

Bible Readings week 110 - w/c 16/12/18

Monday: Luke 2:41-52. In this incident in the Temple aged 12, how does Jesus (on the verge of manhood in the Jewish culture) show his knowledge and spiritual understanding? What experiences of Jesus have you had that you have thought about and treasured?

Tuesday: Leviticus 8:1-17. Priests stand between God and people and so setting them apart involved washing with water, anointing with oil and offering up a sacrifice as a substitute for their sin. Our High Priest is Jesus, who qualifies because of his baptism in water, the anointing of the Spirit and the sacrifice of himself for our sin on the cross! No other priest is needed to give us access to God!

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:1-25. Counting the men was an issue in David's life because of his motive and underlying attitude. It was an indication of what he trusted in (v2), to emphasise his authority as King (v3), and brought him under God's judgement. It is sometimes not what we do that is the issue but why we do it.

Thursday: Psalm 85:1-13. This simple psalm is a prayer for a fresh experience of God personally and nationally. Which verse or verses stand out for you? Use these as your personal prayer today.

Friday: Jeremiah 37:1-21. The situation in Jerusalem is getting worse as the Babylonians, who will ultimately destroy the city, close in. Jeremiah finds himself falsely accused and imprisoned, yet even then God's protection and provision is evident. Thank God that even in our greatest difficulties, He sees us and cares for us.

Weekend: Ephesians 5:1-21. In verse 18 we are commanded to "be filled with the Spirit". In verses 19-21 there are four things that are key principles that help us live in this fulness. Notice how we should speak, sing, give thanks, and have an attitude of submission to live with the Spirit. How are you doing in these areas of your life this week?