

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 95 – April 5

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 33 & 34

Psalm 40.13-17

Proverbs 13.13-14

Luke 8.1-25

1. Reflect on the structure and significance of Moses' blessings upon the tribes of Israel in Deuteronomy 33. How does this chapter demonstrate Moses' role as a spiritual leader and mediator between God and the Israelites?
2. Explore the imagery and language used by Moses to bless each tribe of Israel. What themes or characteristics are emphasized in each blessing, and how do they reflect the unique identity and history of each tribe?
3. Discuss the blessings bestowed upon the tribe of Reuben, as described in verses 6-7. How does Moses' blessing affirm Reuben's status as the firstborn and address the tribe's historical shortcomings?
4. Reflect on the blessings given to the tribe of Judah, as described in verses 7-8. How does Moses' blessing foreshadow Judah's role as a leader among the tribes and the lineage of David?
5. Explore the theme of leadership and authority in Moses' blessings upon the tribe of Levi, as described in verses 8-11. How does Moses affirm the Levites' role as priests and custodians of the law, and how does their dedication to God bring blessing to the entire nation?

6. Reflect on the blessings pronounced upon the tribe of Benjamin, as described in verses 12-13. How does Moses' blessing highlight Benjamin's unique characteristics and role within the nation of Israel?

7. Discuss the blessings bestowed upon the tribes of Joseph, Ephraim, and Manasseh, as described in verses 13-17. How does Moses' blessing reflect the special favor and blessings bestowed upon the descendants of Joseph?

8. Reflect on the blessings given to the tribes of Zebulun and Issachar, as described in verses 18-19. How does Moses' blessing affirm the role of these tribes in providing for the nation's needs and contributing to its prosperity?

9. Explore the blessings pronounced upon the tribes of Gad, Dan, Naphtali, and Asher, as described in verses 20-25. How does Moses' blessing highlight each tribe's unique strengths and contributions to the nation of Israel?

10. Reflect on the overarching theme of God's faithfulness and provision in Deuteronomy 33. How do Moses' blessings upon the tribes of Israel affirm God's covenant promises and his ongoing care for his people?

11. Reflect on the significance of Moses' death and the transition of leadership to Joshua, as described in Deuteronomy 34. How does Moses' passing mark the end of an era for the Israelites and the beginning of a new chapter in their journey?

12. Explore the theme of leadership succession and God's provision for his people, as depicted in Moses' commissioning of Joshua as his successor. How does God's appointment of Joshua reaffirm his faithfulness to his promises and his commitment to guiding the Israelites?

13. Discuss the themes of faithfulness and obedience in Moses' life and ministry, as reflected in his final blessings upon the tribes of Israel and his ascent to Mount Nebo. How does Moses' faithful leadership serve as an example for us in following God wholeheartedly?

14. Reflect on the description of Moses' death and burial, as described in verses 5-6. How does the honor and reverence shown to Moses in his death highlight his unique role as a servant of God and leader of the Israelites?

15. Discuss the parallels between Moses' death and burial and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How does Moses' role as a mediator between God and the Israelites foreshadow Jesus' role as the ultimate mediator between God and humanity?

16. Reflect on the overarching theme of God's faithfulness and provision throughout the book of Deuteronomy, culminating in Moses' death and the Israelites' anticipation of entering the Promised Land. How does the book of Deuteronomy challenge us to trust in God's promises and follow him obediently?

17. Reflecting on Psalm 40:13, which speaks of being in need and the Lord's help, have you experienced a time of desperation when you called upon the Lord for assistance? How did He respond?

18. In verse 14, the psalmist asks the Lord to deliver him from his enemies. What do you think this request signifies about the challenges the psalmist was facing, and how might it apply to our own struggles today?

19. Verse 15 expresses the psalmist's hope for his enemies to be put to shame and confusion. How do you reconcile this desire with Jesus' teachings about loving our enemies? How might this verse reflect a desire for justice and righteousness rather than revenge?

20. Reflect on the psalmist's expressions of joy and gladness in verses 16-17. How does the psalmist's trust in God's salvation and deliverance lead to a heart filled with praise and thanksgiving? How can we cultivate a similar attitude of gratitude in our own lives, even in the midst of trials?

21. In verse 17, the psalmist declares, "You are my help and my deliverer." What does this statement reveal about the psalmist's relationship with God, and how can we apply this affirmation of trust and dependence on God in our own lives?

22. Reflecting on Proverbs 13.13, which speaks of despising the word leading to destruction, why do you think the rejection of wisdom and instruction can lead to harm? How have you seen the consequences of ignoring wise counsel in your own life or the lives of others?

23. Reflecting on verse 14, which speaks of the teaching of the wise being a fountain of life, how have you experienced the life-giving power of wise instruction and counsel? How does seeking wisdom from those who are wise lead to spiritual and personal growth?

24. Reflect on the significance of the women who accompanied Jesus and the twelve disciples, as described in Luke 8.1-3. What does this reveal about Jesus' ministry and his attitude towards women? How might this challenge cultural norms of the time?

25. Explore the concept of financial support for Jesus' ministry, as depicted in verses 1-3. How does the generosity of these women and others highlight the importance of financial stewardship in supporting God's work?

26. Reflect on the parable of the sower, as described in verses 4-15. What do the different types of soil represent, and what lessons can we learn from each type? How can we cultivate fertile soil in our hearts to receive and bear fruit from God's word?

27. Reflect on the symbolism of the lamp and the measure used in Jesus' teaching about hearing and understanding, as described in verses 16-18. How does this imagery reinforce the importance of spiritual perception and responsiveness to God's word?

28. Discuss the significance of Jesus' statement that "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice," as described in verses 19-21. How does this statement redefine the concept of family and emphasize the primacy of spiritual kinship?

29. Reflect on Jesus' calming of the storm, as described in verses 22-25. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' power over nature and his ability to bring peace in the midst of chaos? How does it demonstrate the disciples' growing faith and understanding of Jesus' identity?

30. Explore the disciples' reaction to Jesus' calming of the storm, as described in verses 22-25. Why do you think they were afraid, and what does their response reveal about their perception of Jesus' authority and power?

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?