

Bible Readings week 114 - w/c 13/1/19

Monday: Luke 4:14-30. Look back to Luke 4:1, and then re-read verses 14 & 18. The experience and relationship Jesus enjoyed with the Holy Spirit involved being filled, led, empowered and anointed. How does your experience and expectation of the Holy Spirit's involvement in your life compare?

Tuesday: Leviticus 11:1-28. The reason behind the clean and unclean animals is not made clear, although some suggestions are sometimes put forward. One thing that is clear is that animals which could not be sacrificed in worship could not be included in the clean list of foods. In other words, we should never be involved with anything that we cannot offer up as a sacrifice of worship.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 3:1-28. Solomon started out well as a King, seeking to live in a way that pleased God. But even in these early days there are hints of the failures that led him astray in later life. His marriage to Pharaoh's daughter was a political alliance more than a spiritual one. Do your choice of friendships flow out of spirituality or out of other considerations?

Thursday: Proverbs 14:27-35. Verse 31 makes clear that how we treat other people, especially the poor, is a reflection of how much we honour God. How is your respect and love for God seen in the way you show kindness to those who are poor and needy?

Friday: Jeremiah 41:1-18. Gedaliah had been appointed as Governor over the Jews. Although warned about Ishmael plotting against him in ch 40, he did not believe it, and as a result was murdered in a bloody uprising against Babylon. Those responsible fled to Egypt, fearing retribution from Babylon. These were politically turbulent days, and there is no mention of God in the whole chapter. Pray that the Lord will be more evident in our nation's political crisis.

Weekend: Philippians 1:1-11. In verses 9-11, Paul tells the Philippian believers what he is praying for them. Write out each point of his prayer in your own words and pray the same way for those in your cell group or two or three other Christian friends. Then ask God to do the same things in you!