

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. 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, August 26th – Deuteronomy 32:1-43

This week we return to our Journey through the Bible series. We will finish the Book of Deuteronomy. We left off in July with God instructing Moses to learn a song and teach it to Israel. The purpose of the song was to remind them that when they turn from God and He allows the consequences of their sin to take place, they will remember that God is innocent and is doing what he said. Today we look at the song Moses taught Israel. It starts off with a declaration about God. What is revealed to us about God in verses 1-4? Now read verses 5-6. Who is Moses speaking about and what is the problem? What does Israel seem to have forgotten and how do we know they forgot (vss. 7-8)? Now we turn back to focusing on God. What has God done for Israel (vss. 9-14)? But how has Israel now responded to all that God has done (vss. 15-18)? What is God's response to the rebellion and to forgetting about their God (vss. 19-27)? What does God name as a specific rebellion and how does he plan on punishing it (vs. 21)? What does God reveal to us about himself in verse 22? Why does God choose to not just wipe them off the face of the earth for all their rebellion (vs. 27)? Now read verses 28-30. What does this tell you about Israel? What does this tell you about God (vs. 30b)? Now the song takes a shift from Israel to Israel's enemies that the Lord will use to get Israel to straighten-up. What does this reveal about the rest of humanity (vss. 31-35)? Why will God do this (vs. 36)? But what questions will God ask of Israel and of their enemies (vss. 37-38)? Remember, Israel turned away from God and worshipped other things/idols. That is what started this whole mess. What does God declare about himself in verses 39-42? We conclude the song with verse 43. What does God declare? Now go back and read the whole song again. What does this tell you about the God you serve? Where are you like Israel or the enemies of Israel? In many of these verses God is referred to as the Rock. Jesus is the rock of our salvation and also uses the concept of rock in some of his stories. Can you think of one instance where Jesus speaks of rock or stones? Evaluate how you live your life against this song. Remember that Jesus took your punishment, so owning up to your faults and sin is now the way to be set free. Pray asking the Rock of your salvation to show you and keep you firm upon the Rock!

Tuesday, August 27th – Deuteronomy 32:44-52

Now that the song has been composed, what does Moses do (vs. 44)? What warning does he give Israel after teaching them the song (vss. 45-47)? After all the commands we have discussed in Deuteronomy and after reading the song yesterday, what seems to be the most likely downfall for Israel? How is this still a downfall for us today? We are the church saved by grace, but we still too often look to the things of this world to worship and save us. The church needs to repent. Finish reading verses 48-52. What are God's instructions to Moses? Why does he need to do this? Moses will see the Promised Land, just not be able to cross over into it. While we understand that Moses is going to die, note the language used to describe this. It is almost as if he were going home to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his sons. His death is reality, but there is no harshness in it. Even in death God is merciful. Spend some time today thinking on the mercy you have received from God, though you don't deserve it. Ponder how Jesus is the one who made that possible.

Wednesday, August 28th – Deuteronomy 33:1-11

Today and tomorrow we will read Moses' final words. They words of blessing upon each tribe and the praise of the God of Jacob. As you will recall, this is a tradition. Isaac blessed Jacob. Who blessed Joseph's sons? Now Moses is going to bless each of the twelve tribes. The Introduction to the blessings is all about God and who He is to Israel. What does Moses reveal about God (vss. 1-5)? What in there warms and assures your heart that this is your God? Why do you think Moses starts with this introduction? Consider that everything starts and ends in God. Who gets the first blessing and what is the blessing (vs. 6)? How does this remind you of Saint James? Who is next to receive a blessing and what is their blessing (vs. 7)? As you read this blessing, remember Jerusalem will be built in Judah. King David is from the Tribe of Judah, thus making Jesus from the Tribe of Judah as well. Jesus will be put to death and resurrected in Judah's territory. As we move on, who is next to receive a blessing (vs. 8a)? How have they already been blessed (vss. 8b)? How did the Levites respond to God's blessing (vss. 9-10)? To remember what Moses is speaking of, go back to Exodus 32:25-29. What is the blessing and prayer for the Levites (vs. 11)? Do you ever think about blessing someone? If not, why not? Who might need a God blessing over them today? Be bold and bless their socks off.

Thursday, August 29th – Deuteronomy 33:12-29

Today we complete the blessings of the 12 Tribes. Who is next to be blessed and what is the blessing (vs. 12)? The first King of Israel will come from this Tribe. Who is next to be blessed (vs. 13a)? If you recall, Joseph doesn't have a tribe per se but rather his sons make up two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. What are the blessings upon Joseph's descendants (vss. 13b – 17)? Again, as we read verse 17, we see another pattern continued that we have seen throughout the Pentateuch. The younger son, Ephraim has a blessing for multitudes while Manasseh only thousands. The next blessing is also over two tribes. Who are the tribes and what are the blessings (vss. 18-19)? As we move to verses 20-21, we learn a bit more about the tribe of Gad and their blessings. What does Moses say about Gad (vs. 21)? Notice who will receive their blessing and why (vs. 20)? Who is next to receive a blessing and what is the blessing (vs. 22)? The symbolism in this blessing points to Dan moving farther north as the Tribe grows. Following the blessing of Dan, we see the blessing for the tribe of Naphtali. What is the blessing Moses bestowed upon them (vs. 23)? This leads us to the last tribe, the Tribe of Asher. I think we saved the best blessing for last! What blessing does Moses give to Asher? This ends the blessings and we complete the blessings with a doxology giving praise to God. What does Moses say as part of his praise and thanksgiving and witness to God (vss. 26-29)? After you read these verses go back and read them again out loud, but read it as if it were for the church today. God is not just "your" God or "my" God. God is "our" God, the God of the church of Jesus Christ. Read these words and apply them to us as the church. Read them out loud and let them be your prayer today.

Friday, August 30th – Deuteronomy 34

Today we close the week with the last Chapter of Deuteronomy. It is pretty certain that Moses did not write this. Read verses 1-8 to discover why. And this ends our study of Moses and all that happened in his 120 years of life. Did you notice what God had done for him all these years (vs. 7)? Before we leave Moses, though, let's read what Israel had to say about Moses (vss. 10-12)? Moses saw God face to face. Jesus sees God face to face. We too will see God face to face. Moses, while without a doubt had his trials and tribulations, but he still had an amazing God-filled life. Now let's go back and read verses 8-9. These are the transitional and foundational verses that will lead us into Sunday and the beginning of Joshua. Congratulations, we have now completed 6 Books of the Old Testament. This ends the part of the Bible referred to as the Torah or the Books of the Law and we will now move into the Books of History. We will be in the History section for a very long time. What has God revealed to you about Himself so far? How about yourself? How have we seen Jesus in these texts?

Saturday, August 31st – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Joshua 3:9-17