

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment 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 25th – 1 Samuel 11:1-8

Last week Saul was made King and Nahash, king of the Ammonites, was wreaking havoc on the East side of the Jordan. However, 7,000 men had escaped Nahash's torture. This is where we will pick it up today. About a month after Saul is made king, what happens (vss. 1-2)? It seems as though Nahash is still on the rampage. What terms do the Israelites offer to Nahash (vss. 3)? Apparently Nahash agrees, because of what we read in verse 4. What happens and what is the response (vs. 4)? When Saul arrives and they tell him, what happens (vss. 5-7)? What did God do in this? So, it is not just Saul, but God working through Saul. When it was all said and done, the army gathered. Who and how many were there (vs. 8)? Not a bad response. What does this text reveal to you about God? Do you find it reassuring that God sees and is ready to act when the time is right? What does this reveal about humanity? Keep in mind the paragraph between chapter 10 and 11. Nahash had been at this a while. What did those in Jabesh do that was different than the others? What does this teach us that we should probably do before just resigning to the given situation? How does this point to Jesus rallying the troops to rescue the lost?

Tuesday, May 26th – 1 Samuel 11:9-15

Moving on with yesterday's story, we will now find out how it ends. As we see in verse 9, Saul sends word that they are coming. How do the men of Jabesh set this battle up (vs.10)? What happens and how does the battle go down (vs. 11)? Even though there is a victory, there is still a problem. What is the issue at hand (vs. 12)? How does it get resolved (vss. 13-15)? Notice it is Saul who stops this revenge. But in the end, ALL of Israel has made peace with Saul being king and there is joy. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about us? Consider how this points to Jesus and this text, Romans 14:11? Spend some time today considering what you bow your knee to? Where do you refuse to let God get involved in your life? Your choices? Your money? Each of us has a place where we want to be in charge, not God. How do you think learning to bend your knee in that area might give you great joy, such as the Israelites received?

Wednesday, May 27th – 1 Samuel 12

Today we will read the cementing-in of the transition to being a monarchy, rather than just under judges. We will see what that means, even though most of Israel had not thought about it before asking. First, Samuel has to establish his faithfulness towards God and Israel. Read verses 1-5. How does Samuel go about doing that? Now that it has been established that Samuel has been a good judge/prophet/priest, how does he start the next section (vss. 6-7)? What does Samuel cover in Israel's history (vss. 8-11)? That brings us to current times. What does he remind them of next (vss. 12-13)? God has granted them this king, but warnings come along as well. What are the warnings (vss. 14-15)? In order to prove that God is God and the king is not, what does Samuel do (vss. 16-19)? Pretty impressive. Nevertheless, we are back to the warnings now that Israel has awakened again to the mighty power of God. What does Samuel instruct them (vss. 20-22)? How does Samuel promise not to sin (vs. 23)? What does he suggest Israel do so as not to sin again (vs. 24)? At this point the transition is complete and Saul will rule now, not Samuel. What does this reveal to you about God? What did you learn about us humans? Consider how Israel did not consider their sin against God a sin until the power of God showed up. Where might you be in that boat? How does this point to Jesus being our King forever? How does this point to God resuming His right title? Do you live your life as though Jesus were the King? If not, why not? What are your excuses for having a different king?

Thursday, May 28th – 1 Samuel 13:1-7a

Now that Saul is king and actively ruling, we begin to get information on his reign. What does verse 1 tell you? How old was Saul when he died? As we continue with verses 2-5, how are things going so far? Seems pretty promising. Does it last (vss. 5-7a)? What seem to be the biggest problems (clue: it wasn't the Philistines!). Fear has a way of paralyzing us. If God is for them, do they need to fear? Even so, we can appreciate the fear for we would be fearful too. What do you think the fear was about? Did you notice that God isn't even mentioned here, just that they are afraid? In fact, how severe was their fear (vs. 7a)? They thought it better to run than to fight or stay. What does this say about God? Notice God is not hand-patting them, but rather seems to be waiting for them to turn to him. What does this say about us? How did Jesus deal with fear and dread (Matthew 26:36-44)? What can we learn from Jesus? What are you afraid of today? God is waiting for you to check in and ask Him about it.

Friday, May 29th – 1 Samuel 13:7b-14

Today we will see how fear can drive us to sin. We pick up at verse 7b. Where is Saul and what is happening (vss. 7b-9)? What is wrong with what Saul has done? Did he have a good reason? What happens next (vss. 10-11a)? Isn't that always the case? If we had just waited a bit more... Why had Saul done what he had done (vss. 11b-12)? What does Samuel have to say about it (vss. 13-14)? Do you think this is harsh? If so, why? If not, why? What did Saul need to do and what would have been the reward (vs. 13)? What drove Saul to sin? Fear. Fear led to a lack of patience, which led to taking the situation into his own hands and relying on his own wisdom. Do we not do the same thing? What does this reveal to you about God? How does this point to Jesus' obedience concerning why He became our King forever? What have you learned so far from this transition and having a king? How does it tie to having men and women govern us? How can prayer and seeking God's will be more important than the person?

Saturday, May 30th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read ACTS 2:1-13.

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JUST A REMINDER TO WEAR RED OR WHITE.
BEGIN PRAYING ASKING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SET US ALL ON FIRE!**