

Week 137 w/c 23/6/19

Monday: Luke 11:14-28 See v24-26 Jesus revealed the danger of delivering a person from demonic possession without filling their life with Jesus. They can end up worse than before. Jesus told them that He had not merely come to fight against evil, but to bring God's good into our lives. He did not come to merely empty the house, but to fill it with Himself. What are you filling your life with at present?

Tuesday: Numbers 1:1-54 This was predominately a military census to see who could fight on Israel's behalf. The Israelites would receive the Promised Land by the hand of God but there would still be a battle. We may fail in spiritual battle because we do not take an honest inventory about where we are spiritually. Do you overestimate or underestimate your spiritual strength and resources?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1-25 When Elijah's cloak fell Elisha had to make a decision whether to pick it up or not. The cloak or mantle was the special mark of a prophet. Elijah's ministry was one of great power but it was also one of great pressure and responsibility. We each have a ministry in our families, our workplaces, our church. Are you willing to fulfil the role God has for you?

Thursday: Psalm 104:1-35 This Psalm has little or no focus on God as redeemer and saviour. Its focus is on the greatness and goodness of God as displayed in creation. Yet that was enough to make the Psalmist determined to say, I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. The God of all creation is worthy of our life-long praise. Rejoice in the Lord's works today.

Friday: Ezekiel 5:1-17 Matthew Henry says "Who is able to stand in God's sight when he is angry? Those who live and die impenitent, will perish for ever unpitied; there is a day coming when the Lord will not spare. Let not persons or churches, who change the Lord's statutes, expect to escape the doom of Jerusalem. Let us endeavour to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

Weekend: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Paul took it for granted that the Thessalonians understood that the purpose of their walk was to please God and not themselves. When the Christian has this basic understanding, these instructions regarding Biblical morality make sense. Do you live to please God or yourself? Do you find it easy to "lead a quiet life"?