

## **Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 82 - March 23**

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

Deuteronomy 7 & 8

Psalm 37:5-11

Proverbs 12:9-10

Luke 1:39-56

1. Looking at Deuteronomy 7, describe the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites as outlined in verses 6-9. What promises does God make to His chosen people?
2. Reflect on the significance of God choosing the Israelites as His treasured possession out of all the peoples on earth (Deuteronomy 7:6). Why did God choose Israel, and what responsibilities come with being chosen by God? How does being chosen by God influence the identity and purpose of the Israelites as a nation?
3. Discuss God's command to the Israelites to conquer the land of Canaan and utterly destroy its inhabitants (Deuteronomy 7:1-5). Why did God issue such a command, and what was its purpose?
4. Explore the warning against intermarrying with the inhabitants of the land and participating in idolatry (Deuteronomy 7:3-5). Why is idolatry considered such a serious offense in God's eyes?
5. Reflect on God's faithfulness to His promises, as highlighted in Deuteronomy 7:9. How does God's faithfulness to His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob serve as a foundation for His covenant with the Israelites? How does God's faithfulness to His promises provide assurance and encouragement to believers today?

6. Reflect on Moses' exhortation to remember the Lord's faithfulness in leading the Israelites through the wilderness in Deuteronomy 8:1-5. Why is it important for the Israelites to remember their experiences in the wilderness? How can remembering God's faithfulness in our past experiences strengthen our faith and trust in Him today?
  
7. Explore the concept of testing through adversity as described in Deuteronomy 8:2-3. Why does God allow His people to go through trials and hardships? How do trials and hardships serve to refine and strengthen the faith of believers?
  
8. Discuss God's provision of manna and His guidance during the Israelites' journey in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:3-4). How does this demonstrate God's care and provision for His people?
  
9. Consider the warning against forgetting the Lord in times of prosperity as outlined in Deuteronomy 8:10-14. Why is forgetfulness of God's blessings and provisions considered dangerous?
  
10. How can we guard against spiritual forgetfulness and maintain gratitude and dependence on God, especially during times of abundance?
  
11. Reflect on the exhortation to trust in the Lord and do good as stated in Psalm 37:5-6. What does it mean to trust in the Lord?
  
12. How can patience in waiting for God's timing as the psalmist talked about in verse 7 strengthen our trust in His faithfulness and sovereignty?

13. Discuss the contrast between the fate of the wicked and the righteous as outlined in verses 9-11.
  
14. Consider the refuge and security found in God amidst the turmoil of the world (Psalm 37:10-11). How does God provide refuge for His people, and how can we experience this refuge in our lives?
  
15. Proverbs 12:9 talks about being blameless. What does it mean to be blameless?
  
16. What can we learn about the character of the wicked and the righteous from their treatment of animals in verse 10?
  
17. Describe Mary's journey to visit her relative Elizabeth as recounted in Luke 1:39-40. What prompts Mary's visit, and what significance does it hold? How does Elizabeth's greeting to Mary affirm the miraculous events surrounding both Mary's and Elizabeth's pregnancies?
  
18. Read Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, found in Luke 1:46-55. What themes and emotions are present in Mary's song? How does Mary's song reflect her understanding of God's character and His redemptive plan?
  
19. Consider the significant roles played by Mary and Elizabeth in God's redemptive plan. How does God use ordinary individuals, including women, to accomplish His purposes?
  
20. In what ways can we emulate Mary's humility, faithfulness, and willingness to serve God's purposes in our own lives?

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