

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 93 – April 3

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 29 & 30

Psalm 40.1-5

Proverbs 13.9-10

Luke 7.1-30

1. Reflect on the covenant renewal ceremony described in Deuteronomy 29.1-15. What significance does this ceremony hold for the relationship between God and the Israelites, and how does it reaffirm their commitment to the covenant?
2. Discuss the warnings against idolatry and the consequences of forsaking the covenant, as outlined in verses 16-29. How do these warnings reflect the seriousness of turning away from God and the implications for both individuals and the community?
3. Reflect on the concept of hidden or secret sins and their impact on the community, as described in verse 19. How does the acknowledgment of hidden sins prompt the Israelites to examine their hearts and repent of wrongdoing?
4. Explore the principle of generational continuity in relation to the covenant, as outlined in verses 22-29. How does the obedience or disobedience of one generation affect the next, and what responsibility do parents have in passing on the faith to their children?
5. Reflect on the imagery of the land being like Sodom and Gomorrah if the Israelites forsake the covenant, as described in verse 23. What does this imagery reveal about the consequences of disobedience and the importance of faithfulness to God's commands?

6. Discuss the role of remembrance and proclamation in maintaining the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past strengthen their commitment to obeying his commands in the present and future?

7. Reflect on a time when you witnessed the consequences of disobedience or faithfulness in your own life. What lessons did you learn from that experience, and how did it shape your understanding of God's faithfulness?

8. Reflect on the promise of restoration and blessing for those who repent and return to the Lord, as described in Deuteronomy 30.1-10. How does this passage reveal God's mercy and grace towards his people, even after they have strayed from him?

9. Explore the concept of circumcising the heart and the role of inner transformation in returning to the Lord, as emphasized in verses 6-8. What does it mean to circumcise the heart, and how does this spiritual transformation lead to obedience and blessing?

10. Discuss the accessibility and clarity of God's commandments as outlined in verses 11-14. How does this passage challenge the notion that God's commands are too difficult to understand or obey?

11. Reflect on the importance of choice and the consequences of obedience or disobedience to God's commands, as described in verses 15-20. How does this passage emphasize the significance of personal responsibility in relation to one's relationship with God?

12. Explore the theme of life and death as it relates to obedience and disobedience to God's commands, as described in verses 15-20. How does choosing to follow God's commands lead to life and prosperity, while rejecting them leads to death and destruction?

13. Reflect on the idea of blessing and cursing as outcomes of obedience or disobedience to God's commands. How do these blessings and curses serve as incentives for obedience and warnings against disobedience?

14. Reflect on the psalmist's declaration of waiting patiently for the Lord, as described in Psalm 40.1. What does it mean to wait patiently for the Lord, and how does this attitude reflect trust and reliance on God's timing?

15. Explore the concept of God's deliverance and rescue from the "pit of destruction" and the "miry bog," as emphasized in verse 2. How does this imagery depict God's power to rescue us from the depths of despair and trouble?

16. Discuss the transformation that occurs when we put our trust in the Lord, as described in verses 2-3. How does trusting in God lead to a sense of security and stability, even in the midst of uncertainty and adversity?

17. Reflect on the psalmist's proclamation of God's wondrous deeds and plans for his people, as outlined in verses 5. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past strengthen our confidence in his ability to sustain us in the present and future?

18. Explore the concept of praise and thanksgiving as a response to God's deliverance, as emphasized in verse 3. How does expressing gratitude for God's goodness and faithfulness deepen our relationship with him?

19. Reflect on a time when you experienced God's deliverance and rescue from a difficult situation. How did this experience deepen your trust in God's faithfulness and provision?

20. Discuss the role of testimony and witness in sharing God's faithfulness with others, as depicted in verse 3. How can sharing our experiences of God's deliverance and provision encourage and strengthen others in their faith?

21. Reflect on the ways in which God has demonstrated his faithfulness and provision in your life. How can you express gratitude and praise for God's goodness and mercy?

22. Reflect on the light imagery used in Proverbs 13.9, contrasting the lamp of the wicked being snuffed out with the lamp of the righteous shining brightly. What do you think this imagery signifies about the outcomes of righteousness and wickedness?

23. Explore the concept of pride and its destructive consequences, as highlighted in verse 10. How does pride lead to contention and strife, and what role does humility play in fostering peace and harmony?

24. Discuss the importance of integrity and honesty in maintaining relationships and fostering trust, as emphasized in verse 10. How do honesty and integrity contribute to the establishment of strong and healthy relationships?

25. Reflect on the role of wisdom and discernment in avoiding the pitfalls of pride and dishonesty, as depicted in these verses. How can seeking wisdom from God's word and relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit help us navigate interpersonal conflicts and challenges?

26. Consider the relationship between pride and humility in the context of our relationship with God. How does pride hinder our ability to submit to God's will and receive his grace, while humility opens us to God's blessings and guidance?

27. Reflect on the faith of the centurion as depicted in Luke 7.1-10. What aspects of the centurion's faith impress Jesus, and how does this interaction illustrate the universality of faith and God's willingness to respond to it?

28. Explore the concept of authority and submission in relation to the centurion's understanding of Jesus' power to heal, as described in verses 6-8. How does the centurion's humility and recognition of Jesus' authority serve as an example for us in approaching God?

29. Reflect on the parallel between the centurion's faith and the faith of the widow of Nain in Luke 7:1-17. What similarities and differences do you observe in these two encounters, and what do they reveal about the nature of faith and God's power to heal?

30. Consider John the Baptist's inquiry about Jesus' identity, as described in verses 18-23. How does Jesus respond to John's question, and what does this reveal about Jesus' ministry and mission?

31. Reflect on Jesus' affirmation of John the Baptist's role as the messenger preparing the way for the Messiah, as described in verses 24-30. How does Jesus honor John's ministry while also clarifying his own identity and mission?

32. Reflect on the response of the Pharisees and the religious leaders to Jesus' ministry and message, as described in verses 29-30. How does their rejection of John and Jesus reflect their spiritual blindness and resistance to God's purposes?

33. Consider the implications of Jesus' teachings and actions in Luke 7:1-30 for our own understanding of faith, authority, and mission. How can we emulate the centurion's faith and humility in our relationship with God and others?

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