

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 94 – April 4

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 31 & 32

Psalm 40.6-12

Proverbs 13.11-12

Luke 7.31-50

1. Reflect on Moses' charge to Joshua and the Israelites to be strong and courageous, as described in Deuteronomy 31.6-7. What significance does this exhortation hold for the Israelites as they prepare to enter the Promised Land without Moses?
2. Explore the concept of God's faithfulness and presence with his people, as emphasized in verse 6. How does the assurance of God's presence provide strength and confidence for the Israelites in facing the challenges ahead?
3. Discuss the role of leadership succession and continuity in God's plan for his people, as depicted in verses 7-8. How does God appointing Joshua as Moses' successor demonstrate his provision and care for the Israelites?
4. Reflect on Moses' charge to the priests and elders to read the Book of the Law every seven years during the Feast of Booths, as described in verses 9-13. How does this practice of regularly reading and teaching God's word reinforce the covenant relationship between God and his people?
5. Discuss the themes of obedience and covenant fidelity in Moses' warnings to the Israelites about the consequences of forsaking the covenant, as described in verses 14-18. How do these warnings serve as a reminder of the importance of faithfulness to God's commands?

6. Discuss the significance of Moses' command to the Levites to take custody of the Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant, as described in verse 26. How does the preservation of God's word reflect the central role of scripture in Israel's worship and obedience?

7. Reflect on the opening call to "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth," as described in Deuteronomy 32.1. What significance does this call hold for the message that follows, and how does it emphasize the universal scope of God's message?

8. Explore the imagery of God as a rock and a father in verses 3-4. What do these metaphors reveal about God's character and his relationship with his people?

9. Explore the concept of idolatry and its consequences, as emphasized in verses 15-18. How does Israel's turning away from God and worshiping idols lead to their downfall and destruction?

10. Reflect on the imagery of God's judgment and vengeance against his enemies, as described in verses 35-43. How does this imagery convey God's sovereignty and authority over the nations, as well as his commitment to vindicate his people?

11. Reflect on the psalmist's declaration of delight in doing God's will, as described in Psalm 40.8. What does it mean to delight in God's will, and how does this attitude reflect the psalmist's relationship with God?

12. Explore the concept of sacrifice and offering in verses 6-8. How does the psalmist contrast the external rituals of sacrifice with the internal disposition of obedience and surrender to God's will?

13. Discuss the theme of obedience and submission to God's will as a response to his deliverance and salvation, as emphasized in verses 6-8. How does the psalmist's experience of God's rescue prompt a renewed commitment to follow God's commands?

14. Reflect on the psalmist's acknowledgment of God's faithfulness and righteousness in verses 9-10. How does the psalmist's proclamation of God's steadfast love and faithfulness inspire confidence and trust in God's promises?

15. Explore the concept of proclamation and testimony in verses 9-10. How does the psalmist's desire to declare God's faithfulness and salvation reflect a heart of gratitude and praise?

16. Reflect on the psalmist's plea for God's mercy and deliverance from trouble, as described in verses 11-12. How does the psalmist's recognition of their own sinfulness and need for God's mercy lead to a deeper reliance on God's grace?

17. Reflect on the principle of wealth gained hastily versus wealth gained gradually, as described in Proverbs 13.11. What are the potential dangers of seeking quick wealth, and how does patience and diligence lead to lasting prosperity?

18. Discuss the relationship between hope deferred and a longing fulfilled, as described in verse 12. How does delayed gratification and perseverance in pursuing righteous desires lead to greater satisfaction and fulfillment?

19. Explore the theme of contentment and trust in God's timing as an antidote to disappointment and despair, as emphasized in verse 12. How does cultivating a spirit of contentment and gratitude help guard against the bitterness of unfulfilled desires?

20. Reflect on the promise of blessing and satisfaction that comes from pursuing righteousness and honest labor, as described in Proverbs 13:11-12. How does aligning our desires with God's will lead to greater fulfillment and joy?

21. Reflect on Jesus' observation about the people's response to John the Baptist and himself, as described in Luke 7:31. What do you think Jesus means when he compares the people of his generation to children in the marketplace?

22. Explore the significance of Jesus' statement that "wisdom is justified by all her children," as described in verse 35. How does this statement affirm the legitimacy of John's ministry and Jesus' own teachings in the eyes of those who respond to them?

23. Discuss the contrast between the Pharisee's judgmental attitude and the sinful woman's display of love and devotion, as depicted in verses 36-39. How does the Pharisee's self-righteousness hinder his ability to recognize Jesus' identity and ministry?

24. Reflect on the sinful woman's extravagant display of love and gratitude towards Jesus, as described in verses 37-38. What does her actions reveal about her understanding of Jesus' identity and her need for forgiveness?

25. Explore the concept of forgiveness and its transformative power in the encounter between Jesus and the sinful woman, as emphasized in verses 47-50. How does Jesus' forgiveness of the woman's sins lead to her salvation and reconciliation with God?

26. Reflect on the parable of the two debtors as a means of illustrating the depth of forgiveness and gratitude, as described in verses 41-43. How does this parable challenge our understanding of sin, forgiveness, and grace?

27. Discuss the Pharisee's failure to show hospitality and honor to Jesus as a guest in his home, as depicted in verses 44-46. How does this contrast with the sinful woman's extravagant demonstration of love and hospitality towards Jesus?

28. Reflect on the broader theme of grace and salvation in the encounter between Jesus, the Pharisee, and the sinful woman. How does Jesus' willingness to forgive and restore the sinful woman demonstrate God's grace and love for all people?

29. Consider the practical implications of Jesus' teachings and actions in Luke 7:31-50 for our own lives and relationships. How can we emulate the sinful woman's humility and gratitude in response to Jesus' forgiveness and grace?

30. Reflect on a time when you experienced God's forgiveness and grace in your life. How did that experience deepen your gratitude and love for God, and how does it inspire you to extend grace and forgiveness to others?

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