

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Eph 5 :16

Monday, Apr 20

Leviticus 24—*Instructions for the lamp and the bread in the tabernacle; a case of blasphemy is dealt with.*

- ☞ How serious was it to use the Lord’s name in vain? How serious do you treat His name?
- ☞ Who was expected to honor the Lord’s name (v. 22)? Why?
- ☞ Why isn’t judgment of capital punishment for taking the Lord’s name in vain practiced today in our country?

Acts 22—*Paul tells the Jews of his conversion but they reject him and he is imprisoned.*

- ☞ Compare verse 15 with 1:8!
- ☞ What upset the Jews so much? Why did this anger them so?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, William, Priscilla, and Baby Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray for continued good health and strength.
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ’s church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24-25; Rev 1:6

Tuesday, Apr 21

Leviticus 25—Instructions for observing the Sabbath year and year of Jubilee, with specific instructions and warnings. Israel is to care for the poor among them for their interests, not selfish gain. Instructions about servants are given.

- ☞ What was Israel to do every 7th year? Every 50th year?
- ☞ Note verse 17—what did the Lord anticipate, and how did He exhort them?
- ☞ How was Israel to treat their poor brethren? Note especially vv. 35–46. Why should they treat each other this way (v. 55)?

Acts 23—Paul testifies to the Council and is delivered from the Jews' plot to kill him.

- ☞ What did Christ promise to Paul (v. 11)? What means did Christ use to accomplish this purpose (vv. 12-35)?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for men of another church I had a Bible study with. Pray that they would see the need for solid teaching and seek out a church where they can be fed.
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witness and public preaching of the Gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 22-23

Sunday, Apr 26

Numbers 3—The Levites are dedicated to the Tabernacle ministry; their duties are set forth.

- ☞ The sin of Nadab and Abihu and God's judgment on them is repeated here. What impact would that have had on the Levites being appointed to serve the Lord in the tabernacle?
- ☞ Why did the Lord choose the Levites to serve him (vv. 11–13)?
- ☞ What was Israel to do to the one who came near to the tabernacle but wasn't allowed to (vv. 10, 38)? Note along this same line 1:51; 4:15, 19, 20; 18:22. What would this emphasize to Israel about who God was and how he should be worshipped?

Acts 28—Paul and the others find shelter at the island of Malta and then arrive in Rome, where he preaches Christ to the Jews while imprisoned.

- ☞ What would *normally* have happened in verses 3–6? How would 23:11 help explain this as a miracle?
- ☞ Paul preached “the hope of Israel” (v. 20) from his first journey (13:23, 32) to his defense before Agrippa (26:6). Note also *Romans* 1:2, which he wrote while he was at Corinth (Acts 18:1–16) and the Roman church had at this point when Paul was there!

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard—Pray that our church family will be seeking the Lord and growing in their walk with Him.
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 14:24-25; Col 3:1

Saturday, Apr 25

Numbers 2—*Israel's tribes are arranged around the Tabernacle.*

- ☞ Following the instructions in this chapter, draw a picture of how the tribes were arranged.
- ☞ When they made camp, what was at the center (v. 2)? Why do you think this was?

Acts 27—*Sailing to Rome as a prisoner, Paul and all with him are shipwrecked.*

- ☞ Paul traveled with soldiers and sailors, hardly God-fearing men! Note how Paul spoke to them in verses 23–25, 35.
- ☞ What application can you make from verse 35?

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray that our church will grow in the area of disciple-making, especially in our homes during this time.
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening His Church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith, which was once handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Wednesday, Apr 22

Leviticus 26—*If Israel obeys God he will bless them in every way and dwell among them. If Israel disobeys God will curse them in every way, but promises restoration upon repentance.*

- ☞ What *specifically* could Israel expect if they exclusively worshiped and obeyed God (vv. 3–12)? Note verse 12—this is a theme that repeats throughout the Bible.
- ☞ What *specifically* could Israel expect if they disobeyed God (vv. 14–39)?
- ☞ What does disobedience say about the heart (note v. 15)?
- ☞ Why won't God break his covenant with Israel despite their unbelief and disobedience (vv. 44–45)?

Acts 24—*The Jews accuse Paul before Felix and Paul defends himself.*

- ☞ In verses 11–21, how did Paul defend himself against the accusations of verses 5–6?
- ☞ As Paul spoke to Felix and Drusilla of “faith in Christ Jesus” he talked about “righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come.” Why these three things?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for financial provision for our building project and for continued progress on it.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42- 47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

Thursday, Apr 23

Leviticus 27—*The Lord prescribes the value of vows, land, animals, houses, and harvests.*

- ☞ What is the value of the “tithe” in verses 30–32?
- ☞ In addition to this there are at least two other OT tithes (Deut 14:22, 28, 29; 26:12), so that the *actual* “percentage” or value of the tithe was between 23–33%.
- ☞ The tithe supported not only the Levites but the poor, widows, and even foreigners among them.

Acts 25—*Paul testifies before Festus and appeals to Caesar, and Festus refers the case to King Agrippa.*

- ☞ Paul knew what legal rights he had available to him and utilized them, not for personal ends, but for the Cause of Christ.

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Praise the Lord that the church in Vadakkenchery is growing both spiritually and numerically and pray for continued growth.
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11-16; Heb 5:12-14

Friday, Apr 24

Numbers 1—*Moses numbers Israel’s men of fighting age, excluding the Levites.*

- ☞ What was the objective of the census?
- ☞ Why weren’t the Levites numbered?
- ☞ What were the Levites’ responsibilities (vv. 47–54)?

Acts 26—*Paul gives his defense before Agrippa.*

- ☞ From Paul’s defense before Agrippa (esp. vv. 6–8, 22–23), we see that Paul’s declaration in 23:6 wasn’t made to get himself out of a jam, but to testify of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- ☞ From verses 16–23, what can you learn about the condition of sinners, the condition and blessings of salvation, and Paul’s ministry?
- ☞ What did Paul say to Agrippa and Festus (v. 25)? How did he speak before these men who held his life in their hands (v. 26)? Even in this circumstance, what did he aim at (v. 29; cf. 9:15)?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry Chile—Praise the Lord that Mark’s Mom is with Him. Pray for peace, comfort, and joy for us.
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19-20; Acts 14:21-23