

## **Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 62 - March 3**

### **Today's Readings:**

Numbers 3 & 4

Psalm 30.1-7

Proverbs 10.30-32

Mark 8.1-21

1. Why do you think God ordered a census of the Levites in Numbers 3? What does the organization of the tribes around the tabernacle signify?
2. What was the purpose of the redemption of the firstborn sons in Numbers 3:40-51? How does it point to our redemption in Christ?
3. How does the presence of God among the Israelites relate to the Christian concept of God dwelling within believers?
4. What were the specific responsibilities assigned to the Kohathites in the transportation and care of the sacred items from the tabernacle in Numbers 4? How does the meticulous handling of these sacred items emphasize the reverence for God's presence?
5. What does the careful preparation and order in transporting the tabernacle items teach us about approaching God in worship?

6. Consider the significance of the tabernacle and its contents. How does it point to the importance of God's presence among His people? How can the understanding of the tabernacle's purpose impact our appreciation of God's presence in our lives today?
  
7. In Psalm 30:1-3, the psalmist expresses gratitude for God's deliverance. How does the psalmist describe his past distress, and what specific actions had God taken to bring deliverance?
  
8. Explore the significance of praise in verses 4-5. How does the psalmist use praise in response to God's deliverance, and what role does it play in the life of a believer?
  
9. Reflect on the contrast between weeping enduring for a night and joy coming in the morning (verse 5). How can this metaphor apply to the experiences of believers in challenging times?
  
10. Verse 6 emphasizes the psalmist's confidence in prayer. How does the psalmist view God's response to earnest prayer, and what does this teach about the nature of prayer?
  
11. Are there any New Testament passages or teachings that resonate with the themes found in Psalm 30:1-7? How does the psalm find fulfillment or application in the teachings of Jesus and the apostles?
  
12. In Proverbs 10:30, what does it mean for the righteous that "the seed of the righteous will never be uprooted"?

13. Contrast the fate of the righteous with the destiny of the wicked in verse 30. How does the idea of being uprooted relate to the fate of the wicked?
  
14. In verse 31, what are the characteristics of the lips of the righteous, and how do they contribute to wisdom? Consider the contrast in verse 32 between the wicked person who conceals hatred with their lips and the righteous who holds their tongue. How does this speak to the issue of deceit and honesty?
  
15. Reflect on the idea that wisdom is like silver refining in verse 32. How does wisdom refine and purify the speech and actions of the righteous? How can believers actively pursue and grow in wisdom in their daily lives?
  
16. Compare the feeding of the four thousand in Mark 8 with the feeding of the five thousand in Mark 6. What similarities and differences do you observe?
  
17. Why do you think the disciples express concern about feeding the crowd, even after having witnessed the feeding of the five thousand? What might this reveal about their understanding of Jesus' power?
  
18. In verse 15, Jesus warns the disciples about the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod. What did he mean?
  
19. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?