

Week 132 w/c 19/5/19

Monday: Luke 9:28-45. Look again at v43. There are some things that only the disciples are told, and even then they do not always understand what Jesus is saying. We should be encouraged when we do not always understand what Jesus is doing in our life and experience. He has a purpose in it even when we don't understand it!

Tuesday: Leviticus 25:1-24. God's economy for Israel applied the sabbath principle to the land every seven years and on the 50th year. This involved a real test of faith. While these principles may not apply in our culture, the sabbath principle of not working for one day a week, but reserving it for rest and worship is still a good one. Do you have faith for that?

Wednesday: 1 Kings 20:1-43. Ahab was not a godly King and yet God uses him to defeat Syria. Ahab is not committed to God but simply wanted God to bless what he wanted to do for his own benefit. Are you living for God's glory or are you simply after his blessing? That is a real challenge for us!

Thursday: Proverbs 16:21-33. Verse 32 makes it clear that one of the greatest accomplishments and an example of great leadership is self-leadership. Handling our temper and our own emotions is a great achievement. Keeping a right spirit and attitude matters more than being applauded by people for what we have achieved.

Friday: Lamentations 5:1-22. The final three verses show us a glimmer of hope, despite the dreadful state Judah was in because of its sin. Our hope is always in the unchanging nature and eternal power and goodness of God. He is the one who has promised never to forget or forsake his children no matter how difficult life becomes.

Weekend: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Like the Thessalonians, most people become Christians through the influence of others - people who are "models" (v7) of Christian living and whose lifestyle as disciples is worthy of being "imitated" (v6). Are you a good model for the Christian faith? Does Jesus usually shine through you in your daily life? What can you do today to be a better example for people to follow?