

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, May 3rd – Psalm 16

As mentioned yesterday, there are not a lot of common themes this week, but each Psalm speaks to a different life experience. Let us start by reading all of Psalm 16. Verse one states what this song's theme is. David is coming to God for refuge. Why is David choosing to do this (vss. 2-3)? Verse 4 tells us why David is seeking refuge. What is the reason? David is not seeking refuge in God from either a mortal enemy or from stumbling into sin himself by worshipping another god, or even by mentioning a false god's name. Instead of these false idols which seem to lure so many away, what does David remind himself of regarding God? What do these things reveal to you about God (vss. 5-11)? Many times, the question has been asked "Is God enough?" If you lost everything you value today, is God enough to satisfy? Is God filling your desires, bringing you gladness and joy in every aspect of your life? How do verses 10-11 point to Jesus and our relationship with him? How does the work of the Holy Spirit fulfill these words? Spend some time praying with a heart of gratitude that the God worshipped in this Psalm is the God who does this for you as well.

Tuesday, May 4th – Psalm 17

Today we look at another Psalm by David that cries out for deliverance and vindication. Note that this Psalm is labeled as "a prayer of David." It may not have been set to music. We start off with a cry for help and justice. What is this plea based upon (vss. 1-5)? Looking at your life this past week, could you declare these things about yourself? As we move on, David declares he is praying to God. Why is he praying to him and what he is asking of him (vss. 6-9)? What are David's enemies threatening (vss. 10-12)? Now verses 13 and 14 are the final cry to God and include a compare/contrast element. What do the wicked look for (vs. 14)? How does David ask God to deal with it (vs. 13)? Compare that to those who are treasured. What does David pray regarding these ones (vs. 14b)? We end this prayer with a statement from David as to why he can pray this prayer. What are David's reasons? David prays this prayer from a heart that is innocent before God. He is not like the enemies who are striving for the things of the world. David simply wants protection and to see God face to face. When all is said and finished, could seeing God face to face be all you ever want? Is it enough? Consider that if you are a follower of Jesus, Jesus' relationship with the Father was enough – even when facing horrible torture and death. Can you say the same?

Wednesday, May 5th – Psalm 19

As we move to Psalm 19, we move to a song of praise for "the choir." It is both majestic and humbling. Let's start again by reading the Psalm in its entirety. David starts off by celebrating the amazing and awe-inspiring creation of God. According to David, how can anyone doubt God's existence, since all of creation points to God. What examples does David use (vss. 1-6)? So, if all creation points to a creator who is amazing, creative, and sovereign over everything, this means that everything else from God must also be the same way. David moves from this beautiful description to a description of God's laws, commands, instructions, and decrees. What does David say about the Word of God and who benefits from them (vss. 7-11)? We finish with verses 12-14. In light of the truth found in God's Word, what realization does David come to, and what is his request (vss. 12-14)? What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about yourself? How much are you like David? Consider that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. What does this reveal about Jesus and how did Jesus fulfill God's Word perfectly?

Thursday, May 6th – Psalm 20

Our Psalms today and tomorrow are called "a pair of royal Psalms." Today we will read the first half of the pair. Please read through it, then return for a deeper dive. Verses 1-5 are the prayer or the plea of God's people regarding King David (or any other king). What do the people pray for to God about the king (vss. 1-5)? Scholars believe this was a song for kings going to war. How is this view substantiated in verses 6-8? As we move to verse 9, who is the one that grants the victory? It is important to remember that victories of battles are won by God. What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about yourself or humanity as a whole? Keep in mind that this song is written as a prayer of God's people. What do the words of this prayer reveal about God's people? How does this point to Jesus? Consider that Jesus is God in the flesh and that he won the victory for us. Can we save ourselves? No. This is why we should pray to seek God's victory to be accomplished in our lives, the lives of sinners like you and me. Spend some time in prayer today, using this Psalm to ask God to bring you the victory in an area where you struggle with sin.

Friday, May 7th – Psalm 21

We close this week out with the second part of the royal Psalms. Today's is about praising God for the victory! Nothing like ending the week on a high note. Let's start off by reading through the Psalm first. Verses 1 and 2 set up the balance of the Psalm. Why are we going to sing this Psalm? It tells us that the petitions made yesterday were granted. Who does the victory belong to (vs. 5)? What perks does the king get from God's victory (vss. 3-4 and 6-7)? The psalm makes a turn at this point and makes declarations of God's encounter with His enemies. When facing his enemies, what acts are ascribed to God that bring victory (vss. 8-12)? How will the enemy of God respond (vs. 12)? Verse 13 is a shout of praise to the victorious God of Israel. What does this tell you about God? Now think of matters you face or have faced in your life that seemed to overwhelm and overcome you. How did God win that battle? How did you benefit from the victory? Where do you need to turn to God for victory over something in your life? Where do you need to bring praise to God for won victories? If you can't think of anything offhand, think about the victory in Jesus. Spend time today praising God for all his victories in your life and in the life of the church. Have fun!

Saturday, May 8th – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 22.