

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. 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. 23rd – Joshua 12

We finished last week with the land being at rest from war. Remembering that these stories come from an oral tradition, the next logical thing to do is recap all that has happened. That is what we will do today. Repeat so we remember. Where does the recap begin (vss. 1-6)? Notice who does the conquering here (vs. 6). This is the land Israel camped on before crossing the Jordan River. Moses is still leading them during this time. What comes next is the conquering of the Promised Land. Read verses 7-24. How many kings/kingdoms were conquered (vs. 24)? Consider each of these like battles in a larger war to eradicate the current occupants so that God's people may now settle in peace. How does this point to the fullness of God's faithfulness? What does this reveal about humanity from both the Israelites' example and the nations under these kings' example? Which example do you tend to follow? How does all this point to God's faithfulness to complete the work that needs to be done through Jesus Christ? Spend some time in prayer with God, thanking Him for His faithfulness and repenting of where you have rebelled against him. Turn to Jesus and ask for help to live more faithfully starting today.

Tuesday, Sept. 24th – Joshua 13:1-13

As we start today, God points out the obvious to Joshua. What does God say (vs. 1)? What kind of hint do you get from this verse? What is the problem that will need to be dealt with now that Joshua is old (vss. 2-6)? Joshua and the Israelites had done a pretty good job, but there is more to do. However, Joshua is aging out on us. So, what does God say will happen (vss. 6b-7)? Divvy up the land, but the conquering will be done by God Himself. From here, we will see who gets what land. Most people just breeze through this without any thought to location. Let's use the map enclosed so that you get a feel for where all these tribes were located. While it seems like useless information today, it will become quite valuable once we reach Judges, 2 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles and the books of the Prophets. The first issue of land is a repeat or reminder. Who gets the land first and where is it located (vss. 8-12)? Did they conquer all the land (vs. 13)? If not, who is still there? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity (vs. 13)? Where do you still think you know better than God and act like Israel? How might that be causing you difficulties in your life?

Wednesday, Sept. 25th – Joshua 13:14-23

Today we get down to details of which tribe gets what land. We start with verse 14. Who is the tribe and what land do they get (vs. 14)? We always start with the easiest. Now let's look at verses 15-23. Who is the tribe? What side of the Jordan River are they on? Looking at the map, find the territory marked off for them. It is important to remember that the warriors are on the other side of the Jordan fighting with the other tribes to conquer. They have not yet returned, but they will. Due to their faithfulness in keeping their oath, God allows them to inhabit this land as their own. What does this reveal to you about God? About ourselves?

Thursday, Sept. 26th – Joshua 13:24-33

We continue with the distribution of land today and we will still be on the east side of the River Jordan. Who is the next tribe that receives land and where are the boundaries (vss. 24-28)? The next distribution is to the ½ tribe of Manasseh. Remember, Manasseh is Joseph's older son, and this is only ½ of his tribe. Where is his territory (vss. 29-32)? Note who makes the distribution (vs. 32). Verse 33 is what we call a bookend. It starts this section of previously distributed land and ends with it. Who is verse 34 about and what is their allotment? Why do you think this allotment is repeated so much? How does this point to who we are as humanity and our forgetfulness? How does this point to God's faithfulness? How does Jesus fulfill the Levite/priestly role of God being His allotment? Consider that he had a borrowed stable and a borrowed grave and owned no land or home.

Friday, Sept 27th – Joshua 14

Today we begin the distribution of land on the west side of the Jordan River. The introduction to the distribution is found in verses 1-5. How would the land be distributed (vs. 2)? What is the reminder regarding Joseph and the Levites (vs. 3-4)? But before we get to the other tribes, we have a special request. Who makes this request (vs. 6)? What is his story (vss. 7-9)? Do you remember Caleb? What does Caleb ask for and what is his reasoning for asking (vss. 10-12)? Is Caleb's request granted (vss. 13-15)? What does this reveal to you about God and His faithfulness? What does this reveal to you about yourself? Are you bold like Caleb, asking for what had been promised you and seeking out God's faithfulness in your life? Spend time in prayer thanking God for his faithfulness.

Saturday, Sept. 28th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Isaiah 1:16-20.

