

Week 141 w/c 21/7/19

Monday: Luke 12:49-59 These verses press upon us the urgency to get right with God now, and to live in readiness and anticipation of the return of Jesus. If we wait until we stand before His throne of judgment, the time will then be too late. Have you decided to follow Christ? Do you have an urgency to share the Gospel with your non-church friends and family?

Tuesday: Numbers 4:1-20 The Kohathites were to carry the holy things of the tabernacle. All the holy things were to be covered; not only for security and respect, but to keep them from being seen. This not only marked the reverence due to holy things, but the mystery of the things. But now, through Christ, the case is altered. Thank God that we are encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace.

Wednesday: 2 Kings 6:1-33 In verse 17 Elisha didn't pray for the circumstances to change but for the servant's eyes to be opened to the reality of the situation. God answered the prayer and the servant was able to see the Spiritual army surrounding them. Our God is a God of protection even when we cannot see it. Pray that God will open your eyes to the things that are unseen.

Thursday: Proverbs 17:19-28 Verse 22 in the NLT translation says "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength". We have heard the saying "laughter is the best medicine" which is most likely based on this proverb. As part of our vision statement we want to help to restore the broken. How can you use a cheerful heart to help to restore the broken today?

Friday: Ezekiel 9:1-11 God commanded the man with the inkwell to mark the righteous men of the city. This was a protective identification. It shows that even when judgment comes upon an entire nation, God still knows how to mark and identify the righteous. Like the blood on the doorposts of the Israelites' houses on the night of the Passover and the scarlet cord in Rahab's window, it was a sign of hope.

Weekend: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-7 In v4 Paul commends the Thessalonian church for their perseverance and faith through times of persecution and trials. Many Christians are still persecuted for their faith in God. A recent report said that the persecution of Christians in some areas is at near genocide levels. Pray for the persecuted church today. See www.opendoorsuk.org for more information and prayer points.