

One Year Bible – Week 8

Reading Schedule:

Exodus = Ex / Leviticus = Lev / Mark = Mk / Psalms = Ps / Proverbs = Pr



Feb 15 – Ex 39:1-40:38 / Mk 1:1-28 / Ps 35:1-16 / Pr 9:11-12
Feb 16 – Lev 1:1-3:17 / Mk 1:29-2:12 / Ps 35:17-28 / Pr 9:13-18
Feb 17 – Lev 4:1-5:19 / Mk 2:13-3:6 / Ps 36:1-12 / Pr 10:1-2
Feb 18 – Lev 6:1-7:27 / Mk 3:7-30 / Ps 37:1-11 / Pr 10:3-4
Feb 19 – Lev 7:28-9:6 / Mk 3:31-4:25 / Ps 37:12-29 / Pr 10:5
Feb 20 – Lev 9:7-10:20 / Mk 4:26-5:20 / Ps 37:30-40 / Pr 10:6-7
Feb 21 – Lev 11:1-12:8 / Mk 5:21-43 / Ps 38:1-22 / Pr 10:8-9

Summary: Leviticus reading

Leviticus moves the Old Testament Readings from story to instruction manual. The opening chapters explain the various offerings the Israelites were to practice in worshipping God and establish the practices of the priesthood.

Summary: Mark reading

The gospel of Mark spends less time on historical data and parables and more time on the events of Jesus' ministry. For instance, Mark begins the first chapter with a brief mention of John the Baptist, the temptations of Christ in the desert, and then Jesus' calling of the disciples. As we begin this second gospel reading, pay particular attention to how Jesus is introducing himself to humanity and what is he calling you to.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *OT* – Leviticus can be a difficult read for many because there is less of the dynamic story telling as found in Genesis and Exodus. Leviticus is important however, otherwise God would not have included it in his holy Word. As you read Leviticus, keep the big picture in mind. Look for explanations and notice trends in the content. Ask yourself, “what is God showing his people here?” Try to imagine life as an Israelite at this time. Notice how Israel is set apart and ask yourself why these distinctions and practices are important to God?
- *NT* – The gospel of Mark begins this way: “The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” That word *gospel* means “good news.” As you read in Mark, imagine yourself living in the time just after Jesus, and hearing these words for the first time. What strikes you as *good news*? How is your daily routine affected by this story of the Christ?

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *OT* – You may notice that much of the end of Exodus is repeating what has been written earlier. You may also notice a repeated phrase throughout the last two chapters. (Ex 39-40) What do you think is significant about this phrase and why do you suppose this repeated information is included? – *Feb 15*
- 2) *OT* – Is ignorance of the law excusable? Have someone read Lev 4:13-14. What observations do you make from this passage about God, his law, and the way he deals with sin (known or unknown)? – *Feb 17*
- 3) *OT* – Have someone read Lev 10:1-3. How do you react as you read or hear this account? What in these verses provides explanation for what had happened? What do you learn from Moses' and Aaron's reactions? What does this passage indicate about God? – *Feb 20*
- 4) *NT* – Jesus says, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mk 1:17) Here he was using clever language as he was talking to Simon and Andrew who were fishermen, however, his message is the same for us, just as we read in Mt 28:19-20. How has he used you to “fish” for others? Is there any reluctance for you to be used by him in this way, and if so what reasons can you identify for that reluctance? What can you do to make yourself more available to him as he wants to use you to draw others to him? – *Feb 15*
- 5) *NT* – Immediately following the Parable of the Sower, Jesus calls his followers to “consider carefully what you hear.” (Mk 4:21-25) He then warns that whatever measure a person uses will be used for them. What do you think Jesus is saying in this passage; what are we being called to consider carefully? What in the passage and the surrounding context helps to illuminate Jesus' petition? How can we follow Jesus' call in this passage more faithfully? – *Feb 19*

Journal the Psalms this week:

Have you ever been bullied? Have you ever been taken advantage of with no recourse? Have you ever been publically humiliated by someone? Most of us know what it is like to be a victim and it never feels good. Read the Psalmists words about those who are wicked and about how we should act when we are the object of other's wickedness in Psalm 37. Journal about a previous experience you have had of being harmed by another. Then acknowledge God's words in this Psalm and ask him to make them your own; living blamelessly and waiting upon him. – *Feb 18-20*