

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 72 - March 13

Today's Readings:

Numbers 23 & 24

Psalm 33.18-22

Proverbs 11.27

Mark 13.1-20

1. What is the context of Numbers 23? Who are the main characters mentioned in this chapter, and what is their significance?
2. Why did Balak, the king of Moab, seek Balaam's help?
3. How do Balaam oracles emphasize God's faithfulness to his promises? In what ways can you see God's faithfulness in your own life today?
4. How does God use unlikely individuals for His purposes in this chapter?
5. Think about the idea of God turning curses into blessings in Numbers 23. What does this reveal about God's sovereignty and mercy? How does this line up with Romans 8.28-29?
6. Analyze the blessings pronounced on Israel in Numbers 24. How do these blessings reflect God's faithfulness and covenant promises?

7. Examine Balak's reaction to Balaam's blessings. How does this highlight the frustration of those who oppose God's plans? In what ways do people today react similarly when faced with God's sovereign will?

8. According to Psalm 33:18, what is the significance of the eyes of the Lord being on those who fear Him? How does the idea of God's watchful gaze impact your understanding of His relationship with believers?

9. Reflect on the importance of hoping in the Lord's steadfast love, as mentioned in verse 18. How does this relate to the concept of grace and mercy?

10. In verse 19, the psalmist speaks of deliverance from death. What does this imply about God's ability to rescue His people from life's challenges and struggles?

11. According to verse 20, how is God described in relation to being our help and shield? Is there some area where you need God to be your help and shield?

12. Explore the call to rejoice in the Lord in verse 21. How does rejoicing connect with trust and faith in God's character? How can believers maintain a spirit of rejoicing even in challenging circumstances?

13. What does it mean to trust in the name of the Lord in verse 21, and how does this impact our outlook on life?

14. Contrast the pursuit of good with the pursuit of evil in Proverbs 11:27. What consequences are mentioned for those who seek evil or trouble?

15. What does it mean to diligently seek good, and how does this concept challenge believers in their daily lives? How can diligence in seeking good be practically applied in various life situations?

16. In verses 1-2 of Mark 13, Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple. Why is this significant, and what historical event is Jesus foreshadowing?

17. According to verses 3-8, what signs does Jesus mention as indicators of the end times? How do these signs relate to both the events of the disciples' time and future events?

18. Explore Jesus' words about persecution in verses 9-13. What encouragement does Jesus provide for those facing persecution?

19. What does Jesus say about the "abomination of desolation" in verses 14-18?

20. How do the signs mentioned by Jesus in Mark 13 relate to the current state of the world?

21. Based on the teachings in Mark 13:1-20, what practical steps can you take in your daily life to remain faithful, watchful, and prepared for the future?

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