

Bible Readings Week 124 – w/c 24th March 2019

Monday: Luke 7:18-35. Do you wish you were as close to God as some of the Old Testament prophets? In v28 Jesus refers to John the Baptist as greater than all other prophets, and then goes on to say that we who are the least in God's kingdom are greater than him! What does it mean to be "greater" in this context? What stops you experiencing the Lord so that what Jesus says of you is true in your life?

Tuesday: Leviticus 18:1-30. God's word in v30 to Moses and Israel is clear: "I am the Lord your God". It is a simple matter of faith, trusting that he has a reason for things we may not always fully understand. How does this apply in your life at the present time?

Wednesday: 1 Kings 12:1-33. Rehoboam's bad decisions caused a split in the nation. Half called themselves Israel and rejected him as King while half remained loyal. The root problem was clear in v8. He listened and took advice from the wrong people. Who is your main source of advice? Do you listen to those who have a track record of wisely influencing others or make the mistake of only listening to unproven ideas?

Thursday: Psalm 95:1-11. As those who have entered into "God's rest" through faith in Christ (v11 & Hebrews 3:7-14), what aspect of God's character in these verses will you use as your basis for praise today?

Friday: Jeremiah 51:1-32. Babylon was God's means of judging Israel, but Jeremiah makes it clear that they would also face judgement and destruction. God's call of judgement is always intended to call people to repentance and faith, but if we do not respond, then we face his opposition (see vv 25a & 26). How sensitive are you to God's voice of correction in your life?

Weekend: Colossians 1:1-14. How do you pray for other Christians? List the things Paul gives thanks for about these disciples at Colosse, and what he prays for them, and use these principles to pray for your friends and family. I see at least 2 things to give thanks for and more than 6 things to pray for in others. How many can you find?