

## **Bible Readings Week 125 – w/c 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Monday: Luke 7:36-50.** This passage focusses on forgiveness and faith. Forgiveness is readily available from God; there is no hesitation or shortage on His part. Our part is to come with humility and loving submission to Jesus, and to receive the forgiveness He offers by faith. Thank God that sins that are forgiven are forgiven forever.

**Tuesday: Leviticus 19:1-37.** 15 times in this chapter, God declared that He is the LORD – the one with the right to tell us what to do. This is something that God expected ancient Israel to respect and expects His modern-day followers to also respect. Do you struggle with the command to love your neighbour as yourself? Ask God for the compassion to love others as He loves us.

**Wednesday: 1 Kings 13:1-34.** In v18 the old prophet lied to the man of God. The man of God followed his own desires because he was hungry. He continued to eat even after the old prophet told him he would not be buried in the tomb of his ancestors. We must weigh prophecy against the Word of God. God does not contradict Himself. Do you seek the will of God or do you let your desires rule your life?

**Thursday: Psalm 96:1-13.** This is a wonderful psalm of praise. It first speaks to the people of God, then to all the nations of the earth, and finally to creation itself. Read the psalm again and use the words to direct your praises to God today.

**Friday: Jeremiah 51:33-64.** The symbolic action of throwing the scroll into the Euphrates is found in Revelation 18:21. Those that sink under the weight of God's wrath and curse, sink for ever. Babylon, and every antichrist, will sink and rise no more for ever. Thank God for your salvation and spend time praying for your non-Christian friends that they will come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

**Weekend: Colossians 1:15-23.** God's answer to the problem of alienation is reconciliation, initiated by Jesus' work on the cross. In the work of reconciliation, God didn't meet us halfway. God meets us all the way and invites us to accept it. Those truly reconciled must persevere. How are you persevering in your Christian walk in our hostile world?