

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, February 15th – 1 Chronicles 29:1-20

We will close out this part of our Journey Through the Bible with the end of David's story. We start today, however, with the last piece of the Temple preparations. Let's start by reading verses 1-9. What does David share with the entire assembly (vss. 1-2)? What do you believe is the expectation of the "entire assembly?" As we move on, what does David do and why does he do it (vss. 3-5a)? What does he ask of the assembly (vs. 5b)? How do they respond (vss. 6-9)? As we move on, we see David's traditional response – a prayer of praise. Read David's prayer in verses 10-20. What is a recurring theme in this prayer of praise (vss. 12, 14, 16)? What is David's request of God (vss. 18-19)? Notice in verse 20 that David invites and even encourages the assembly to praise God. How do they respond (vs. 20)? What do these verses reveal to you about God? What does the reveal to you about humanity and what we are actually capable of accomplishing in the power of God? How does this point to Jesus?

Tuesday, February 16th – 1 Kings 1:1-27

Today we will begin the end of David's story. Read verses 1-4. How do we know the end is at hand? With David at this point in his life, the time for a new king has arrived. Who has decided he should be king and what is this decision based on (vss. 5-6)? Human protocol says the next in line become king so we can see why Adonijah thinks he should be next. But what does he do wrong in this process (vss. 7-10)? It is a dangerous thing to do when we take things into our own hands and operate out of our own thoughts. Who steps in to begin to make things right and where do you know him from (vss. 11-14)? Remember Nathan was the prophet who held David accountable when he slept with Bathsheba and had her husband Uriah murdered. What happens next (vss. 15-27)? Why do you think Nathan supporting Bathsheba's statement helped? What is revealed about God? What does it reveal about us as humanity? Even when we think we are doing right we might be rebelling against God. How does this point to Jesus and the rebellion of acknowledging him as King by the unbelieving world? By those in governmental power? By us, the believers?

Wednesday, February 17th – 1 Kings 1:28-53 (Ash Wednesday service tonight 7:00 pm)

Yesterday we read Adonijah, because he was next in line, declared himself to be the next king. Nathan and Bathsheba got involved and told David. How does David respond to what is happening (vss. 28-30)? Was Bathsheba grateful (vs. 31)? Even though he is dying, David takes charge. What does he say to do and who does he charge to do it (vss. 32-37)? What happens when they follow the King's orders (vss. 38-48)? Israel has two kings again, doesn't it? One of human logic (next in line) and one of God's choosing. How do Adonijah's guests respond to this news and why do you think they respond this way (vs. 49)? How does Adonijah respond to this news (vss. 50-51)? How does Solomon respond to Adonijah's actions (vss. 52-43)? What does this reveal to you about God and His will being done? What does this reveal to you about ourselves and following our own thoughts, rather than checking in with God? How does this point to Jesus and those who refused to see him as King?

Thursday, February 18th – 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today we turn to David's final instructions to Solomon and find them to be quite interesting. First are instructions to Solomon on what he should do personally. What does David tell Solomon to do (vss. 1-4)? Now we get to some interesting directions. First, we read about David's instructions regarding Joab. What does David tell Solomon to do (vss. 5-6)? Next we see instruction regarding Barzillai of Gilead. Who was Barzillai and how is Solomon to treat him (vs. 7)? Finally, David has instructions for Solomon regarding Shimei, son of Gera. Who is Shimei and what are the instructions? What does this reveal to you about David? He is very human, is he not? What does this reveal to you about God? How does this point to Jesus and his teachings about vengeance? Is David doing Israel a service or injustice with these instructions? What troubles you about reading this? What gives you encouragement?

Friday, February 19th – 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and 1 Chronicles 29:26-30

Today we finish David's story by reading his final words and a brief recap of his life. When we return after Lent, we will begin reading David's Psalms. We will start by reading the final words. Read 2 Samuel 23:1-7. What descriptions strike you most about David? Do these words sum up David's life fairly well? What would you have added that you remember reading about David? Let us finish up David's story now by read the First Chronicles passage. What do these texts reveal to you about God and what God is capable of doing? What does this reveal about humanity? How do these texts point to Jesus? As you answer this last question, consider 2 Samuel 23:5. How does Jesus fulfill these words? Congratulations, you have now finished 1 Chronicles. Well done!

Saturday, February 20th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Genesis 3:1-7.