

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 22nd – Genesis 3:1-7

We began our Lenten Journey 2021 yesterday by facing that we are sinners in need of grace. The Bible reveals who we are and why we are in the fix we are in, because of what happened in the beginning. If we go to the end of the first creation story, what do we learn (Gen. 1:31)? So, everything God created was good, not just good but very good. Then what happened? Where did it go so wrong? This is where the second creation story comes in – to answer that question, “What happened?” Read verses 1-3. Who is involved in this conversation and what does the Bible reveal about them? What question does the serpent ask the woman and does this question create doubt (vs. 1)? How does the woman’s answer reflect what she knows? Do you sense the innocence in her response? It is almost like it is not a big deal. We can eat from the rest of the trees, just not that one. Based on the woman’s answer, how does the serpent tempt her to reconsider (vss. 4-5)? What part of what the serpent says is true? Which part is a blatant lie? How successful were the serpent’s lies (vs. 6)? What changes in the woman that prompts her to eat? How did her mind change? How did her heart change? What did she desire more than God? Why is it so easy for Adam to eat without even questioning? Once they ate, what did they feel then (vs. 7)? Shame is a consequence of sin. The natural inclination is to “cover it up,” as they did with fig leaves. Sadly, once done, the formerly “very good” creation is now over. Consider your life. Even though saved by the grace of God through Jesus, we still sin, sometimes intentionally, even though we know better. Consider what lies of the evil one you have let seep into your mind, changing your thoughts and leaving doubt instead and a desire that is not of God or for God. If you are not sure where this is happening in your life, spend time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to show you, convict you, and help you to repent and confess this sin today. God’s mercy and grace are right there for you. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Tuesday, February 23rd – Genesis 3:14-19

We have heard it said more than once, “Sin has consequences, even though we are forgiven.” This is where we pick up today. Adam and Eve have been caught in sin and have blamed each other (more cover-ups). Consequences have been set in motion. Who is the first one to receive a consequence and what is it (vss. 14-15)? Next comes the woman. What are her consequences (vs. 16)? Notice that there are two – pain in childbirth and the desire to control her husband. Ladies, pay attention! Then we come to the man’s consequences in verses 17-19. Again, there are two consequences. What is the first (vs. 17-19a)? The last consequence is found in 19b. What is it? Remember yesterday that Eve’s answer to the serpent was that if you even touched the tree you would die. 19b is the death sentence, but only after we live life. Eternity with God had been cut off at this point. Humanity will return to dust. These consequences are what are referred to as “the curse.” Consider some of the consequences you have paid for your sinfulness. Who was hurt besides you? What did you learn? What are the consequences that your sins today could have on others and on yourself? Pray asking God to help you, forgive you and change you from your sinfulness.

Wednesday, February 24th – Romans 7:7-13

How do we know we have sin in our lives today? One very significant way is through the Law. So many believers act as if the Law no longer exists. Neither Jesus nor Paul dismiss the Law as no longer needed, but rather as a pointer to why we need grace. Today we will study Paul’s explanation of the Law. To get started, read verses 1-6. Paul speaks of being free from the Law’s power and living in the Spirit. So, what is the question most commonly asked regarding this statement and Paul’s response (vs. 7)? What role does the Law play and what example does Paul give? How does Paul explain his point (vss. 8-9)? What is the result (vss. 10-11)? Is this the Law’s fault or our own (vs. 12)? How does Paul explain the difference between the good and holy law and sin’s use of the law (vs. 13)? Do you see how evil our sins truly are? Do you see why we warrant spiritual death because of them? How do you understand your absolute need for Christ because of this? Spend time in prayer throughout the day praising God for saving you from sin’s hold on you. If you have sin in your life now, ask God to help you overcome it in the power of the Spirit.

Thursday, February 25th – Romans 7:14-25

Today we see Paul in all his humanness. It is the Paul all of us can connect with, because when he speaks about his struggles and life, he is talking about us as well. What is the struggle that is taking place in Paul (vss. 14-17)? How do you relate to this struggle personally? Now read verses 18-20. There is a sort of awareness of sin in this text. It is as though Paul’s heart desires God, but his mind or flesh wins out in the debate, causing sin. It is the sin that wins, not the Spirit. What has Paul learned from this (vss. 21-23)? This brings us to the climax of Romans 7. Admitting the stark reality of one’s sinful self and the solution. What is the reality and what is the solution (vss. 24-25)? This is why we need Jesus. Everything inside of us leads us to sinful, selfish living. We have doubt that God is enough and that all will be well. We worry and act on it. Hence, we need Jesus because we cannot fix this on our own. When was the last time you looked in the mirror and declared yourself wretched and in total need of God alone? Perhaps today is the day to do this.

Friday, February 26th – Romans 12:1-2

We have spoken a lot this week about how sin begins with doubt and temptation in our minds. It started with Eve and Adam, down through Paul and continued right down to us. Today Paul shares with us what is needed to see change. We start off with Paul calling us to do something. What are we to do and why (vs. 1)? What does it mean to give your bodies to God? How are they a holy and a living sacrifice? Consider what is used in the act of sin. If you are focused on giving your body to God’s use and to glorify him, you won’t be acting in sin. But there is another piece that is necessary. What is that (vs. 2)? Sin starts in the mind. In order to overcome sin, we need God to transform our minds. What does Paul say that will happen if we let God work and we work with God in the transformation of our minds? Consider what that will look like in real life. If we focus on this during Lent this year, what could and would be different about you as a follower of Jesus Christ? Spend time in prayer today asking God to convict your heart, transform your mind and strengthen you to offer your body as a holy and living sacrifice for him. Then note the transformations that take place through Lent this year.

Saturday, February 27th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Genesis 2:4-15.