

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 81 - March 22

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 5 & 6

Psalm 37.1-4

Proverbs 12.8

Luke 1.21-38

1. Describe the setting in which Moses delivers the Ten Commandments to the Israelites as described in Deuteronomy 5. Why is it significant for the Israelites to renew their covenant with God at this point in their journey?
2. What is the fear of God and how does it contribute to obedience and reverence for His commandments?
3. Consider the consequences of disobedience outlined in Deuteronomy 5:9-10. What will happen if the Israelites forsake God's commandments?
4. Reflect on the significance of the Shema, as outlined in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. What does it mean for God to be one, and how are the Israelites instructed to respond to this truth? How does Jesus affirm the importance of the Shema in the New Testament (Mark 12:29-31)?
5. Discuss Moses' instructions to teach the commandments diligently to the children in Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Why is it essential for the Israelites to pass down God's commandments to future generations? How can we practice this principle in our lives today?

6. How does genuine love for God naturally lead to obedience, and how can we cultivate that love in our lives?

7. Discuss the significance of the land promised to the Israelites by God, as described in Deuteronomy 6:18-19. How does obedience to God's commands lead to the inheritance of the promised land?

8. Explore Moses' admonition against worshiping other gods in Deuteronomy 6:13-15. Why is it vital for the Israelites to worship God alone, and what are the consequences of idolatry? How can we guard against idolatry in our lives?

9. Reflect on the opening exhortation in Psalm 37:1-4 to not fret because of evildoers. What does it mean to "fret," and why are the righteous instructed not to do so?

10. Discuss the command to delight in the Lord in Psalm 37:4. What does it mean to delight in the Lord, and why is it important? How does delighting in the Lord align our desires with His will, leading to fulfillment and blessing?

11. Reflect on the wisdom of a person's heart as described in Proverbs 12:8. What does it mean for a person to be praised for their wisdom? Explore the contrast between being praised for wisdom and being twisted in heart due to deceit in this verse.

12. Reflect on the significance of Zechariah/Zacharias' temporary loss of speech as a consequence of his disbelief (Luke 1:20). What does this reveal about God's response to doubt?

13. Describe the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary and the message he delivers in Luke 1:26-33. What is the significance of Mary being chosen to bear the Messiah? How does Mary respond to the angel's message, and what can we learn from her humility and obedience?

14. Consider Mary's question to the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:34. What does Mary's question reveal about her understanding and faith? How does Gabriel's response provide reassurance and affirmation of God's power and plan?

15. How does the virgin birth affirm Jesus' divine nature and fulfill Old Testament prophecies?

16. Explore Mary's response to the angel's message in Luke 1:38. What does her statement, "Let it be to me according to your word," reveal about her faith and submission to God's will?

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