

Daily Devotional Readings From the Book of PSALMS

Monday Read Psalm 1

Verse 1 – What is the definition of blessed?

Verse 2 – To meditate is to give full consistent attention. How can you meditate on God's word?

Verse 3 – If you're not prospering/bearing fruit, are you planted in the right place? How can you be more obedient with your time, relationships, activities?

Tuesday Read Psalm 112

Verse 1 – What is the definition of blessed?

Verse 7-8 – Obedience has a great fringe benefit, what is it? Where do you need this benefit in your life?

Verse 1 – In what areas of your life do you need to praise the Lord? Spend time doing that right now with thankfulness.

Wednesday Read Psalm 119:1-8

Verse 1-2 – What is the definition of blessed?

Verse 4 – The word fully here is a little scary. Where are we not fully obeying God? Why? What do we need to do?

Verse 7 – When we learn of God's laws, do you praise Him, or think "Oh no"? Why should we see God's law as a blessing and a benefit?

Thursday Read Psalm 119:161-168

Verse 161 – If we had to choose between obeying man, or God, what do we tend to do? Why?

Verse 164 – We often praise God for who He is, or what He has done. Think of three or four of His laws/commands that you can praise Him for and do it now.

Verse 166-168 – There are two primary motivations for obeying God's commands here, what are they? Which one is our primary motivator?

Friday Read Psalm 143

Verse 5 – Spend some time thinking about what God has done in your life and how He has provided for you. Maybe write Him a thank you note.

Verse 10 – Pastor's teach, author's teach, friends teach... How does God teach you?

Verse 10 – Where do you need to find some level ground for your life? What does God's word say about this area of your life?



Weekend of November 3/4, 2007

Studying the Book of Jonah

This Week: Chapter 1

Focus: On Obedience

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Jonah Flees From the Lord

1 ¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

⁴ Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish.”

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

⁸ So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us?

What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?”

⁹ He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.”

¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.)

¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?”

¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried to the LORD, “O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased.” ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

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