

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 90 - March 31

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 23 & 24

Psalm 39.1-6

Proverbs 13.1-3

Luke 5.17-39

1. Reflect on the regulations regarding who can enter the assembly of the Lord as outlined in verses 1-8. What principles of holiness and purity do these regulations teach?
2. Explore the command to maintain cleanliness in the camp as described in verses 9-14. What significance does cleanliness hold in the context of the Israelites' relationship with God?
3. Reflect on the importance of treating slaves and fugitives with dignity and respect as outlined in verses 15-16. How do these regulations demonstrate God's concern for the vulnerable and those in need of protection?
4. Discuss the prohibition against practicing prostitution and offering wages of a prostitute in the house of the Lord in verse 17. What spiritual and moral implications does this prohibition carry?
5. Explore the significance of fulfilling vows made to the Lord as described in verses 21-23. What principles of integrity and commitment do these regulations uphold?

6. How can the principles and regulations outlined in Deuteronomy 23 guide us in our understanding of godly living and our relationship with God and others?

7. Reflect on the principles of justice and compassion found in the regulations regarding divorce and remarriage in verses 1-4. How do these regulations reflect God's concern for the well-being of individuals within the covenant community?

8. Explore the command to provide for the welfare of the poor and needy in verses 10-15. What principles of generosity and love for neighbor can we draw from these regulations?

9. Reflect on the prohibition against taking a millstone or cloak as collateral in verses 6-7. What do these regulations reveal about God's concern for basic human needs and dignity?

10. Discuss the laws regarding the treatment of foreign workers and their wages in verses 14-15. How do these regulations reflect God's concern for justice and fair treatment of all people, regardless of their social status or nationality?

11. Reflect on the command to remember the experience of slavery in Egypt in verses 17-18. How does this command shape the Israelites' understanding of compassion and empathy towards the oppressed?

12. Explore the concept of personal responsibility and accountability for one's actions as outlined in verses 16-17. How do these regulations promote individual integrity and ethical behavior within the community?

13. Discuss the prohibition against punishing children for the sins of their parents in verse 16. What principles of justice and fairness do these regulations uphold?

14. Reflect on the regulations regarding gleaning in verses 19-22. How do these regulations demonstrate God's concern for the welfare of the poor and his provision for their needs?

15. Reflect on the psalmist's resolve to guard their tongue in Psalm 39.1-2. What does this reveal about the importance of self-control in our speech, especially during times of distress?

16. Explore the psalmist's meditation on the brevity of life in verses 4-5. How does reflecting on the fleeting nature of life influence our perspective on earthly pursuits and priorities?

17. Reflect on the psalmist's acknowledgment of their own mortality in verse 4. How does facing the reality of death prompt the psalmist to seek wisdom and discernment?

18. Consider the psalmist's plea for God to hear their prayer and not remain silent in verse 12. What does this reveal about the psalmist's dependence on God in times of trouble?

19. Reflect on the psalmist's recognition of sin and guilt in verse 8. How does acknowledging our own sinfulness prompt us to seek God's forgiveness and mercy?

20. Discuss the psalmist's prayer for God to relent from punishing them in verse 10. What does this prayer reveal about the psalmist's understanding of God's character and justice?

21. Reflect on the lessons and insights you gain from meditating on the brevity of life and the importance of seeking God's wisdom as presented in Psalm 39:1-6.

22. Reflect on the importance of heeding wise instruction as outlined in Proverbs 13.1. How does this verse emphasize the value of humility and openness to correction?

23. Discuss the impact of the words we speak on our own lives and the lives of others, as described in verse 2. How do our words shape our attitudes, actions, and relationships?

24. Discuss the relationship between wisdom and righteousness as presented in these verses. How does wisdom lead to righteousness, and how does righteousness contribute to a wise life?

25. Explore the role of humility in receiving correction and instruction. How can humility help us grow in wisdom and understanding?

26. Consider the importance of seeking wise counsel and guidance from others in making decisions and navigating life's challenges, as emphasized in verse 10.

27. Reflect on the significance of the crowds that gathered to hear Jesus and witness his miraculous healings as described in verse 17. What does this reveal about the growing popularity and impact of Jesus' ministry?

28. Explore the faith of the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus for healing in verses 18-20. What can we learn from their determination and creativity in bringing their friend to Jesus?

29. Discuss the relationship between faith and forgiveness in the healing of the paralyzed man as described in verses 20-25. What can we learn from Jesus' response to the man's faith?

30. Reflect on the response of the Pharisees and teachers of the law to Jesus' forgiveness of sins in verses 21-26. What does their reaction reveal about their understanding of Jesus' authority and identity?

31. Explore the calling of Levi (Matthew) to follow Jesus as described in verses 27-28. How does Levi respond to Jesus' invitation, and what does his response teach us about discipleship?

32. Discuss Jesus' willingness to associate with tax collectors and sinners as described in verses 29-32. What does this reveal about Jesus' mission and his attitude towards those who are considered outcasts?

33. Explore the parable of the old and new wineskins as described in verses 36-39. What does this parable teach us about the compatibility of Jesus' message with the existing religious structures and traditions?

34. Consider the various responses to Jesus' ministry depicted in Luke 5:17-39. How do these responses challenge us to examine our own attitudes towards Jesus and his teachings?

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