

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. 28th – 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

We get to start this week with David's song of praise over the return of the Ark of the Covenant. Shouldn't every Monday start with a song of praise? I encourage you to read the whole song straight through before we break it down. What is the emphasis in verses 8-10? Do you see the emphasis on sharing this anew with others (the whole world)? When we are excited about what God is doing, shouldn't we be doing that? Don't know what to share or do? What do verses 11-14 instruct us to do? Need some more help? Well, David has the help you need. You find this help in verses 15-22. What might we add ourselves in this part of the song? What should we remember? To help with that answer, look to verses 23-27. And if we become excited about this to the point we share, what will be the outcome (vss. 28-30)? Verses 31-34 and 36 are pure praise. Maybe we should memorize these verses and sing them out every Monday morning! What do you think? We will finish this song by looking at verse 35. What are we to be doing? And when the people heard this song, what was the response (vs. 36)? After reading this song, what has been revealed to you about God and His ways? What was revealed about us? What should we be doing in response to God and his works? What verses in this song point to Jesus and how do they point to Him? End today by making this song your Monday morning prayer to God. Maybe it should be every Monday morning's prayer. What a way to start the week off!

Tuesday, Sept. 29th – 1 Chronicles 16:37-43

Once again, let's read the whole text at once before we study it. What is the role of the first group of Levites (vss. 37-38)? This took place in Jerusalem where the Ark was located. What is the role of the second group (vss. 39-40)? Why did David appoint these priests to do this work (vs. 40)? Let's stop here for a moment and compare David's reign as King and Saul's reign as King. Did Saul ever do this? David may not be perfect, but he had a deep loving relationship with God. Relationship matters and David seems intent on bringing Israel back into this relationship with God. What is the last group assigned to do (vss. 41-42)? What is the purpose of this? This work is worshipping God in music continually. To give thanks to the Lord daily for His faithful love endures forever! Why do we not do this? How does this celebration of the return of the Ark end (vs. 43)? I mean we all need to go home eventually, right? Imagine for a moment having been present and part of this celebration. How would you feel at the end of it all? Renewed? Restored in relationship? On fire for God again? That is probably how Israel felt. What do these verses reveal to you about God? How about yourself (and the rest of humanity)? Where do you see Jesus in this text? Consider the relationship David had with God and the one Jesus has with God. How does this point to the relationship that we can have with God?

Wednesday, Sept 30th – 2 Samuel 6:19b-23

We left off yesterday with the end of the celebration and David appointing the priests and Levites to serve and minister to God daily. Everyone returns home after celebration, including David. Before we get into the Scripture, considered how David must have been feeling at this point. Now let's read what awaits David when he arrives home. Read verse 20. What is Michal's response to David? Why do you think she responds this way? We need to remember that Michal had been given to David in marriage and she loved him. Then when Saul turned on David, Saul gave her away in marriage to someone else. Then remember how a few weeks back, David insisted Abner return his wife to him. So, when we get upset with Michal, keep in mind how she had been treated this whole time. This is not to say she was right, but we need to offer grace. How does David respond (vss. 21-22)? What do David's words reveal about his focus and purpose for dancing? Notice he does not apologize for dancing in joy before the Lord. He even gets a bit snarky, yet he speaks the truth. How does this part of the story end (vs. 23)? Please note, it does not say that God stopped her from having children, just that she remained childless. Perhaps it is because David did not sleep with her again, because of how she greeted him. What does this reveal to you about God? How about us as humans? When have you acted like Michal? Why do we need to be more like David? How does this point to Jesus? To help answer that, read Matthew 11:16-19. Jesus had the same problem as David.

Thursday, Oct. 1st – 2 Samuel 7:1-17 and 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Today we will read about the Davidic Covenant. This is God's promise to David. Again, we have the Chronicles and Samuel's versions of this story. They are actually almost identical. We will do our study of 2 Samuel and then just check in on 1 Chronicles, but please read both through thoroughly. Let's start by reading verses 1-2 of 2 Samuel 7. Now that David is settled down, what does he want to do? Sounds good, right? David even checks with the prophet. But what does God have to say about this (vss. 3-4)? Why does God say this (vss. 5-6)? What comes next is not what David can do for God, but what God will do for and through David. What is the plan (vss. 7-14)? God promises three things. What are they (vss. 8, 9 and 10b-14)? Now consider how prophecy works. Verses 10-14 have a double meaning for us. On the one hand, David's son, Solomon, fits this description, but only in part. Jesus also fills this description and fills it completely. I can only spot one difference between the two texts. What is the difference between 2 Samuel 7:15 and 1 Chronicles 17:13? Notice that one mentions Saul by name. As you read what God tells Nathan to say to David, what does God reveal about himself to you? What is revealed about us? (Consider David's desire after he was settled in himself.) How does this text reveal Jesus and His role to us? What should be different in you because you read these texts?

Friday, Oct. 2nd – 2 Samuel 7:18-29 and 1 Chronicles 17:16-27

We close this week out with David's response to God for his promised blessing. Again, both texts are pretty much if not completely identical. Today however, we will use the 1 Chronicles text as we study. What is David's prayer about (vss. 16-18)? Where do you see David's humility concerning what God has said He would do? Next comes praise for all that God has done. What does David add into this part of the prayer (vss. 19-22)? Next we see what David offers God in return for this unexpected blessing (vss. 23-24). David closes his prayer in praise and awe. Why does he boldly pray this prayer (vss. 25-27)? What does this prayer of David reveal to you about God? Take time and make a list of everything said about God. You might be amazed at how much is in here. What does it reveal about us, humanity? How does all this point to Jesus (vs. 27)? Do you think David is even aware of how big and eternal God's promise is to him? Take time to pray in humility, awe and praise for what God has done for you. If you cannot come up with your own words, pray David's prayer, leaving room for the Holy Spirit to move you beyond it.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Galatians 3:26-28.