

Week 134 w/c 2/6/19

Monday: Luke 10:1-24. On verses 17-20, Peter Scazzero comments that "relationship with Jesus matters more than achievements for him". John Piper says that "Jesus revealed a secret that protects our happiness from the threat of suffering and the threat of success. That secret is this: 'Great is your reward in heaven'." Is your focus on the right things?

Tuesday: Leviticus 26:1-22. God promised the nation of Israel blessing if they obeyed his commands and punishments if they failed to do so. List the blessings of God that you have received since coming to faith in Jesus, and spend some time expressing your thanks to God!

Wednesday: 1 Kings 22:1-28. The phrase "like sheep without a shepherd" is used as a metaphor by Jesus and elsewhere in the Bible to indicate a helpless and unprotected body of people. Thank God today that Jesus is the Great Shepherd of his sheep and he protects and cares for all who follow him.

Thursday: Psalm 102:1-28. In verses 17 and 18, the Psalmist wants his personal experience of difficulty to be recorded so that future generations will praise God. In what ways can you influence the next generation to worship the Lord? What will your legacy be?

Friday: Ezekiel 2:1-10. Just like Ezekiel in verse 7, we are called to speak for God, whether people listen or not. We are called to be faithful, not necessarily successful. If we share our faith obediently, we can leave the results to God. Focus on those you are praying for, asking for boldness and opportunity to speak faith building words into their lives.

Weekend: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-16. Read verse 10 again. Is your Christian life characterised by "holy, righteous, and blameless" behaviour? How do others see this? Read verse 13. How do you respond to God's word when it is preached? Do you really accept it as the word of God? How is that evidenced in your response?