

## 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, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 11**

We continue our journey this week with five more Psalms. Four out of five of our Psalms address trusting God and why we can trust God. Let's start by reading the Psalm completely through. Verses 1-3 name the problem. What is the problem? Does this remind you of our world today? This is because sin is alive and rampant in the world. But why should we not fret? What is it that we can trust about God (vss. 4-7)? We have talked a lot about this over the past year. With COVID and upheavals in politics and civil unrest, how does this Psalm point you to trusting the only truth that really exists eternally? What does this reveal about God? What does it reveal about us? How does Jesus support the truth of a God who reigns forever, who always watches, examines and tests everyone and loves justice and virtue? Spend some time in prayers of thanksgiving to the God who is active in the world, even when it doesn't seem like it. Learn to trust God has it.

### **Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 12**

Today's Psalm reminds us that God's word is pure and true and God will always judge rightly. Again, let us begin by reading the Psalm in full. The structure is the same as yesterday's Psalm. Verses 1-4 lay out the problem for us. What is the problem? It sounds as if everyone is out for themselves, doesn't it? I will do what I want, when I want and will lie and cheat to accomplish it. Who cares who it hurts! This is true rebellion that harms others and rebels against God. Verse 5-8 tell us what we need to know when we experience this. What do we learn about God in these verses? Why can we take this to the bank (vs. 6)? Consider how God has chosen to protect and preserve the oppressed. How does Jesus fulfill this statement? If God's promises are pure and kept even if the wicked keep on being wicked and evil is praised, what does that say about God's power over wickedness and evil? How does Jesus' death and resurrection point to that power? Now think about the world today. How does this comfort you and empower you to be strong in the promises of God? What fear do you need to let go of because of God's promises and power?

### **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 13**

There is another aspect of trust with which we all at times may struggle. Have you been through a time in your life where you begged God to answer you and there seemed to be dead silence? Well, David experienced that too, a lot. Read Psalm 13 then come back to think it through. Verses 1-4 are David's prayer to God. What does he ask God to do? Do you sense the level of desperation in these verses? David had God's Spirit and God says that David was a man after His (God's) own heart (1 Sam. 13:14), yet he cries out to God for help and there seems to be no answer. But what does David teach us to do in these times (vss. 5-6)? Trust is difficult when we are frustrated and questioning. David's remedy is to keep trusting by rejoicing for what God has done and will do; singing praise because no matter what, God is good to us. We are free to call out to God and beg for what we need in humility and truth. God can handle it. But rejoicing, singing praise and remembering God's goodness is what snaps us out of our "woe is me" mindset and builds up our hope and trust. Spend some time rejoicing, singing, and remembering God's goodness. Then trust God will answer your cries when the timing is right.

### **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 14**

There are just days when the Bible reminds us that sin and foolishness are not new, just marketed differently in each generation. Today we are going to see that things that are happening around us regarding the degradation of the orthodox faith are not new. Read Psalm 14. Again, today we start off with the problem. What is the problem that David states in verses 1-3? Now read Romans 3:12. Notice things haven't improved in Paul's time? And we have the same problem today! What is important to note is that those who do not believe, who do no good nor do they seek God and His wisdom are called evil and wicked. If we sin, we are evil and wicked in the sight of God. Let's sit in that tension for a minute. Notice what the evil and wicked do (vss. 4 & 6). What will happen to them when God's presence is revealed (vs. 5)? Who is God with (vs. 5)? So, if we are not obedient, then we too will be gripped in terror by the holiness of God. Now reread verse 7. Who came to rescue us? What are we rescued from and how does it enable us to be obedient and not have terror in God's presence? What does this reveal to you about God and His holiness? What does this reveal about you? How does this point to Jesus?

### **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 15**

As we close this week, we will look at what a blameless life is like. Yesterday we faced the reality that no one does good, nor do they seek God and his wisdom. We may dabble in it, but we are too easily distracted, too easily corrupted. When that happens, it is considered evil and wickedness inside of us. So, what then would a blameless life look like? Believe it or not, God is more than happy to spell it out for us. Read Psalm 15. The first thing we read was a question in verse 1 and the answer in verse 2. Verses 3-5 tell us what this morally upright/blameless life looks like. We have all sinned in one of these areas. When sin exists, it separates us from God and from the worship of God, from entering God's presence. We need to repent and turn back to God. Jesus has made a way for us to be able to come before God through His righteousness, even if we have sinned. We are covered in His righteousness and our sin is removed, when we repent and turn back to God. We can receive forgiveness, which allows us to worship and to be in a renewed relationship with God. The Holy Spirit is no longer grieved, and sanctification continues. But this Psalm gives us the path in which we are to travel, to boundaries to stay within so that we can enjoy, love and worship God with all that we are and all that we have. Read this Psalm again. Ask God in the power of His Holy Spirit to work these things in you and thank Jesus for presenting you as blameless.

### **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 17.**