

Week 130 – w/c 5th May 2019

Monday: Luke 9:1-17. Jesus gave the 12 disciples around half a loaf and a sixth of a fish each! The miracle of multiplication took place as they gave pieces away to the people. It is as we step out in faith and give away what we have received from Jesus that we see miracles occur through our hands. How has this occurred in your past experience, and how is this principle being worked out in your life at the moment?

Tuesday: Leviticus 23:23-44. The feast of tabernacles reminded Israel of the way they camped after leaving Egypt. In fact, their faith focussed around the central historical act which gave them their identity - the Exodus from Egypt. For Christians, our focus and identity is found in the historical events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and we must constantly remind ourselves of this fact.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:1-46. After the amazing miracle on Mount Carmel, we see something of Elijah as a man of prayer. Seven times he prays and expects to see a result, until after the seventh time, a small cloud indicates the beginning of answered prayer for rain. Are you as persistent in prayer? Do you expect such an obvious answer to your prayers? Are you looking to see the answer after you pray in faith?

Thursday: Psalm 99:1-9. Twice in this Psalm we are told to exalt the Lord our God. How do you do that? It seems to involve three things in this psalm. 1. Humbling ourselves to worship at his footstool. 2. Acknowledging his holiness. 3. Praising His name (i.e. his character and goodness). Read the psalm again and respond by doing these three things!

Friday: Lamentations 3:31-66. Read verses 48-50 again. Jeremiah acknowledged that God's judgements were right, but grieved over the spiritual state of his people. Do you feel the same way when you look around at the state of our nation? Pray that God may "look down from heaven" on the UK and have compassion on us. Pray that we may see a spiritual awakening across our land and God's values being upheld.

Weekend: Colossians 4:7-18. It is well worth while looking up the names of the people mentioned here by Paul, in a Bible Dictionary (or online) to find out more about them. But also notice v17 particularly. Instead of Archippus, put your own name into the verse, and take Paul's words to him as a direct word to you. What ministry is it that God has given you? How will you persevere in order to complete it?