

Bible Readings week 121 w/c 3/3/19

Monday: Luke 6:27-42 “Love your enemies” is a simple command to understand but a very difficult command to obey. Jesus tells us that we should do good to those who hate us, bless them and pray for them. We may not be able to love our enemy as we love our nearest and dearest but we can seek good things for them. Is there anyone you need to extend this love to? Pray God’s blessing over them.

Tuesday: Leviticus 16:1-17 Aaron sprinkled blood on the mercy seat to “cover over” the sins of Israel. The Hebrew word for atonement is Kipper, which means “to cover”. Sin was not removed but covered over by the blood. The NT idea of atonement is that our sin is not merely covered, but removed, so there is no barrier between God and man any longer. Praise God that your sin has been removed.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 9:1-28 In this chapter God answers Solomon’s prayer from Chapter 8. The answer includes a condition. God will bless Solomon and Israel if he walks in faithfulness and obedience like his father David. David’s walk was not perfect. God does not expect us to be perfect but he does want us to walk in faithfulness and obedience. Praise God for your answered prayers.

Thursday: Psalm 92:1-93:5 These psalms are full of imagery of nature. Read Psalm 92:4-5 again. Spend time singing for joy at the work the Lord has done. Praise God for being mightier than the breakers of the sea and being the Rock that we can hold onto.

Friday: Jeremiah 49:23-39 The restoration of Elam took place in Gospel times. People from Elam were some of the first to hear the Gospel and accept it on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:9). Pray for the restoration of Carlisle, that God will move through the city in a mighty way.

Weekend: Philippians 3:12-21 See v13-14 Paul was focused on one thing and would not let what is behind distract him. He pressed on for the prize. We often let things which are behind distract us, whether they are good things or bad things. Focussing on the past often keeps us from what God has for us in the future. What are you focussing on at the minute?