

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. 22nd – Numbers 5

This week we will look at the ways people remain pure and then discuss the first approach the Hebrews made to the promised land. Today we start with purity. What is the first purity that is to be maintained and why (vss. 1-4)? This is not a new subject, but is actually put into practice now. It is real. What is the second act of purity that is to be adhered to (vss. 5-6)? Notice who the betrayed is in these situations. To whom is restitution to be made (vs. 7)? If the person is deceased and there is no family left, to whom does the restitution go (vs. 8)? What else does the person need to do to regain purity of heart (vss. 8b)? Who gets to keep the restitution and sacrifice (vss. 9-10)? So, we have seen pure community, where God dwells and hearts are pure towards God and one another. What is the next area of life where purity is expected (vss. 11-15)? Read verses 16-31. This is the process used to determine if a woman is guilty of violating the purity of her marriage bed. Who is her judge (vs. 16)? Note that the priest's job is to enact the ritual, not declare a verdict. The husband has to accept whatever the outcome. The woman will either be exonerated by bearing children or found guilty by becoming sterile. Doesn't seem fair or very scientific, but we are talking about God being the judge and knowing the truth. What does this reveal to you about God and purity? What does this reveal about us, humanity, especially since we are still dealing with the same things? And how does Jesus fit into the expectation of purity? Have you ever thought about your life choices as being pure to God? If not, why not? Spend some time thinking about how you live your life. Is it pure in all things so as to bring honor to God? What might need to be cleaned up and purified?

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd – Numbers 6

Today we move to chapter 6 and the purity of a Nazirite. As we discussed on Sunday, a Nazirite is not from Nazareth, but is set apart for either a time or for a lifetime of devoted service to God. This sacrifice and commitment is to serve God from a pure heart of devotion. Therefore, there are rules and rituals to mark this Nazirite commitment. Read verses 1-4. What is the first requirement? What is the second requirement (vs. 5)? Finally, what is the third requirement (vs. 6)? What would break the third requirement (vss. 7-9a)? What is the remedy for such a failure (vss. 9b-12)? When a Nazirite's time of separation/commitment is completed, what is the closing ritual (vss. 13-20)? This looks very familiar to the other offering rituals described in Leviticus. As we read verses 20-21, what is the option available to the Nazirite? What is the warning? We finish today with the priestly blessings. Read verses 22-26. This should be very familiar to you. When this blessing is given what does God promise (vs. 27)? This is a tradition that continues both in the Jewish synagogues today, as well as in many Christian worship services. How do you feel, knowing God's promise to you the recipient of the blessing? As you ponder chapter 26, what have you learned about God and the seriousness of setting yourself apart for committed service to Him? What does this tell us about ourselves? Where do you see Jesus in these verses? Spend some time considering how God has blessed you this week so far, as He promised in verse 27. Make sure to say "Thank you, Lord."

Wednesday, Oct. 24th – Numbers 10

Today we skip to chapter 10, since we did chapters 7 through 10:10 at the end of Exodus. Let's start by reading verses 11-12. We see that after a year Israel is on the move to the Promised Land. As you read 10:13-28, what do you notice about the marching order? What will happen before the last tribes arrive (vs. 21)? This way they all know where to set up camp. Now read verses 29-32. What is Moses' concern? How did he expect his brother-in-law to help? Do you see a problem with this? Now read 33-36. Who does the leading and how (vss. 33-34)? What did Moses shout each time they moved (vs. 35)? What did Moses cry out each time they stopped to camp (vs. 36)? How does what happened differ from the conversation with the brother-in-law? What does this tell us about God and His relationship with us? What does Moses teach us about ourselves and where we look for help? Where do you find Jesus in this lesson? As you go about your day, when you move, pray the prayer Moses prayed in verse 35. And when you stop and settle, pray verse 36. Do this for the rest of the week and pay attention to what happens to your relationship with God and your reliance on Him.

Thursday, Oct. 25th – Numbers 11

As we move to chapter 11, we see that being on the move, trouble soon appears. What is the first sign of trouble? What happens (vss. 1-3)? What is the next round of trouble (vss. 4-11)? What is Moses' complaint (vss. 11-15)? Is this a legitimate complaint? What is God's solution for Moses' complaint (vss. 16-17)? What is God's solution for the rest of Israel's whining (vss. 18-20)? It sounds more like a punishment. What was Moses' concern and God's response (vss. 21-22)? So God begins to move. What does he resolve first and how (vss. 23-27)? Who gets upset with how it went down, and how does Moses respond (vss. 28-30)? How does God deal with the other problem? What are the results of that (vss. 31-35)? Remember that we spoke about God taking Israel out of Egypt, but now God was working on getting Egypt out of Israel. There were some that needed that accomplished by being removed by death. The name given the place where this happened translates to "grave of gluttony." What does this tell you about God? What does this tell you about yourself? How does this point to the need for Jesus? Where are you whining today? Is gluttony controlling your life? Ask Jesus to help you.

Friday, Oct. 26th – Numbers 12

Today we learn that whining and complaining were not limited to the average Israelite. Read chapter 12. Who does the complaining today? Who has overheard the conversation (vs. 2)? What does this reveal to you about God? How does God handle the situation (vss. 4-8)? How do these verses tie into verse 3? How does God's anger affect Miriam (vss. 9-10)? This is a death sentence for Miriam. How does Aaron respond to God's anger (vss. 10b-12)? How about Moses (vs. 13)? How does God show mercy (vss. 14-16)? Notice that not only will the skin disease last for only 7 days, but God does not lead the camp to move. They stay put until she is healed. Do you think that cured Aaron and Miriam's whining? What do you learn about God from this text? What about yourself? Do you whine and complain for the things you want and because you think you don't get enough recognition? When you are whining, do you think about the fact that God is aware of it? Did Jesus whine? Consider what he was asked to endure. What can you learn from these texts this week? What might be different in your life, if you applied and practiced them?

Saturday, Oct. 27th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Numbers 14:1-9.