

## Week 135 w/c 9/6/19

**Monday: Luke 10:25-37** Loving your neighbour as yourself doesn't mean that we must love ourselves before we can love anyone else. It means that in the same way we take care of ourselves and are concerned about our own interests, we should take care and have concern for the interests of others. How are you going to "go and do likewise"?

**Tuesday: Leviticus 26:23-46** These verses describe a progression of rebellion. God brought these curses slowly to a disobedient Israel, desiring repentance; but if Israel would not repent, the curses intensified. However verses 40-46 focus on the blessings of repentance. Despite how cursed Israel might be, God would always remember, receive, and bless a repentant Israel. Praise God for His mercy.

**Wednesday: 1 Kings 22:29-53** Israel and Judah start to work together, but it is God's way of bringing an end to Ahab's role. Ahab's God-given victories turned to pride. God has blessed us with many things and that can lead us into thinking that we can do things in our own strength. Do you let pride affect your spiritual walk? Read Proverbs 11:2.

**Thursday: Proverbs 17:1-9** See v4 Those who lie love to listen to lies as well as speak them. It should concern us if we love to hear lies and gossip about others. How do you react to gossip? Pray that God will give you wisdom to distinguish between truth and malicious gossip.

**Friday: Ezekiel 3:1-27** Ezekiel was told to eat the scroll and fill his stomach with it. He wasn't told to taste or sample it but to fill himself with it. Ezekiel was to receive, internalise and digest the Word of God before becoming a messenger of that Word. Do you fill yourself with the Word of God? Does it taste sweeter than honey? (See Psalm 119:103)

**Weekend: 1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:5** Paul realises that his separation from the Thessalonians was due to Satan. He knew he was going to be persecuted. As Christians we are not exempt from trials. God teaches us perseverance, obedience, how to comfort others, and deeper fellowship with Jesus through trials. Who are you helping to strengthen and encourage in their Christian walk?