

Bible Readings week 123 w/c 17/3/19

Monday: Luke 7:1-17 In v9 Jesus is amazed at the faith of the Centurion. Jesus is only recorded as being amazed in this way on several occasions. He did so here, at the faith of the centurion, and also at the unbelief of His own people (Mark 6:6). Jesus can be amazed at either our faith or our unbelief. Are you strong in your faith or are you struggling at present? Pray that God will increase your faith.

Tuesday: Leviticus 17:1-16 This respect for the blood of animals should make us consider how we regard the blood of Jesus. If, under the Old Covenant, the blood of animals was to be respected, what of the precious blood of Jesus which makes a New Covenant? Thank God for Jesus' blood shed for us at the cross.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 11:1-43 Like David, Solomon had a weakness. This chapter talks about his many wives but his weakness was more related to wealth and power. Marrying foreign wives from royal families was a way to create alliances. Solomon needed to build places for his wives to worship their gods but he also started to worship these gods. One act of disobedience leads to more disobedience.

Thursday: Proverbs 15:22-33 Discipline is not enjoyable but v21 tells us that it is wise to heed life-giving correction. Do you have a Christian friend that will keep you accountable for your actions? If not, pray that God will bring someone to mind that will partner with you on your Christian walk.

Friday: Jeremiah 50:21-46 The root of Babylon's sin was pride. Her pride led her to arrogantly think that she could measure out destruction to others without having it measured out against her. V32 says that the arrogant one will stumble and fall and no-one will help her up. Do you struggle with pride? Humble yourself before God today allowing Him to speak truth into your life.

Weekend: Philippians 4:10-23 See v12 Are you content with your circumstances? When you are in need do you turn to God to give you strength? Take some time today to think about your financial giving. What is God saying to you about giving through this passage?