be in place of physical service by the one dedicated to serve. Verses 9-13 are the dedication of animals. Jumping to verse 26, we see the reminder that the first born animal and son are already the Lord's, so they may not be dedicated. Verses 9-10 are instructions for clean and acceptable animals that can be used for offerings. Verses 11-12 regard the gift of unclean animals (not fit for sacrifice). This animal you could buy back as prescribed in verse 13. Verses 14-15 are the dedication of a house to the Lord and the buy-back amount. Verses 16-21 deals with family property (a field), its dedication and the buyback. Notice that the Year of Jubilee helps to determine the buy-back value, if any. If the priests sell the property, at the Year of Jubilee, when the property is released, who does the property go to (vs. 21)? Verses 22-28 deal with a field you donate that you purchased from your neighbor. Note in verse 24 who the field returns to in the Year of Jubilee. Verse 28 are things that are devoted, not dedicated to God. What happens to these items? Verse 29 is about things that are forbidden and meant to be destroyed. They cannot be dedicated to God. They must be destroyed. We will cover this more in the Book of Joshua. Finally verses 30-33 are about the tithe to the Lord of grain and cattle. And the text ends as it began in verse 34. Congratulations. You have finished the Book of Leviticus! What did you learn about God in this book? What did you learn about yourself? How does this point to Jesus, and give you a better understanding of what Jesus has done for you? Spend time thanking God for the Book of Leviticus and giving you eyes to see.

### **Saturday, September 22<sup>ND</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read James 3:13-18.**