

Week 158 – w/c 17/11/2019

Monday: Luke 20:27-21:4. Jesus always looks beyond people's behaviour and questions and sees the underlying motive. It was true with the Sadducees (v27), the teachers of the law (vv39-47), and people's attitude to giving (21:3). When Jesus looks at the motives behind your attitudes and behaviours what does he see?

Tuesday: Numbers 16:23-50. The consequences of sin and rebellion go beyond the actions of any one individual. Our family and friends must live with the consequences of our wrong decisions and actions. Our actions and our attitudes matter, bringing either sorrow or blessing to others as well as ourselves.

Wednesday: 2 Kings 23:1-30. Repentance, rededication and recommitment are appropriate responses when we realise the gap between our current state when measured against God's standards. Does your life demonstrate a right relationship with Jesus or is it time for self examination and change?

Thursday: Psalm 118:1-29. A defining characteristic of God's nature is repeated here: "his love endures forever". Is it a recurring theme of your faith and worship? This psalm was the hymn sung at the end of the Passover meal (Matt 26:30). Read verses 17-29 again and consider their significance for Jesus immediately before he went to the cross.

Friday: Ezekiel 25:1-17. There is no doubt that God brings judgement upon nations and uses the politics of the world to bring about his purposes. This is as true of the United Kingdom as it was of Ammon, Moab and Edom. Ask God to have mercy on our nation and pray for a spiritual revival in our land.

Weekend: 1 Timothy 6:11-21. Remember those of us living in Britain are "rich in this present world", and so verses 17-19 have a specific application to us. How should you respond to this teaching? Is there anything you need to do or change as a result?