

Week 149 w/c 15/9/19

Monday: Luke 16:19-31 The rich man wasn't lost because he was rich. He was lost because he did not listen to the law and the prophets. It is easy to think that if people saw a spectacular enough sign, they would be compelled to believe. But what creates faith unto salvation is hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). When was the last time you shared the Gospel message?

Tuesday: Numbers 10:1-36 As the Israelites started out on their journey to the Promised Land they were guided by God's presence. Moses realised that they needed God's help and protection on their journey. Moses' prayer in v35 is a fitting prayer for every believer. It reminds us of the glory and strength of our risen Lord. Pray for God's guidance and protection for yourself and for the church.

Wednesday: 2 Kings 14:1-29 Because of his foolish attack against Israel, Amaziah lost his freedom and for a time became a prisoner of the king of Israel. He saw the defences of Jerusalem broken down and he lost the treasure of the people of God. Amaziah didn't have the wisdom to see how his actions would hurt others as well as himself. Do you consider the needs of others when you make important decisions?

Thursday: Psalm 109:1-31 This is thought to be the strongest of David's songs that call down curses upon his enemies. This Psalm is calling for God to have vengeance on David's enemies. David didn't act upon these curses. With the revelation of grace and truth through Jesus Christ, we understand that we are to pray for the good of our enemies. Spend time praying for God to bless those who have hurt you.

Friday: Ezekiel 17:1-24 In this chapter God speaks to Ezekiel in a riddle and a parable. How does God speak to you? No nation in history has ever been so strong that God cannot bring them down and none have been so low that God cannot exalt them. Spend time praising God for his sovereignty, that he is in control of all things.

Weekend: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Paul is instructing Timothy to pray for all people and the goal of this prayer is that all may be saved (v4). We are to pray for "kings and all those in authority". Spend time today praying for all those in government as we prepare to leave the EU. Pray for wisdom and that God's will be done. Pray for Christians in government that they will stand up for what they believe in.