

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 92 – April 2

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 27 & 28

Psalm 39.12-13

Proverbs 13.7-8

Luke 6.27-49

1. Reflect on the instructions for building an altar of uncut stones on Mount Ebal and inscribing the words of the law on them, as outlined in Deuteronomy 27.1-8. What significance does this have for the covenant relationship between God and the people of Israel?
2. Explore the command to recite the blessings and curses of the law in verses 11-14. How does this command reinforce the importance of obedience to God's commands and the consequences of disobedience?
3. Reflect on the role of the Levites in proclaiming the blessings and curses of the law to the people, as described in verses 14-26. How does this reinforce the role of the Levites as mediators between God and the people?
4. Discuss the specific curses pronounced for various offenses against the law, as outlined in verses 15-26. How do these curses reflect the seriousness of disobedience and the importance of upholding the covenant?
5. Consider the implications of the blessings and curses ceremony for the ongoing relationship between God and the people of Israel. How does this ceremony serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness and the people's responsibility to remain faithful to the covenant?

6. Reflect on the blessings promised to those who faithfully obey the commands of the Lord, as outlined in Deuteronomy 28.1-14. How do these blessings reflect God's desire for the well-being and prosperity of his people?

7. Discuss the concept of covenant blessings and curses as outlined in verses 1-68. How do these blessings and curses serve as incentives for obedience and warnings against disobedience?

8. Reflect on the specific blessings promised to the Israelites for obedience in verses 1-14. How do these blessings encompass various aspects of life, including material prosperity, fertility, and victory over enemies?

9. Explore the consequences of disobedience and the curses that will come upon the Israelites if they forsake the covenant, as described in verses 15-68. How do these curses reflect the severity of God's judgment and the consequences of turning away from him?

10. Reflect on the concept of exile and dispersion as a consequence of disobedience, as described in verses 63-68. How do these verses foreshadow the historical experiences of the Israelites and the scattering of the Jewish people throughout history?

11. Consider the practical implications of the blessings and curses outlined in Deuteronomy 28 for our own lives. How can we apply these principles of obedience, accountability, and the consequences of our actions in relation to God's commands?

12. Reflect on the psalmist's prayer for God to hear their prayer and listen to their cry for help in verse 12. How does this prayer demonstrate the psalmist's trust in God's willingness to hear and respond to their pleas?

13. Explore the concept of human frailty and the brevity of life as described in Psalm 29.12. How does acknowledging our own limitations and mortality prompt us to seek God's intervention and guidance?

14. Discuss the psalmist's recognition of their status as a foreigner and stranger on earth in verse 12. How does this acknowledgment shape the psalmist's perspective on life and their relationship with God?

15. Explore the psalmist's desire to find relief from suffering and to experience joy and gladness again in verse 13. How does this desire reflect the universal human longing for redemption and restoration?

16. Consider the role of prayer and dependence on God in coping with the challenges and uncertainties of life. How does the psalmist's prayer in verses 12-13 encourage us to turn to God in times of need?

17. Reflect on a time when you experienced God's mercy and forgiveness in response to your prayers. What lessons did you learn from that experience, and how did it deepen your trust in God?

18. Reflect on the contrast between the rich and the poor as described in Proverbs 13.7. What insights do these verses offer about the pursuit of wealth and its implications for one's life and character?

19. Discuss the dangers of being in debt and the importance of financial responsibility as outlined in verse 8. How does living within one's means contribute to financial stability and peace of mind?

20. Explore the biblical principles of stewardship and generosity in relation to wealth and poverty. How can we use our resources to bless others?

21. Discuss the importance of contentment and gratitude in overcoming the temptation to pursue wealth at any cost. How can cultivating a spirit of contentment lead to greater fulfillment and happiness in life?

22. Reflect on the dangers of greed and materialism as described in these verses. How can we guard against the temptation to prioritize wealth and possessions over relationships and spiritual values?

23. Consider the role of faith and trust in God's provision in managing finances and making decisions about wealth. How can we align our financial goals and priorities with God's purposes and values?

24. Reflect on Jesus' command to love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, as described in verses 27-28. How does this teaching challenge conventional notions of justice and retaliation, and what does it reveal about the radical nature of Christian love?

25. Explore the concept of forgiveness and its role in healing relationships and promoting reconciliation, as emphasized in verses 37-38. How does Jesus' teaching on forgiveness reflect God's mercy and grace towards sinners?

26. Discuss the principles of generosity and compassion in our interactions with others, as described in verses 38-42. How does Jesus' teaching on giving and receiving reflect God's abundance and provision?

27. Reflect on the metaphor of the tree and its fruit as a reflection of one's character and actions, as described in verses 43-45. How does this metaphor illustrate the importance of inner transformation and the connection between our thoughts, words, and deeds?

28. Explore the concept of building one's life on a firm foundation, as described in verses 46-49. What does it mean to build our lives on the teachings and commands of Jesus, and how does this lead to spiritual maturity and resilience in the face of trials?

29. Discuss the importance of obedience to God's word and the consequences of disregarding his teachings, as highlighted in verses 46-49.

30. Reflect on a time when you struggled to love your enemies or extend forgiveness to those who wronged you. What lessons did you learn from that experience, and how did it shape your understanding of Jesus' teachings?

31. Consider the practical implications of Jesus' teachings in Luke 6:27-49 for our relationships and interactions with others. How can we apply these principles of love, forgiveness, and obedience to God's word in our daily lives?

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