

Bible Readings Week 126 – w/c 7th April 2019

Monday: Luke 8:1-15. Notice in v3 how Jesus and the disciples lived by being supported by those who had benefitted from his ministry. It is a natural consequence of receiving ministry that we give in response. It is interesting that some who receive the greatest benefits from church ministry are the ones who give the least back! Are you giving back to God sufficiently, in the light of his blessings on your life?

Tuesday: Leviticus 20:1-27. When God's people live in a way that is inappropriate, his holiness is affected. He calls us to holiness and purity in order to reflect his character to a world that is out of touch with him. What areas of your life and character need to be "cleaned up" in order that God's standards are evident to those around you?

Wednesday: 1 Kings 14:1-31. Jeroboam and his wife assume that God will bless them despite their rejection of God's standards, and the past blessings they had received. Sometimes God does not answer prayer because our attitude or behaviour is not right. Repentance may be needed before we ask God for anything. Is there anything you need to confess and turn away from today?

Thursday: Proverbs 16:1-9. What plans are you making at the present time? Have you asked God to reveal his purposes for you before making any plans? What one thing is God saying to you today through these verses?

Friday: Jeremiah 52:1-34. This last chapter is a sad fulfilment of all that God had said to Israel. It reveals the cruelty of war, the ruthlessness of Babylon, and the barbaric age in which the nation existed. Yet against this backdrop, the final four verses show evidence of kindness. Who can you show kindness to today? How will you be kind to someone who may be going through difficulties and pain?

Weekend: Colossians 1:24 - 2:5. The purpose of our witnessing, evangelism and prayer for others is found in verse 28. Pray this verse over your non-Christian friends. Notice also the great truth of v27. Christ is not only with us, and present when we gather together, but he is in us! His Spirit enables us to live through Christ's power, so that we can become all God wants us to be!