

WEEK 18 NOTES (DAY 121-127) READING PLAN

INTRO TO JUDGES

- In this book, we read of the different leaders that God raised up to lead His people
- Eleven judges are mentioned in this book
- It is believed that Samuel wrote this book
- The common theme throughout this book is of Israel being under a leader, but rebelling God when the leader dies

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| <p>DAY 121 SUN MAY 1</p> <p>RUTH 3-4 PROVERBS 31</p> | <p>RUTH</p> <p>Ch.3: Naomi matches Ruth with Boaz for marriage</p> <p>Ch.4: Boaz takes Ruth as his wife, Genealogy of Boaz</p> <p>PROVERBS</p> <p>Ch.31: King's Advice, A Good woman</p> | <p>RUTH</p> <p>3:1-2: We see Naomi playing matchmaker</p> <p>3:3-9: Notice Ruth's character, leadership traits: She's obedient, she listens well, she's a hard worker, etc. Ruth's actions with Boaz was a way of saying that she was interested and available.</p> <p>3:10: She could have gone after those young men, but she didn't. This reveals more of Ruth's character</p> <p>3:11: He recognizes Ruth's value</p> <p>3:12: This is alluding to Jesus as the Ultimate Redeemer. The kinsman redeemer was required to have/provide: relationship, financial ability, and willingness. The normal protocol was for the a male within the family to take this role. We will read that Ruth's kin declined this role, which allowed Boaz to become the kinsman-redeemer.</p> <p>4:5: This explains more of the responsibility that the kinsman-redeemer had to fulfill.</p> <p>4:6: The potential kinsman-redeemer</p> | <p>God is sovereign and sees the big picture, even for generations to come. We also are reminded that Christ is our redeemer and paid the price that no one else could pay.</p> | <p>Proverbs 31:10-31 + Ruth 3-4</p> <p>This entire passage in Proverbs describes so many attributes that we read about Ruth. Both points in scripture are very applicable and can be applied to the modern-day Christian women as she strives to be all that God has created her to be.</p> |

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| | | <p>couldn't fill that spot, so he hands it over to Boaz.</p> <p>4:11-12: Blessing over Boaz given by elders.</p> <p>4:14: We can parallel this to Jesus. In alluding to Jesus, there is no one who could fully redeem us, so He has come to fill that position and be our Ultimate Redeemer.</p> <p>4:16: Notice the miracle in Naomi being of older age but being able to breastfeed Ruth's baby</p> <p>4:17: Ruth's son was named Obed</p> <p>4:18-22: Genealogy of Boaz. Notice that David's name is mentioned. Remember that Jesus is apart of this lineage (Matthew 1), known as the Davidic Lineage. Look how Sovereign God was with placing Ruth with Boaz.</p> <p>PROVERBS</p> <p>31:10-31: These verses are very popular and are a great outline for Christian women to study as they develop in Christ.</p> | | |
| <p>DAY 122 MON MAY 2</p> <p>PSALM 119:1-88</p> | <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Themes in first 88 verses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking the Lord fervently - Obeying laws and commandments - Loving the law - Fear of the Lord | <p>PSALMS</p> <p>119:1-88: Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm and the longest chapter in the entire bible (176 verses total). It is a very poetic portion of scripture. You will also notice that the chapter is divided into subtitles, which is actually the Hebrew Alphabet.</p> | <p>God's law is holy and worthy of our obedience. He is worthy of our reverence.</p> | |

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| <p>DAY 123 TUES MAY 3</p> <p>PSALM 119:89-176</p> | <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Themes in verses 89-176:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loving the law - Benefit of obedience to God - Fleeing from evil/ those who are wicked and disobedient | <p>PSALMS</p> <p>119:89-176: Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm and the longest chapter in the entire bible (176 verses total). It is a very poetic portion of scripture. You will also notice that the chapter is divided into subtitles, which is actually the Hebrew Alphabet.</p> | <p>It is good for us to obey God. We will see the benefits of loving and obeying His law in our lives.</p> | |
| <p>DAY 124 WED MAY 4</p> <p>JUDGES 1-2 PSALMS 50</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.1: Judah/Simeon fight against Canaanites and others to acquire new land</p> <p>Ch.2: Angel of the Lord speaks to the people</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.50: God is the Judge</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.1: This is a recap of events that have already taken place in previous chapters (Refer to Joshua 21 with the capturing of the cities)</p> <p>1:1: The people needed a new leader. Joshua didn't have a successor like Moses did when he died</p> <p>2:6-10: This is a recap of Joshua dying</p> <p>2:10-11: They don't have a good leader. The people go corrupt and we'll see that as a theme throughout this book</p> <p>2:14-15: Consequence for disobedience, idolatry, etc</p> <p>2:14-23: This is a recap of the Israelites' cyclical behavior</p> | <p>God is holy and therefore must judge our sin. God always gives warning of correction and a call to repentance before bringing judgment for His people.</p> | <p>Psalms 50:7 + Judges 2</p> <p>We can see that God is speaking to Israel in both passages. God was trying to get their attention.</p> <p>Psalm 50:14-15 + Judges 2</p> <p>In both scriptures, we can see the common theme and message of God wanting to give them a genuine sacrifice.</p> <p>Psalm 50:16-22 + Judges 2</p> <p>God will judge and rebuke sin and it's evident in both passages.</p> |

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| <p>DAY 125 THURS MAY 5</p> <p>JUDGES 3-4 PSALM 20</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.3: Israel is tested by God because of their disobedience, Othniel becomes leader, Ehud becomes leader after killing Eglon</p> <p>Ch.4: Jabin becomes a leader, Deborah helps Barak defeat Sisera and Jabin</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.20: God fights for us and gives us the victory</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>3:1-2: God allowed them to be tested to see if they would obey</p> <p>3:6: This was exactly what God had previously commanded them not to do. Refer to Exodus 34:16 & Deuteronomy 7:3.</p> <p>3:9: This shows the character of God.</p> <p>3:12: God made their enemies stranger against Israel as a consequence of their disobedience.</p> <p>4:6-8: Barak waited on Deborah for guidance. His actions display that ultimately He was waiting on God. Barak is recognized in Hebrews 11:32 ("Faith Chapter") for His faith.</p> <p>4:21: This was prophecy being fulfilled. Refer to Judges 4:4, 4:9</p> | <p>God is just and after warnings, will let us have "free will" to live the way we think is best. We eventually realize that His ways are higher.</p> <p>Also, God fights on our behalf. We have the victory through Him. He helped the Israelites but also will help us get the victory over the battles in our own life.</p> | <p>Psalms 20 + Judges 4</p> <p>After reading both passages, we can rest assured that God fights for us and gives us the victory.</p> |
| <p>DAY 126 FRI MAY 6</p> <p>JUDGES 5-6 PSALM 121</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.5: Deborah's song after victory over Jabin and Sisera</p> <p>Ch.6: God calls Gideon, Gideon destroys idolatry worship to Baal</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.121: God is our Help</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.5: This is a recap song of all that's happened. We can be inspired to do the same and remember what God has done</p> <p>6:13: It is natural to question God or doubt question God's presence when things aren't going right</p> <p>6:24: "Jehovah Shalom"= The Lord is Peace</p> <p>6:36-40: Gideon "tests" God to get confirmation</p> | <p>God is our help and we should make sure to take time to praise Him for all that He's done. As He continually gives us the victory, may we also give Him the praise that He's worthy of.</p> | <p>Psalms 121 + Judges 5-6</p> <p>Both readings remind us that God truly is our help. He fights for us, gives us victory, and is always ready to help.</p> |

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| <p>DAY 127 SAT MAY 7</p> <p>JUDGES 7-8 PSALM 83</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.7: God reduces Gideon's army to 300 & they defeat Midianites</p> <p>Ch.8: Gideon captures and kill Zebah and Zalmunna, Gideon dies</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.83: Prayer for God to defeat enemies</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>7:2: God wanted to get glory for it</p> <p>7:10-15: God sent Gideon there to give him encouragement</p> <p>7:15: Notice the confidence of Gideon's faith when he returns from where God had sent him</p> <p>8:23: Note Gideon's reverence for the Lord</p> <p>8:34-35: Israel has turned to rebellion once more (the cycle continues)</p> | <p>God will command us to do things that don't always make sense, but as we obey specifically, we will see how God shows up and gets the glory.</p> <p>God also cares for the leader. God made sure that Gideon's faith was strong as he went to battle. He will do the same thing for us. He will get our attention to let us know that we already have the victory through Him.</p> | <p>Psalms 83 + Judges 7-8</p> <p>In Judges, we can read of how Israel had enemies, and just like the prayer from Psalms 83, this is how God came through for all the various battles they had to face.</p> |
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INTRO TO 2 PETER:

- 2nd letter written by Peter, the apostle and disciple of Jesus Christ
- Main theme: Warning to the church of false teachers, prophecy for second coming of Jesus Christ

INTRO TO 1 SAMUEL:

- Originally 1 & 2 Samuel were one book until publishing of Hebrew Bible in A.D. 1517
- Main characters: Samuel, Saul, David
- This book explains time in history where the Israelites transitioned from having leaders to having kings as authority
- Ch.1-7: Describe life and ministry of Saul
- Ch.7-31: Events that took place under Saul's reign

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| <p>DAY 128 SUN MAY 8</p> <p>JUDGES 9 PSALM 120</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.9: Abimelech becomes king, Battle in Shechem with Gaal, Abimelech captures/kills Shechem & Thebez</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.120: Prayer of Protection</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>9:5: Abimelech wanted to be king so bad</p> <p>9:8-20: What Jotham told them through a parable/analogy was a warning if they chose Abimelech as king</p> <p>9:23-24: Abimelech was punished by God for what we had done</p> | <p>God will protect His people and He answers the prayers of His people. He is always attentive, omniscient, and omnipresent.</p> | <p><u>Psalm 120 + Judges 9</u></p> <p>In both passages, we are reminded that God sees all and answers from heaven accordingly.</p> |

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| <p>DAY 129 MON MAY 9</p> <p>JUDGES 10 PSALM 44 JUDGES 11</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.10: Tola & Jair reign, Israel rebels with no leader and repent</p> <p>Ch.11: Jephthah defeats Ammonites</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.44: Prayer for God to bring relief from suffering</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>10:6: Israelites continue cycle of rebellion/forsaking God when no leader present</p> <p>10:10: They repent again</p> <p>10:14: We can see God's emotion towards them as they constantly disobey</p> <p>10:15: They acknowledged their sin, but still prayed for mercy</p> <p>11: 5-6: The same people that ran him out all of a sudden wanted his help</p> <p>11:29,32: It always makes a difference when God's presence is with you. God gives us victories when we fight <u>with</u> Him</p> <p>11:35: Refer to Judges 11:31. He promised God that He would sacrifice whatever came to Him.</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>44:1-5: Remembering how God came through for Israel over and over</p> <p>44: 9-22: They are punished and afflicted</p> <p>44:23-26: Pleading for mercy from God to remove the suffering</p> | <p>God is holy, and therefore must judge. God will judge for sin and disobedience. He is merciful, but also just.</p> | <p><u>Psalm 44:9-22 + Judges 10: 7-14</u></p> <p>Both passages speak of the Israelites being afflicted and punished.</p> |
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| <p>DAY 130 TUES MAY 10</p> <p>JUDGES 12-14 PSALM 143</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.12: Jephthah and men of Gilead defeat Ephraim, then Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon succeed Jephthah</p> <p>Ch.13: Angel of the Lord meets Manoah and his wife, Samson is born</p> <p>Ch.14: Samson's first wife and Samson's riddle with Philistines</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.143: Plea for God to hear prayers</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>12:3: Notice that Jephthah revered the Lord for giving him a victory</p> <p>13:1: Israelites enter same cycle again</p> <p>13:3-6: Notice the similarity between the events of this passage, and the events leading up to the birth of Jesus</p> <p>13:8-9: God listened to Manoah's prayers</p> <p>13:12: Look at the faith of Manoah to believe the angel of the Lord</p> <p>13:16: Manoah didn't realize it was the angel of the Lord, but still trusted His word</p> <p>13:20-21: Then they knew it was the angel of the Lord and admired his holiness</p> <p>13:22: Notice his response for being in the presence of holiness</p> <p>14:3: Mixed marriages went against tradition/ law</p> <p>14:4: God ordained this to be a way to gain victory over the enemy</p> <p>14:6: We see Samson's strength revealed for the first time, as Holy Spirit helps him</p> <p>14:9: Samson's strength revealed again</p> | <p>God will get our attention when He needs to speak to us.</p> <p>God's presence is so holy, and there is nothing like it in all the earth.</p> <p>When we fight with God, we can operate in His strength. We cannot fight the battles on our own.</p> | <p><u>Ps. 143:10 + Judges 12</u></p> <p>Jephthah needed God to help him win the battles, and as mentioned in Psalm 143:10, he had to call upon God to help him.</p> <p><u>Ps. 143:12 + Judges 14</u></p> <p>God helped Samson defeat his enemies, which is a common theme between both passages of scripture.</p> <p><u>Ps.143 + Judges 12-14</u></p> <p>In all of today's reading, we see that God hears and answers prayers, and fights on our behalf.</p> |
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| <p>DAY 131 WED MAY 11</p> <p>JUDGES 15-17 2 PETER 1</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.15: Samson fights/defeats Philistine, Samson leads Israel</p> <p>Ch.16: Delilah deceives Samson, Samson defeats Philistines & dies</p> <p>Ch.17: Micah has idols, ordains priest, takes in and ordains Levite as priest</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>Ch.1: Peter gives practical ways to live, reassures truth or God's word/prophecy</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>15:17: "Ramath-Lehi"= lifting up of the jawbone, casting away of the jawbone</p> <p>15:19: "En-hakkore"= the well of him that called, or cried</p> <p>16:17: This broke the covenant with God (Refer to Judges 13:5)</p> <p>16:23: Dagon was a false fish God that the Philistines worshiped</p> <p>16:28: Samson still remembers and acknowledges where his help/strength comes from</p> <p>17:6: Remember, when there's no leader in Israel, they forsake God, live wickedly</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>1:1-2: This is the opening and blessing of the letter. You will see this introduction throughout various epistles</p> <p>1:16-19: He is recounting what we experienced as an apostle, reassuring the church of God's power and truth</p> <p>1:17-18: Refer to Matthew 17:5-6</p> <p>1:17-21: Peter confirms truth of God's word and prophecy</p> | <p>God is merciful, even in our mistakes.</p> <p>God is truth. God's word is truth. We must make sure that we are living according to His truthful Word, and must teach according to that Word as well.</p> | |
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| <p>DAY 132 THURS MAY 12</p> <p>JUDGES 18-19 2 PETER 2</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.18: Tribe of Dan steals Micah's priest and his idols, people of Dan invade Laish</p> <p>Ch.19: Levite and various events with concubine</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>Ch.2: Warning/exposing false prophets/ teachers</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.19: The events in this chapter when there is no leader in Israel and people forsake God</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>2:1-3: Peter is exposing and warning about false prophets</p> <p>2:3: They will receive judgment for being false prophets</p> <p>2:5: Refer to Genesis 7:1,7,23</p> <p>2:6: Refer to Genesis 19:24</p> <p>2:7: Refer to Genesis 19:16</p> <p>2:15-16: Refer to Numbers 22:5,7,21,23,28</p> <p>2:22: Refer to Proverbs 26:11</p> | <p>As we read today's reading, we are reminded that we need God. Without Him, we're left to our own destruction.</p> | |
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| <p>DAY 133 FRI MAY 13</p> <p>JUDGES 20-21 2 PETER 3</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.20: Israelites battle and defeat people of Benjamin</p> <p>Ch.21: Israel decides how to attain wives for men of Benjamin</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>Ch.3: Peter urges church to stay the course, prophecy of end times</p> | <p>JUDGES</p> <p>Ch.20: they battled the people of Benjamin as a consequence for their sin</p> <p>20:27: Remember, in the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant is where God's presence is housed.</p> <p>20:23-28: Notice that they seek the Lord for guidance on what to do next, after they didn't seek Him initially. God was faithful to give instruction every time.</p> <p>20:35: God gets the glory!</p> <p>21:1-6: Benjamin is cut off from the tribes of Israel</p> <p>21:25: Remember, whenever there is no leader present, people of Israel forsake God and live in wickedness.</p> <p>2 PETER</p> <p>Ch.3: Main messages of this chapter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay the course, - Don't get distracted - Fully believe God's Word - Wait with hope <p>3:4: There will be those that will make you doubt prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled.</p> <p>3:8-9: The reason that the Lord has not come back is out of His patience, kindness, and mercy</p> <p>3:15: Refer to Romans 2:4</p> | <p>God is faithful to show up when we call on Him. When we seek Him, we'll find Him.</p> <p>God's Word will come to pass. His Word will never return void. Even if we don't see all things coming to pass just yet, we can trust that He will fulfill His Word, just as He promised.</p> | |
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| <p>DAY 134 SAT MAY 14</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 1-2 PSALM 113</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.1: Hannah prays for a child, Samuel is born</p> <p>Ch.2: Prayer from Hannah, Corruption/judgment of Eli's sons</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.113: Praise to the Lord for His holiness and great works</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>1:7: You can see the amount of grief Hannah had</p> <p>1:11: Not shaving his head was apart of the Nazarite vow</p> <p>1:19: They worshiped even before they saw the answer to their prayer</p> <p>1:26-28: Hannah honored her vow from 1 Samuel 1:11 and dedicated her son to the Lord</p> <p>2:13-17: God was not pleased with how the priests were handing the sacrifices</p> <p>2:22: These are more sins that Eli's sons were committing</p> <p>2:31-36: Refer to 1 Kings 2:26-27 for fulfillment of the prophecy</p> | <p>God is faithful to answer prayer. God hears our cries and will answer accordingly.</p> <p>God is holy and will judge those who don't reverence Him as such.</p> | <p><u>Ps.113:7-8 + 1 Samuel 2:8</u></p> <p>The verses in Psalm 113 were actually mentioned in Hannah's prayer, word for word.</p> <p><u>Ps.113:9 + 1 Samuel 1-2</u></p> <p>In verse 9 of Psalm 113, we can compare that to the events that occurred with Hannah in 1 Samuel 1-2. God gave a barren woman a child.</p> |
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INTRO TO 2 SAMUEL

- Continuation of the story of Saul, David, and Samuel
- Mainly focuses on the reign of King David
- Two major themes: David's triumphs and David's troubles

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| <p>DAY 135 MAY 15</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 3-6 PSALM 97</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.3: God speaks to Samuel, Samuel delivers prophecy to Eli</p> <p>Ch.4: Israel is defeated by Philistines, Ark of Covenant is captured by Philistines</p> <p>Ch.5: Philistines are judged/punished for irreverent use of Ark of Covenant</p> <p>Ch.6: Philistines return the Ark of God (Covenant)</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.97: God is holy above all</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>3:3: Ark of God is where God's presence was housed</p> <p>3:8: Eli realized it was the Lord. This shows signs of his spiritual maturity and shows the importance of being surrounded by those who are more spiritually mature than us</p> <p>3:10-14,18: God gives a "heavy" prophecy to Samuel and he was obedient to deliver the word</p> <p>4:1-3: Israel tries to fight enemies without God again</p> <p>4:7: The enemy knew they were in trouble because God was now present to help the Israelites fight</p> <p>4:8: They remembered what God had done in Exodus with the 10 plagues. They say "gods" because they don't realize that the God of the Israelites is just ONE God.</p> | <p>God's presence is sacred and should be valued as such.</p> <p>When God is fighting on our side, no enemy can stand against us.</p> | <p><u>Psalms 97:7 + 1 Samuel 5</u></p> <p>The verse in Psalms talks about false idols, which is who the Philistines were worshiping. We are reminded that God is the only One worthy of praise.</p> <p>Psalms 97:9 + 1 Samuel 5:14</p> <p>God is holier above all including Dagon or any other false God.</p> |

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| | | <p>4:18: Notice how much he reverences the ark of God</p> <p>5:2: Dagon was a false fish god. This shows that they have no good intentions for the Ark of Covenant</p> <p>5:3-4: False idols can't remain in God's presence</p> <p>5:6,9: God is angry at them and judgment came. They weren't reverencing His presence</p> <p>5:12: There is chaos in the city because of the Ark of God is not in the rightful place</p> <p>6:6: Refer to Exodus 12</p> | | |
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| <p>DAY 136 MAY 16</p> <p>PSALM 124 1 SAMUEL 7-9</p> | <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.124: God is escape and protection from enemies</p> <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.7: God intervenes and fights for Israel, Israelites defeat Philistines</p> <p>Ch.8: Israelites beg for a King</p> <p>Ch.9: Samuel meets Saul</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>7:3: Samuel urges them to wholly devote themselves and their worship to God</p> <p>7:8: They knew that God could save them</p> <p>7:10: God intervened and fought for them</p> <p>7:12: The stone was used as a remembrance/memorial of what God has done</p> <p>8:5: They wanted a king like other nations</p> <p>8:7: They rejected the true King that they needed, which was God</p> <p>9:23-24: Samuel was already expecting him, which shows that Samuel was indeed a prophet. We also can see that this meeting was ordained by God</p> | <p>God fights for His people. We must depend on Him and seek Him in time of need. He is faithful to come on our behalf, regardless of the situation.</p> | <p>Psalm 124:1-8 + 1 Samuel 7</p> <p>Through both of these scriptures, we see that God intervenes, as He did for the Israelites, and fights for us.</p> |
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| <p>DAY 137 TUES MAY 17</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 10-12 TITUS 1</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.10: Samuel anoints Saul to be king, Samuel displays Saul to people as the new king</p> <p>Ch.11: Saul and Israel defeat Ammonites, Saul is officially the new king</p> <p>Ch.12: Samuel warns Israel and encourages them to serve God wholly</p> <p>TITUS</p> <p>Ch.1: Characteristics of leader in ministry, what not to do/be as a leader</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>10:1-8 Samuel anoints Saul and prophesies of confirmation signs</p> <p>10:11: Saul's transformation was evident</p> <p>11:13: Notice that Saul acknowledges that God helped them win</p> <p>12:7-13: Samuel reminds them of history they have with God</p> <p>12:22: This should give them hope</p> <p>12:23: Samuel could have had a different response but instead he decided to pray for them. This shows great leadership characteristics of Samuel</p> <p>TITUS</p> <p>1:4: Blessing was a common in introduction of letter</p> <p>1:7-8: This shows us what not to be/ to be as a leader for God. These are practical things for us to live by</p> <p>1:11: This is similar to 2 Peter as he warned us about false prophets</p> | <p>No matter who is the political leader amongst us, God is always the one true King.</p> | |
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| <p>DAY 138 MAY 18</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 13-14 TITUS 2</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.13: Saul sins against God at Gilgal and is punished by God</p> <p>Ch.14: Jonathan approaches and attacks Philistines, Israelites defeats Philistines, Jonathan breaks Saul's oath</p> <p>TITUS</p> <p>Ch.2: Exhortation to teach sound doctrine, roles of older men/women, urge to live in holiness</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>13:8: Refer to 1 Samuel 10:8</p> <p>13:11-12: Saul was impatient and doubting what Samuel had told him. He had no regard for God's commands.</p> <p>13:14: This was a foreshadowing to David, who would be a "man after God's heart". See Acts 13:22 & Psalm 89:20.</p> | <p>God does not appreciate when we try to take things into our own hands. When we do this, our actions show that we don't trust God's Sovereignty.</p> | |
| <p>DAY 139 MAY 19</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 15-16 TITUS 3</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.15: Saul sins again against God</p> <p>Ch.16: David is anointed as king, David becomes armor bearer and musician for Saul</p> <p>TITUS</p> <p>Ch.3: Reminder of God's mercy towards us</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>15:2: Refer Exodus 17:8, 14 & Numbers 24:20</p> <p>15:6: Refer to Numbers 24:21</p> <p>15:22: Refer to Hosea 6:6</p> <p>15:24: Saul had the fear of man instead of fear of God</p> <p>15:28: Refer to 1 Samuel 28:17</p> <p>15:35: This shows Samuel's leadership qualities as he grieved over Saul and his mistakes</p> <p>16:1: God had a new plan in place</p> <p>16:7: Remember, God wants a man after His own heart</p> <p>16:20: Refer to 1 Samuel 10:27</p> <p>16:21: Saul had no idea that he was training the new king</p> | <p>God is truly Sovereign. He ordains and arranges things in such a way like only He can.</p> | |

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| <p>DAY 140 MAY 20</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 17 PSALM 27</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL 17</p> <p>Ch.17: David fights and defeats Goliath</p> <p>PSALM 27</p> <p>Ch.27: David's praise of who God has been and who He will be</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>17:15: David is still a shepherd even though he is anointed as king</p> <p>17:33: This shows that David was still young</p> <p>17:34-37: This shows how the years of David being a shepherd had prepared him</p> <p>17:39: Remember that Saul was tall (1 Samuel 9:2)</p> <p>17:45: David knew and publicly acknowledged where his help was coming from</p> <p>17:54: This was a sign of victory</p> | <p>God uses situations to prepare us for greater things ahead. His sovereignty is what we see in moments like this.</p> <p>God fights for us. He will give us the victory in the battles that we face.</p> | <p>Psalm 27:1-3 + 1 Samuel 17:26-49</p> <p>These scriptures talk about there being no fear over the enemies and having victory over the enemies. God gave the victory to David over his enemy, Goliath.</p> |
| <p>DAY 141 MAY 21</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 18-19 PSALM 55 PSALM 42-43</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.18: David and Jonathan's friendship begins, Saul becomes jealous of David, Saul's murder plot fails, David marries Michal</p> <p>Ch.19: Saul plots to kill David, David escapes</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p>Ch.55: Prayer for protection</p> <p>Ch.42: Desire for God</p> <p>Ch.43: Prayer for deliverance</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>18:12: This all happened because of Saul's disobedience</p> <p>18:27: Notice that David brought doubled what was asked for</p> <p>18:28-29: Saul couldn't stop David's blessings</p> <p>19:2-3,11-16: Jonathan and Michal look out for David</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>55:12-14: This hurts David because he cared for Saul and had spent time with Him</p> <p>55:16-17: David knows/believes that God will save Him</p> | <p>God will protect us from harm. Even in danger, God will provide His protection to let no harm come to us.</p> | <p>Psalm 55:1-8 + 1 Samuel 19</p> <p>In Psalm 55, we read of a prayer asking God for protection. David was praying to God as he was fleeing Saul.</p> <p>Psalm 55:20-21 + 1 Samuel 18-19</p> <p>The verse in Psalm is referring to Saul betraying/trying to kill David</p> |

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WEEK 21 NOTES (DAY 142-148) READING PLAN

INTRO TO 2 SAMUEL

- Continuation of the story of Saul, David, and Samuel
- Mainly focuses on the reign of King David
- Two major themes: David's triumphs and David's troubles

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| <p>DAY 142 MAY 22</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 20-22 PSALM 52</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.20: Jonathan plots with David and helps David escape</p> <p>Ch.21: Abimelech helps David</p> <p>Ch.22: David continues to flee, Saul orders killings of priests that helped David</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p>Ch.52: Those who plot wickedness, Hoping in God</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>20:3: We can see the severity of how this feels for David as he flees from Saul</p> <p>20:41: A kiss was part of the cultural norms for greetings, partings, or celebrations.</p> <p>21:6: This was referring to the Levitical law which allowed only the priests to eat bread (Refer to Leviticus 24:9). But even with that law, the commandment to "love your neighbor" was greater (Refer to Leviticus 19:18). Jesus refers to this in the New Testament when he picks corn to eat on the Sabbath (Refer to Matthew 12:3-4, Mark 2:25-26, Luke 6:3-4).</p> <p>21:9: Notice this "full-circle" moment where David now takes possession of the weapon that formerly belonged to Goliath.</p> <p>21:11: Refer to 1 Samuel 18:7</p> <p>21:12-15: David truly is in survival mode as he flees Saul, to the point of pretending to be insane.</p> <p>22:23: David takes in Abiathar to keep him safe because now they both are being sought after</p> | <p>God sees us, even in our desperate hard moments. Just like God was with David while he fled Saul, God will be with us.</p> | <p>Psalm 52 + 1 Samuel 22</p> <p>These passages are very congruent, as Psalm 52 was written in response to Doeg telling of David's whereabouts.</p> |

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| <p>DAY 143 MAY 23</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 23-24 PSALM 54 PSALM 63</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.23: Saul tries to kill David again</p> <p>Ch.24: Saul seeks after David, Saul is spared from dea, amends are made between David and Saul</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.54: Prayer for deliverance</p> <p>Ch.63: Longing for God</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>23:2: Notice how often David seeks the LORD for guidance</p> <p>23:10-11: The ephod was used by priests to receive Divine messages from God (Refer to Exodus 28:30)</p> <p>23:13: We see that David's army has grown some, from 400 to approximately 600</p> <p>23:14: We see more of God's favor with David</p> <p>23:26-29: God continues to protect David</p> <p>24:4: David could have killed Saul again, but chose not to because of his reverence ultimately for God</p> <p>24:6: Notice the reverence that David also has for Saul even after Saul is trying to kill him</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch,54: Notice that David is in distress but also still has hope in God</p> | <p>God will give favor and protection to His people. He also is always present to hear the prayers from His children.</p> | <p>Psalm 54 + 1 Samuel 23:19</p> <p>David definitely prays for deliverance because he is fleeing from Saul, who has repeatedly tried to kill him. He prays for God to deliver him from the schemes of the enemy.</p> <p>Psalm 63 + 1 Samuel 23 & 24</p> <p>We see David's heart in this Psalm. Even as he is in dangerous circumstances, his heart is still or GOD. He still yearns for God.</p> |
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| <p>DAY 144 MAY 24</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 25-26 PSALM 7</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.25: Samuel dies, Abigail uses discernment in situation between David and Nabal, Nabal dies</p> <p>Ch.26: David spares Saul and makes amends again</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.7: Prayer for fair judgment/ justice</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>25:25: Nabal= "fool"</p> <p>25:32: Notice how David honors the Lord for sending Abigail</p> <p>25:33-34: Abigail used her discernment and that changed everything</p> <p>25:44: Michal was once David's wife</p> <p>26:9: David had another opportunity to kill Saul, but continued to have reverence and honor for the Lord</p> <p>26:10: David has so much faith in the Lord to handle his enemies</p> <p>26:12: Once again, we see favor on David's life as the Lord put the enemies into a deep sleep while David was in their territory</p> | <p>Favor from God not only brings us blessings, but also protection. We may be in a position where our enemies are near, but we won't be harmed.</p> | <p>Psalms 7:3-5 + 1 Samuel 26:18-20</p> <p>In 1 Samuel, as David tries to process why Saul continues to try to kill him, he tries to rationalize in his prayers and asks the Lord to repay him evil if he's done anything wrong. We see that same verbiage in Psalms.</p> |
| <p>DAY 145 MAY 25</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 27-29 PSALM 31</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.27: David flees to Gath and stays with Achish</p> <p>Ch.28: Saul has an encounter with a medium</p> <p>Ch.29: Philistines forbid David from fighting with Achish</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.57: Prayer for God's refuge and praise</p> <p>Ch.31: God's refuge, Remembering hardships but also remembering God is faithful</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>27:12: Achish didn't know the calling on David's life to be king</p> <p>28:6: Refer to Exodus 28:30</p> <p>28:7: Medium= Witchcraft</p> <p>28:17-18: Refer to 1 Samuel 15:28-29</p> <p>29:5: Refer to 1 Samuel 18:7, 21:11</p> | <p>God is our refuge. Regardless of the circumstances around us, we can run to God and depend on Him for safety. We must depend on Him and not on our own abilities.</p> | <p>Psalm 57 + Psalm 31</p> <p>In both Psalms, there is a theme of God's refuge.</p> <p>Psalm 57:6 + Psalm 31:4</p> <p>Along with both entire passages being congruent, these two verses specifically are also congruent as both verses speak to God rescuing from traps/nets set by the enemies.</p> |

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| <p>DAY 146 MAY 26</p> <p>1 SAMUEL 30-31 PSALM 18</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.30: David and his army get victory over the Amalekites</p> <p>Ch.31: Saul dies</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>Ch.18: A Praise for God answering prayer</p> | <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>30:6: Notice David's response in a difficult situation</p> <p>30:7: Refer to 1 Samuel 23:6,9 & Exodus 28:30</p> <p>30:16: The enemies were rejoicing from their victory, unaware of what was ahead</p> <p>30:18-20: What was lost was now restored</p> <p>30:22: We see more of David's leadership skills as he shares with all his men, even the ones who didn't come to fight. David also takes time to acknowledge that the blessing came from God anyway.</p> <p>31:4: Saul killed himself. Remember, David always believed that God would take care of his enemies, and that he would not have to kill Saul himself</p> <p>31:6: This means that Jonathan died too</p> <p>31:9: To cut off a head was a sign of victory</p> | <p>God fights our battles and defeats our enemies. We can trust in Him and walk in victory, everytime.</p> | <p>Psalm 18 + 1 Samuel 31</p> <p>Psalm 18 is a song of rejoicing and praise to God. It was written by David after knowing that Saul was dead and God had spared him from his enemies. His enemy was dead and he didn't have to kill Saul himself. He also is rejoicing because he knows that He has been anointed to be the next king.</p> |
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| <p>DAY 147 MAY 27</p> <p>2 SAMUEL 1-3 PSALM 141</p> | <p>2 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.1: David hears of/ mourns the death of Saul and Jonathan</p> <p>Ch.2: David is anointed as king of Judah, war between Israel and Judah</p> <p>Ch.3: Abner joins David, Abner killed by Joab</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p>Ch.141: Prayer for protection against wickedness</p> | <p>2 SAMUEL</p> <p>1:6-10: Notice that this is a different story than what we read in 1 Samuel 31:3-5</p> <p>1:11: David mourns the death of Saul although Saul tried repeatedly to end David's life</p> <p>1:14-16: Even if the young Amalekite man <i>had</i> killed Saul, David didn't want him because his false story still showed that he didn't have reverence for God (1 Samuel 24:6)</p> <p>2:1: We constantly see that David seeks the Lord for guidance in his decisions</p> <p>2:10: Ish-bosheth is David's rival</p> <p>3:14: Refer to 1 Samuel 18:25,27</p> <p>3:30: Refer to 2 Samuel 2:23</p> | <p>God will fulfill His promises and His prophecies. David was anointed as king but did not reign for years. God's promise for Him to be king is now coming to pass.</p> | <p>Psalm 141 + 2 Samuel 3</p> <p>In 2 Samuel, David sees the wickedness happening around him (murders) and in Psalm 141, he prays for protection against wickedness.</p> |
| <p>DAY 148 MAY 28</p> <p>PSALM 58 2 SAMUEL 4-6</p> | <p>2 SAMUEL</p> <p>Ch.4: Ish-bosheth's murder</p> <p>Ch.5: David' successful reign, David defeats Philistines</p> <p>Ch.6: Ark of Covenant brought to Jerusalem</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p>Ch.58: Prayer for judgment/punishment of wicked</p> | <p>2 SAMUEL</p> <p>4:6: David's rival is killed</p> <p>4:9: David always acknowledges the Lord and what He did</p> <p>4:10: Refer to 1 Samuel 1:3-16</p> <p>4:11-12: David is a righteous and just leader</p> <p>5:2: Refer to 1 Samuel 18:13,16:1,12</p> <p>5:3: David anointed as king over all Israel</p> | <p>God gives us success. David had a successful reign because He trusted in the Lord and depended on God for all He did. When we depend on Him, things change.</p> | |

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| | | <p>5:6: Refer to Joshua 15:63, Judges 1:8,19:11,12</p> <p>5:14: Solomon will be a key character in the bible</p> <p>5:19: Notice David seeking the Lord again</p> <p>5:20-25: Baal-perazim= "Plain of breaches", David defeats the Philistines</p> <p>6:7: Refer to Numbers 4:15. There was a law to not touch the holy things</p> <p>6:8: Perez-uzzah= "breach of Uzzah"</p> | | |
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