

Bible Readings week 115 - w/c 20/1/19

Monday: Luke 4:31-44. This passage shows Jesus healing many people. We have a God of miracles and a God of healing. Pray for those you know who are unwell, believing that God has the power to heal.

Tuesday: Leviticus 11:29-12:8. In general it can be said that these food laws protected Israel from bad diet, dangerous vermin, and communicable diseases. Some Christians still believe that we should follow a kosher diet but this issue was dealt with once and for all in Acts 15 (see Acts 15:29). What is your relationship to food? Do you exercise self discipline as Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27?

Wednesday: 1 Kings 4:1-34. See v29-31. In the glory years of Solomon's kingdom, he used the great wisdom God gave. Sadly, he did not always use this wisdom, and later fell away from his devotion and worship of God (1 Kings 11:1-11). James 1:5 says God will give us wisdom if we ask for it. Pray for wisdom today and pray that you will use this wisdom wisely.

Thursday: Psalm 89: 1-18. This portion of the psalm focuses on God's love, faithfulness and strength. Do you rejoice in the Lord all day long (v16)? Use short prayers throughout your day to praise God for who He is and what He is doing in your life.

Friday: Jeremiah 42:1-22. In v20 Jeremiah essentially tells the people that they were hypocrites. They acted as if they sought the Lord in sincerity and submission, but it was not true. Many still seek God with pretend sincerity, already determined to do what they want to do, and only hoping that God will affirm them in so doing. Are you seeking the Lord in sincerity or do you have your own agenda?

Weekend: Philippians 1:12-26. Paul wanted the Philippians to know that God's blessing and power were still with him, even though he was in prison. He was not out of the will of God, and God's work still continued. During his Roman imprisonment Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. God never wastes our time. What is God's purpose for your life at this present time?