

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 4th – Exodus 32:1-29

We start this week by going back down the mountain to see what is going on with the tribes of Israel. As you remember, we have been with Moses on top of Mount Sinai, getting the plans for the building of the Tabernacle. He has been up there just about 40 days and nights. Read verses 1-6. What have the people done? Why did they do this? Who was the leader and planner? Remember what God said he was going to be? Now read verses 7-10. Who catches the problem? What is the big issue with God (vss. 6-7)? What is God's solution (vss. 8-10)? Consider God's statement in verse 10. If God is faithful to his Word, is this even an option? If not, could it be a test of Moses' faithfulness? If this is a test, how does Moses do (vss. 11-13)? How was his response received (vs. 14)? What does Moses do and who does he take with him (vss. 14-20)? Whom does Moses believe about Aaron (vs. 21-25)? What basis does Moses have to believe Aaron has responsibility? What is Moses' resolution to this most disastrous action (vss. 26-28)? Why do you think it was important and acceptable for 3000 lives to be taken? Think about what this says about us as human beings and our faithfulness to God. Also remember that the Levites were to become the tribe set apart (made holy) for God. Is this not also a test concerning whether they will defend the faith in God alone? What kind of priests would they be if they would not choose God even over their families? How do we know this is part of the reason for this punishment (vs. 29)? What does this reveal about God and His response to worshipping anything other than God? How does this point to our deep need for Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to point out the golden calves in your life, so you may reject these things and worship God alone.

Tuesday, June 5th – Exodus 32:30-33:11

Well, with the seriousness of the sin of Israel, what has Moses decided to do (vs. 30)? What is the request that Moses makes of the Lord (vs. 31)? What is God's response to Moses' request (vss. 32:32-33:3)? God also punishes the Israelites for this sin. Notice whom God holds accountable (vs. 33). How will he erase their names (vs. 35)? This could mean that even though 3,000 were killed by the Levites, some of the inciters of this sin still survived. Why would it be necessary for God to remove them from the group? And how would that affect the rest of the people? When the punishment is over, it is over. How do we know (vss. 33:1-3)? We gather that Moses goes back down the mountain because 33:4 picks up with the people's response. What was it (vss. 4-6)? Now read verses 8-10. What is peculiar about these verses? If you recall, the tent has not been constructed yet. We have the plans, but then all this sinning took place and we still haven't gotten to the actual construction. But these verses do tell us the Tabernacle will be built and tell us about the level of Moses' relationship with God. How did the people respond now when God was in the Tent (vs. 10)? Where is their worship focused now? And what is Moses' relationship with God (vs. 11)? Who else is hanging around the Tabernacle (vs. 11)? What about this text makes you uncomfortable? What does this reveal to you about God and how seriously He is about worshipping only Him? What does it reveal about God and the relationship He desires with His creation? How does Moses reflect Jesus in this text? And how does this text describe you? Pray and work on deepening your relationship with God.

Wednesday, June 6th – Exodus 33:12-23

If you remember from yesterday, God has told Moses He will no longer travel with them. Moses, like us, is looking for God's tangible presence to be with them. Read verses 12-13. What is Moses' request? How does the Lord respond (vs. 14)? Did you notice with whom God will go? Now read verses 15-16. Notice that Moses insists on using "us" and "on me and your people" instead of just with Moses. What is his rationale for this (vs. 16b)? How does God respond (vs. 17)? What comes next is what each of us should desire. What does Moses ask of God (vs. 18)? What is God's response (vss. 19-23)? What does this reveal about God's desire and wisdom when it comes to the relationship between Himself and Moses? What does this reveal about Moses deepest longing and thirst for God? What is your deepest desire when it comes to God? Is it what God can do for you or is it for God alone? Is God enough for you? As you go through your day, pause and ask yourself if God is enough. Be honest in how you answer.

Thursday, June 7th – Exodus 34

Today God restates/issues a copy of the covenant. What is Moses to do (vss. 1-4)? Remembering yesterday's promise from God, read verses 5-7. God is faithful to His promises. What is Moses reaction and God's response to Moses' request (vss. 8-11)? But with this promise comes warnings. What are they (vss. 12-17)? Why these warnings? Next comes the copy of the covenant. What makes up the covenant (vss. 18-28)? Keep in mind the 10 Commandments would also be part of this. What happens when Moses comes back down the mountain? What is different (vss. 29-30)? Now read verses 31-35. What does Moses do? Why does he cover his face (vs. 33)? When did he remove the veil (vs. 34)? What does this reveal about God to you today? What possibilities are offered to us today? Jesus says we are the light of the world. Does your face shine in the dark world we live in? Is your walk so close to God that you are changed both inside and out? How does this point to Jesus being the Light of the World? Do you hunger for more of God? If not, why not? If so, what are you doing about it?

Friday, June 8th – Exodus 35:1 – 36:7

At last we are ready to construct the Tabernacle. But before any project can begin, we need to gather the necessary items. Read verses 35:1-9. This is the list of items needed. Do you remember for what items they will be used? Now read verses 35:10-19. These are the items that need to be crafted. And now it begins. Read verses 20-29. Who is involved? Notice everyone who desires to contribute in some way or another. Notice it is those who desire, so not everyone helps. Now read 35:30-36:3. This is where Moses introduces Bezalel and Oholiab as the chief craftsman and assistant. Everyone is to follow their instructions, because God has gifted them with the Holy Spirit. Notice not everyone has the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is at work. We know this as we read verse 36:4. With this prompting from Bezalel and Oholiab, what does Moses do (vss. 36:5-7)? God provides all that is needed from within the people. The question is always, will the people give back to God? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself and humanity in general? How does this point to Jesus today (think Holy Spirit)? We no longer require special dispensation from God. If you are a believer and baptized, you have been given the Holy Spirit. Is the Spirit working in your life? How do you know? Pray, asking God the Holy Spirit to fill you more and help you to see the fingerprints of God in your life today.

Saturday, June 9th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Exodus 37:25-29.