

Otisville Church of Christ
Bible Study Guide for July 1-7, 2012
Judges 9, Psalm 8, and 1 John 2:1-6

Sunday – Read Judges 9

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

Monday – Read Judges 9 (1-21)

1. How did Abimelek set himself up as ruler over the people?
2. What did he do to guarantee that there would be no opposition to him?
3. Who was Jotham?
4. What was the point of the story he told?
5. What challenge did he lay down to the people about Abimelek?

Prayer focus: To have godly influence with people.

Tuesday – Read Judges 9 (22-41)

1. How did the "treacherous" dealings between Abimelek and the Shechemites (his own people) come about?
2. What theological motive was behind God's instigation of this conflict?
3. Who was Gaal and what effect did he have on these events?
4. What happened to Gaal and the people that he stirred up?

Prayer focus: To trust God more.

Wednesday – Read Judges 9 (42-57)

1. How did Abimelek respond to the people who had risen up against him?
2. What did Abimelek do to the city of Shechem?
3. What did he do to the Tower of Shechem?
4. What did he try to do to the tower in Thebez?
5. What happened?
6. How does this story conclude? How does it tie God in with these events?
7. What did you learn about God, influence, and leadership from this story?

Prayer focus: For growth in obedience to God.

Thursday – Read Psalm 8 (Sunday morning scripture reading)

1. What is the theme of this psalm, as seen in the opening and closing verses?
2. In what two ways is this theme explained?
3. How does the awe of creation cause the psalmist to reflect on his own humanity?
4. How does the psalmist tie together his awe for creation with the responsibilities God has given to humans?
5. How is this psalm applied in the New Testament (for example, in Hebrews 2)?

Prayer focus: To recognize the majesty of God and to humbly serve him.

Friday – Read 1 John 2:1-6 (Wednesday devotional)

1. Why did John write this letter?
2. What happens if we sin?
3. How do we know that we know Christ?
4. How do we know that we are “in” him?
5. How is God's love perfected in us?

Prayer focus: To trust God and his word and obey him.

Saturday – Read Judges 10-12 and 2 Peter 3

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

Notes