

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 of the book. 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 18th – Exodus 40:1-21

This week we will finish Exodus and some of the Book of Numbers. Today begins with Moses following God's assembly instructions and the dedication of the items that had been created. As you read verses 1-11, picture in your mind where these items should be found. Now that the items have been taken care of and dedicated to the service of God we will move now to the priests' ordination/dedication. Read verses 12-15. Notice that the steps are exactly as laid out in the plans. As you read, imagine being Aaron or one of his sons. How would it make you feel? Now read verses 16-21. This is the continuation of the assembly. What is being assembled? Notice the order of it. Imagine now being Moses and doing the final assembly. What emotions must have filled his heart? Remember the preparations of the building of our sanctuary. For those who came later, remember the joy of dedicating our new chancel (front of the sanctuary). We too dedicated each piece and the entire space to God, His Word and Table, and worship of God alone. Take time to pause on and off throughout the day about the splendor and beauty of the Tabernacle and the amazing God who will make it His home on earth. This is the same God we gather to worship and the same God carry within us, as our bodies are His tabernacle now.

Tuesday, June 19th – Exodus 40:22-38

As we complete the Book of Exodus today, we begin with the remainder of the assembly. What area of the Tabernacle is being completed in verses 22-27? With this the actual Tabernacle (tent of meeting) is completed. We now move to the outside. What is it that Moses does outside the Tent of Meeting (vss. 28-30)? What are the final things that Moses attends to that brings this work to a close (vss. 31-33)? Once everything has been completed, what happens (vss. 34-35)? Yep, God is in the house. In this context the word "glory" is the actual presence of God inhabiting our space and time. What form has God's presence taken? As you may recall from a couple weeks ago, God had agreed to go with Moses and the Israelites and lead them. How does God fulfill this promise (vss. 36-38)? Notice that even though Israel had rebelled against God, God still travels and is present with them throughout their entire journey.

Wednesday, June 20th – Numbers 7

Now we will jump to the Book of Numbers, as these chapters have to do with the dedication of the Tabernacle as well. We will begin with Chapter 7 with giving of offerings and distribution of Tabernacle work. Read verses 1-9. What are the offerings/gifts being presented? What is the role/work of each Levite clan? Which clan will not receive a cart to help and why? Now read verses 10-83. There is great repetition but pay attention to the tribes these leaders represent, not the clans. You might want to skim the repeated parts and just read the names. How would repeating this orally help someone to remember all these gifts? How does reading it repeatedly also help us to remember? Now let's summarize what we have read. That summary is found in verses 84-88. That was the total of offerings given over the 12-day dedication time frame. Chapter 7 ends with an explanation of how Moses and God communicated. How did that happen (vs. 89)? What does this reveal about God? What do we learn about ourselves and the desire we should have to give back to God? How is Jesus the ultimate gift for us?

Thursday, June 21st – Numbers 8

As we move on we see that Aaron is about to begin his priestly duties. As you read verses 1-4, what is Aaron's first task? But Aaron is not to do all the work by himself, as we learned in chapter 7. The Levites must be set apart and dedicated to God. What happens to start the process (vss. 5-11)? As you read verses 12-15, what is the next step necessary in purifying the Levites for God's service? So why are the Levites separated and what will they be responsible for (vss. 12-19)? What happens in verses 20-22? The Levites seem to have a mandatory age requirement. What is it (vss. 23-26)? Why do you think this is necessary, especially while Israel is in the wilderness? What does this reveal about God and God's idea of work sharing? What does this reveal about us and what our needs are when it comes to work and working in teams? Think of how this points to Jesus inviting us to join him in ministry. What is your take away for today?

Friday, June 22nd – Numbers 9 & 10

As we move to chapter 9 we see another milestone for the Israelites. What is it (vss. 1-5)? This is their second celebration of Passover. But there is a problem this year. What is the issue at hand and what does Moses do about it (vss. 6-8)? What solution does The Lord provide for this situation (vss. 9-12)? Notice that God does not compromise the law, but offers a solution that will allow compliance with the Law. But God goes beyond this immediate matter and addresses two larger issues. What are they (vss. 13-14)? Notice God does not just say, "Oh it's okay, I understand." Rather God remains faithful. He means what He says and says what He means. It is pretty clear. Now read verses 15-23. What is this section about? Have you ever considered why God did this? Why not stay for a month before moving? Consider how this was a training and testing process of Israel to engrain the need to follow God, not lead God. With all this moving, have you ever wondered how they got the word out to all the tribes camping around the Tabernacle? Remember there are about 700,000 people. Chapter 10 addresses this matter. What is Moses instructed to make (vss. 1-2)? How are they to be used (vss. 3-7)? Who is allowed to use the trumpets (vs. 8)? But the trumpets are not just for moving Israel in the wilderness, for what else are they to be used (vss.9-10)? As we move forward, notice how God is a God of order. Read verses 11-28. Everything down to the order that the people follow is laid out. No fighting about who was to be first. No chaos as the tribes break camp and prepare to move. Now read verses 29-30. What is Moses asking of Hobab? Why is Moses asking Hobab to stay and what promise does he make (vs. 31-32)? Now read verses 33-34. Why does Moses need Hobab since God is deciding where to stop and when to go? How did they know God was moving or staying (vs. 34)? When on the move, what shouted request did Moses make (vs. 35)? When stopping what request did Moses make (vs. 36)? What do these chapters reveal to us about God and His character? What do these texts reveal about us? In a culture that wants everyone to be a leader, what does this teach us leaders about following? Consider today if you are following in order behind Christ or if you are running ahead or to the side of Him. What might you need to change to be following Jesus? Who might you need to be behind? Who might be behind you? If someone is following you, why might it be doubly important that you are following Jesus? Pray today, asking the Holy Spirit to keep you behind Jesus so as not to get ahead or wander off.

Saturday, June 23rd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Leviticus 1:1-9