

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, June 14th – Psalm 58

We start this week with a psalm calling for God's justice. The true definition of Biblical justice was given in Sunday's message last week. You can review it on our Facebook page if you have forgotten. Who is the Psalmist addressing in the beginning of the Psalm (vs. 1)? How does David answer his own question and what support does he provide (vss. 2-5)? When we are unable to find justice in human affairs, we should follow David's example. Whom does David turn to and what does David ask (vss. 6-9)? Kind of makes you want to be sure to be a just person and one who will act and judge justly. When God responds, what will happen (vss. 10-11)? What does this reveal to you about God's justice? What does it reveal to you about human justice? How is Jesus the fulfillment of God's justice?

Tuesday, June 15th – Psalm 61

Today's Psalm was written when David needed to escape Jerusalem, because of Absalom's rebellion or when running away from Saul, who was trying to kill him. The Psalm fits both scenarios well. Read through the Psalm completely. Imagine for a moment each of the situations mentioned above. Now read verses 1-5 again. Do you hear and feel the desperation of David? Where does David want God to bring him? Now read verses 6-8 again. If it is the escape from Absalom, to whom is David talking about it? If it is escape from Saul, who is David talking about? Context does matter. But we learn two things from each scenario. If it is the escape from Absalom, then David is asking for God to bless him, David, as king. If it is escape from Saul, then these verses of blessing the king is for Saul. What does this reveal to you about God and about whom he saves and blesses? What does this reveal to you about humanity? For whom is David praying blessings? How do these verses point to or reveal Jesus? Or better yet, how does Jesus fulfill verses 6-8?

Wednesday, June 16th – Psalm 62

Today we learn about where true power lies and it is not in Washington DC! David is in trouble once again. Take a moment and read through the Psalm. Let us start with verses 3-4. What is the problem David is facing? So how has David chosen to respond (vss. 1-2 and 5-8)? How good are you at waiting patiently for God to act? What is the advantage of waiting on the LORD (vss. 6-7)? To wait patiently for God to act requires what (vs. 8)? Then comes a reminder about who we are and why waiting matters. Who are we according to David (vs. 9)? Is he right? When we don't wait and try to take things into our own hands, what might be some things we try (vs. 10)? That is both ends of the same spectrum. If you are poor, don't fix it by stealing. If you are rich, don't think it will save you. So where is ultimate power found and in what is the power (vss. 11-12)? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider how unfailing love is a source of great power. What does this reveal to you about humanity and specifically, about yourself? Do you wait on God patiently? Do you put your trust for rescue in other means? Do you understand how your life is just a breath of air, here today, gone tomorrow? Ponder how this Psalm points to Jesus? What do we as believers patiently wait on now? We have been waiting for this for about two thousand years.

Thursday, June 17th – Psalm 64

We find David is once again in turmoil. Read through the Psalm and then come back. This Psalm has 2 parts to it: 1) the lament and request; and 2) the faith that God will provide and be victorious. Going back to the beginning, what is David asking of God and why (vss. 1-6)? Can you think of a couple times when this Psalm may have been written, based on David's life? Maybe when Saul was chasing him down? Maybe when the Philistine king enlisted David to fight against Israel and the generals were having none of it? Maybe when Absalom declared himself king and came after David? But what does David declare will happen eventually, based on what he knows about God (vss. 7-8)? What will be the result of this for everyone who witnesses God's response (vss. 9-10)? Notice, not just those attacked, but even the godly will be touched by God's response. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? When have you experienced what David experienced? When were you the one who did evil? When did you see God's justice arise and find yourself amazed and in awe? How does this point to Jesus? Consider how evil and rebellious people came against him. How did God win the victory for all time through Jesus?

Friday, June 18th – Psalm 65

We will end this week by getting our praise on. David sings and writes praise better than anyone I know. Read the Psalm with a smile on your face and gratitude in your heart, then come back and we will break it down. What does verse 1 tell us about this Psalm? Now read verses 2-7, and make a list of all the reasons David gives to support his declaration in verse 1. How many of these things have you experienced or witnessed? David stops the litany in verse 8 to share whom this affects. Who are affected by all these reasons to praise God? David finishes the Psalm with the final litany of why he praises God. As you read through these verses again, consider other Psalms that this one could be tied to (Psalms 23, 95, and 100, for example). Not only does God literally provide these blessings, but how do they benefit us as a metaphor? If we are the sheep of God's pasture, how is God taking care of us? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself and how God meets your needs daily? How does this point to Jesus (John 10)? Spend the rest of today praising God for his many blessings but mostly for just being a God who loves you.

Saturday, June 19th – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 69.