

Bible Readings week 120 w/c 24/2/19

Monday: Luke 6:12-26. Verse 19 records a period of amazing power as all who reached out and touched Jesus were healed. Faith is not the only factor in healing as other scriptures make plain, but nor can the importance of reaching out in faith be minimised. What do you need God to heal in your life today? Trust him to do a miracle!

Tuesday: Leviticus 15:1-33. Our sexuality and sexual experience matter as verses 32-33 make clear. Sex in any form should be treated with a degree of dignity and “cleanness”, and in Israel involved a physical, medical and spiritual response. God is concerned about every area of our life, and nothing is hidden from his view. Are there areas of your life that you have not brought into line with his principles?

Wednesday: 1 Kings 8:31-66. There was an evangelistic motive behind the building of the temple as seen in verse 60. All of our worship and outward demonstration to God must have this thought behind it along with the twin thought found in the next verse – to live wholeheartedly for the Lord Jesus. Are both these elements evident in your life?

Thursday: Proverbs 15:11-21. Verses 16 and 17 express a similar thought: A right attitude and environment of love matter more than material blessings. Is your focus more on what you don't have, or are you thankful for the many blessings of God that you have received? Thank God today for the peace he gives and the love you give and receive from others, and the good things that you enjoy in life.

Friday: Jeremiah 49:1-22. The Babylonian army was God's weapon of judgement on many nations not just Judah. Yet for some there was a promise of a restoration of their national fortunes (see v6) while others were totally destroyed. If God used natural and political circumstances to judge nations in those days he can still do so today! Pray for our nation during this time of political upheaval.

Weekend: Philippians 3:1-11. For Paul, knowing Christ involved experiencing his power as well as participating in his sufferings (v10). Is your experience of Him a result of both blessings and suffering? What have you learned through suffering that you could not have learned through blessing and power encounters? Thank God for what he teaches us in every situation of life!