

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, Sept. 16th – Joshua 9

Now God has begun to make a name for Himself and Israel in the midst of the nations. How do some of these kingdoms respond (vss. 1-2)? Did you count the number of armies joining forces? But not everyone responds this way. Who does not join this group (vs. 3a)? What do they do instead (vss. 3b-13)? What does Israel forget to do (vs. 14)? And because of that, what does Israel do (vs. 15)? What happens next (vss. 16-18a)? How did the people respond (vs. 18b)? Why could they not attack according to the leaders (vss. 19-20)? So, what is the compromise they agree to (vss. 21-27)? Now this means that for one tribe, they will share the land with the Gibeonites, even if they are their slaves. How often do we just think everything is okay and forget to check in with God? After all, everything Israel could see with their own eyes verified the story of the Gibeonites. What lesson can we take from this story? What does it reveal to us about God? How about ourselves? What might you need to check-in with God about today? Spend some time in prayer asking God to guide you.

Tuesday, Sept. 17th – Joshua 10:1-27

Now back to the story of the kings in 10:1-2. Who is the King who gets this started (vss. 1-4)? Did you note that he is referred to as “Adoni-Zedek?” Adoni is the Hebrew word for “God.” So Zedek believed himself to be a god. Could be why God is going to destroy these kingdoms. Notice whom they are going to attack (vs. 5). What do the Gibeonites do (vs. 6)? What is Israel’s response (vs. 7)? Can you imagine Joshua’s fear, knowing how many armies they would be facing? How does God alleviate Joshua’s fear (vs. 8)? With that, let the battle begin. Read verses 9-15. What is amazing about this battle? Do you find yourself in awe over what God will and can do for His people? But we are not finished yet. Now read 16-27 for the rest of the story. How did Joshua use the capture and death of kings to encourage Israel (vs. 25)? Consider the power of this encouragement. The odds were against them, but God made sure they won. God would continue to make sure their successes happened, and all Israel had to do was to not be afraid or discouraged, no matter what. God is faithful and will deliver just as He had that time. What do you find encouraging for you in today’s text? What does this reveal to you about God? Ourselves? How does this passage point to Jesus and his ability to present you before God blameless and holy?

Wednesday, Sept. 18th – Joshua 10:28-43

Today we see a major campaign of conquest. Begin by reading verses 28-32. In each defeat, who got the credit (vss. 30 and 32)? Now read the rest of the campaign (vss. 33-41)? Now that is some campaign. What do you find encouraging about this text? What do you find disturbing? How were Joshua and Israel so successful (vs. 42)? How does this chapter end (vs. 43)? Gilgal is where their camp is and so to return to it is to find rest. Consider why complete destruction was necessary. What did we learn in the sermon about culture and logic in this regard? Is this a prescription for us today or was this only for the time of conquering? What was the rebellion of these kingdoms? What is the risk to Israel? What does this reveal to you about God and how seriously He takes His role as God? What does this reveal about humanity (ourselves)? How does this point to Jesus sitting on the judgment seat at the end of time? How does this all point to the importance of sharing the Good News and being encouraging to others to turn to Jesus?

Thursday, Sept. 19th – Joshua 11:1-15

God has led Joshua and Israel to conquer the hill country, the Negev, the western foothills, and the mountain slopes. Today we turn north to conquer that territory. Who lives in that territory and what do they do to prepare for Israel’s arrival (vss. 1-5)? Can you even imagine what a “vast or great horde” even looks like? Can you imagine how Joshua must have felt when he got word? Now we know why God keeps repeating to be strong and courageous. What does God tell Joshua this time (vs. 6)? Notice God is delivering “dead or slain men.” Israel just needs to show up and do their job. Why do you think the horses need to be crippled and the chariots burned? Think practically about this. Let’s find out what happens. Read verses 7-8. Notice who gave Israel victory (vs. 8)? There is still one loose end that needs to be tied up. Who is it and why does this need to be done (vss. 10-11)? Verses 12-15 are a summary of what has occurred last week and this week. Why do you think they did not burn all the towns this time besides Hazor? And why Hazor? As you ponder these questions, consider what God allowed this week and think through the questions practically. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about ourselves? How does this point to Jesus and his ability to deliver us safely and blamelessly to God?

Friday, Sept 20th – Joshua 11:16-23

Today is a recap of the conquests of God through Joshua and Israel of the Promised Land. There was a map included in your bulletin. Today as you read, look at the map and see the vast amount of territory that was conquered. Who else did Joshua conquer (vss. 21-22)? To help you remember the significance of this conquest, go back and review Numbers 13:21-29. Israel has been fighting for a long time, but what has finally happened (vs. 23)? What does this reveal to you about God? About ourselves? What does rebellion against God lead to? What is our only way to be saved from God’s just reaction to our rebellion? That is how this points to Jesus. Consider today who you most look like? Israel or the other nations?

Saturday, Sept. 21st – To prepare for tomorrow’s worship, please read Joshua 14:13-15.