

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 87 - March 28

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 17 & 18

Psalm 37.37-40

Proverbs 12.20-22

Luke 4.1-30

1. How do the instructions regarding kingship in this Deuteronomy 17 differ from the practices of surrounding nations at the time or even today with our own political leaders?
2. Why is idolatry addressed in verses 2-7, and what are the implications for Israel's relationship with God?
3. What is the significance of obedience to God's commands as emphasized throughout Deuteronomy, including in chapter 17?
4. How does studying Deuteronomy 17 impact your understanding of God's character and His expectations for His people?
5. What was the role of the prophet in ancient Israel, as described in Deuteronomy 18.15-22? How does Moses compare himself to the future prophet God will raise up, and what significance does this hold?
6. What pagan practices are specifically forbidden in verses 9-14, and why are they prohibited? How does God promise to provide guidance for His people in verses 15-22?

7. According to verses 20-22, what is the test for determining whether a prophet is truly speaking on behalf of God?

8. How does Deuteronomy 18:15-19 point forward to Jesus Christ?

9. What does it mean to "mark the blameless" and "observe the upright" as described in Psalm 37.37?

10. What promises are given to the righteous in verses 37-38? How do these promises of protection and salvation encourage believers in times of trouble and uncertainty?

11. How is the security of the righteous contrasted with the fate of the wicked in verse 40?

12. What is the significance of the tongue in Proverbs 12.20-22, especially verse 20? How do our words have the potential to either promote peace or cause harm?

13. What does it mean to delight in deceit, as mentioned in verse 20?

14. According to verse 22, what does the Lord detest?

15. In what ways can we guard our tongues and use our words to promote peace and righteousness, as encouraged in verse 20?

16. What areas of your life might need correction or improvement in light of the principles outlined in Proverbs 12:20-22?

17. How does the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4.1-30) parallel or contrast with other significant events in Scripture, such as the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

18. What are the three temptations Jesus faces in the wilderness, and how does he respond to each one? What can we learn from Jesus' example about resisting temptation and knowing God's Word?

19. What is the reaction of the people in Nazareth when Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue?

20. How does Jesus' quotation from Isaiah 61:1-2 in Luke 4:18-19 affirm his identity as the Messiah? In what ways does Jesus fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament in his ministry?

21. What is the central message of Jesus' proclamation in Nazareth, as recorded in Luke 4:18-21? How do the people in Nazareth react and why do they ultimately reject him?

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?