

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 47/February 16

Today's Readings:

Leviticus 3 & 4

Psalm 23

Proverbs 9.1-6

Matthew 27.55-66

1. How does the Peace Offering in Leviticus 3 point us to the fact that God desires peace and fellowship with His people?
2. Why is the act of laying hands on the head of the sacrifice significant in the sin offering ceremony in Leviticus 4?
3. How does the sacrificial system in Leviticus contribute to your understanding of forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation with God?
4. The sacrifices under the Old Testament law were bloody and messy. How is our sin just as bloody and messy?
5. How does God grow us in holiness now in New Testament times? How does understanding this help you trust God?
6. Who is referred to as the Shepherd in Psalm 23? How does the metaphor of a shepherd convey God's care for His people?

7. Reflect on the significance of the valley of the shadow of death. How does the presence of the Shepherd bring comfort and courage in difficult times?

8. What does it mean to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever"? How does this express the believer's eternal relationship with God?

9. Consider how Psalm 23 foreshadows or relates to Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. How does Jesus fulfill the role described in the psalm? How has Psalm 23 impacted your faith or brought comfort in specific situations?

10. How are Wisdom and Folly personified in these verses in Proverbs 9? What characteristics or attributes are associated with each? How can individuals today respond to the invitations of Wisdom and Folly in their daily lives? In what ways do people choose between the two paths?

11. Who are the women mentioned in Matthew 27:55 who were watching from a distance? Why is their presence significant? How do they exemplify faithfulness and courage during a difficult moment?

12. Who is Joseph of Arimathea, and what is significant about his actions in verses 57-60? How does his involvement fulfill Old Testament prophecies?

13. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees request a guard for the tomb (verses 62-66)? What were their concerns, and how does this unintentionally verify the importance of Jesus' resurrection?

14. Consider the role of faith in the various characters mentioned in these verses. How does faith play a part in responding to Jesus' death and resurrection?

15. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?