

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, Oct. 15th – Numbers 1

This fall we will be journeying through the Book of Numbers. As discussed yesterday, Numbers is a good name for this book because it is comprised of lists of the numbers of men and the tribes they belonged to, as well as the duties that they held. This is the Book that now organizes the people, so this large group doesn't fall into chaos when worshipping, moving around the wilderness, etc. What is the first category we are going to number (vss. 1-4)? Why do you think this is first? Verses 5-16 reminds us of who the clans are (12 tribes) and the current leaders of those clans. With the clans and their leaders listed, what happens next (vss. 17-19)? What were the results (vss. 20-45)? How many did that total (vs 46)? Who is missing from these tribes (vs. 47)? Why are they missing and what is their responsibility (vss. 48-53)? Where will the Levites camp? Why there (vs. 53)? How does this chapter conclude (vs. 54)? Now consider the fact that while organizing their worship and community, lifestyle was of first importance, the next thing is that they need to be able to defend themselves. God has their best spiritual life and protection in His mind and heart. Now think about your life. If God never changes, does he not have the same priorities for you? What does this tell you about God? What does this tell you about humanity? How does this point us to Jesus? Pray, thanking God for looking out for all of your life.

Tuesday, Oct. 16th – Numbers 2

Yesterday we learned how many warriors there were to fight for Israel if necessary. Today we are going to set up camp. We can't have any fighting in the midst of the tribes as to where they set up the tents. As you read verses 1-2, we see that while all the tribes make up Israel, there are still twelve individual tribes under their own banners. This looks like the United States, made up of fifty different states under different banners. Who are the first three tribes and where will they pitch their tents (vss. 3-9)? Notice what the hub is, which is used for positioning all the tribes (vs. 2). What is the responsibility and position of these first three tribes (vs. 9)? Now read 10-16. Who are the three tribes? Where are they to set up camp? What position do they take when camp moves? Who comes next (vs. 17)? This just gives their moving position, because we were given the camp set-up yesterday. Moving on to verses 18-24, who is next and where do they camp? We finish off with the last three tribes. Where will they camp and what is their position in marching out (vss. 25-31)? Did you notice that the two tribes with the largest warrior count will lead and bring up the rear? We finish today with verses 32-34. It is a summary of what has already been recorded and a recording of the obedience of Israel. God is in the details and proves to be a God of order not chaos and confusion. Did you notice the number of men over age 20 who can fight? This number does not include women and children. What does this tell you about God in large matters and small details? What does this reveal about humanity? How does this text remind you of Jesus and his second coming? How does this understanding of who God is impact your daily living in matters large and small?

Wednesday, Oct. 17th – Numbers 3:1-39

The last couple days we have focused on the twelve tribes of Israel. Now we look at the clans of the Levite tribe and God's organization of them. Verses 1-4 give a summary of the line of Aaron. But Aaron and his two sons cannot do everything, so the entire tribe of Levi will be set aside to assist the priests. What will be some of the duties and what warnings are made (vss. 5-10)? Why are the Levites chosen from all the tribes (vss. 11-13)? Now that we understand why the Levites are set apart, what is the first action that needs to take place (vss. 14-16)? Did you notice what age they start counting from for the Levites? How did this differ from counting warriors? How does this tie into redeeming the firstborn from the rest of the tribes? Next comes one of our favorite things – a genealogy. If we are going to count, we need to know who we are counting. Verses 17-20 give us our starting point. The count is going to take place via the "clan names" of each son, which included the descendants from the grandsons of Levi. Read verses 21-26. Whose tribes are these and where are they to set up camp? How many are there and what is their responsibility in assisting Aaron? Now read verses 27-32. Whose tribes are these and where do they set up camp? How many are there and what is their responsibility? Now read verses 33-37 and answer the same questions. Where do Moses and Aaron go (vs. 38)? What is the total count of males in the Levite clans (vs. 39)? What does this reveal about God? Humanity? How does it point to Jesus?

Thursday, Oct. 18th – Numbers 3:40-51

Today we will finish the reading of chapter 3 with the redeeming of the firstborn males of the twelve tribes. What is the first task at hand in the redeeming process (vss. 40-41)? It is important to remember that it is only the firstborn males from the twelve tribes and all the boys one month and older from the Levite tribe. Now read verses 42-43 and refer back to verse 39. What do you notice? There seems to be a shortage. So, what is the fix to the shortage (vss. 44-51)? How does this resolution point to God's mercy and justice? What does this say about humanity and obedience? How does this point to our redemption by Jesus? Spend some time thanking God for redeeming you from the pit of sin through Jesus. Ask for the power of God's Holy Spirit to keep you from falling back into that pit. Then go live today as the redeemed child you are.

Friday, Oct. 19th – Numbers 4

We close this week by reading chapter 4. Today we will see what responsibility the various clans will have when it comes to the Tabernacle and courtyard. What is the age range within which a Kohathites must fall, in order to serve (vss. 1-3)? What will be their responsibility (vs. 4)? But before they can do their job, what must happen first (vss. 5-14)? Notice who is responsible for all these duties (vs. 5). When do the Kohathites come in to do their job (vs. 15)? Who is designated to oversee the tabernacle move/furnishings (vs. 16)? What is the stern and strict warning that the Lord gives to Moses regarding the Kohathites moving of the Tabernacle furnishings (vss. 17-20)? Next comes the Gershonite clan responsibilities. Read verses 21-28. What is their required age? What is their responsibility? Whose direction will they be under (vs. 28)? Now we read verses 29-33, the responsibilities of the Merarite Clans. What is their required age? What is their responsibility and whose direction are they under? Now we know how the Tabernacle and courtyard will be moved every time God has Israel move. Now that the registration has been completed, what were the numbers of these clans (vss. 34-45)? What was the total number of men between ages 30-50 who would serve (vss. 47-48)? Notice that each of these men had a task assigned to them to perform. Does it not sound like many hands make for light work? What does this reveal about God's organizational skill? How does this seem merciful to the Levites (consider age and the number of them working)? Note that they do this work when they Israelites are led to move. If they stay for a number of days/weeks, these men are not working. What does this reveal about us as community and how we should work together? How does this relate to what Jesus taught about those serving? Spend time in prayer today, asking God if you are serving where He calls you. Remember, you don't have to do everything, but you need to do something. What is your something?

Saturday, Oct. 20th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Numbers 5:5-9.