

Mid-week Bible Study—September 29, 2015

“Our need for the Savior is constant”

Readings for Pentecost 19

Numbers 11: 16, 24-29, p. 141

God’s people were angry. All they had to eat was manna. Moses responds with his own bitter complaint about the burden of responsibility that he felt for the people.

What was Moses’ attitude towards the people at this point (12-14)? Towards God? (15)

The Lord understands the burden and provides a solution. What was it?

What did the Spirit of the Lord allow the elders to do?

Two men, Eldad and Medad, did not go along with the elders. We are not sure why, but they prophesied as well.

What do you suppose is going on in Joshua’s mind that he wants their prophesying to stop?

How do you think this text relates to pastor and member responsibilities today?

James 4: 7-12, p. 1198

James is concerned that Christians continue to live their life of faith in the midst of persecution.

What makes a lazy faith such a dangerous condition to have?

By my count, there are 11 commands in these six verses. He begins with “submit!”

Can you think of any Scriptural examples where someone resisted the devil and the devil had to flee?

How do we “come near” to God?

Keep the four commands of verse 9 together. Give me one word that sums up what James is talking about here.

We hear all the time that we aren’t supposed to judge people. What kind of speaking does the Lord forbid here?

Mark 9: 38-50, p. 1001

What does “in your name” tell us about the man who was performing miracles?

Why did the disciples stop the man?

The disciples were going to be criticized and opposed in the days ahead, because they served Christ. How would Jesus’ words be a comfort to them?

“Little ones” can refer to little children. It could also be a reference to those who are “little” in faith. What is our responsibility to these little ones?

How does Jesus show the seriousness of sin?

Salt had to be offered with the meat of sacrifice in the Old Testament. “Salted with fire” seems to have the meaning that our “doing whatever it takes” to not fall into sin is part of an acceptable sacrifice to God.

Salt throughout history has been a valuable preservative. How are we “salty” as Christians?