

Week 160 – w/c 01/12/2019

Monday: Luke 22:1-38. It has been said that faith that is not tested never struggles. But faith that never struggles is not available to serve and minister to others who face struggles. Peter became stronger after his failure than he was before.

Tuesday: Numbers 18:1-32. Read verses 25-29 again. Have you understood the principle of tithing? It is not only giving a tenth of what you have to God's work but also giving the very best of your resources, time, energy, finance, possessions, to be used in your service to God. How does this apply to you today?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 24:20 - 25:30. 2 Kings 24:20 gives us the reason why Jerusalem was destroyed. It was permitted because of God's anger and judgement. While individually God's judgement has paid for our sin, as a nation we deserve his judgement and should not expect special treatment, because of our Christian heritage. Pray for the UK!

Thursday: Psalm 119:1-8. All these verses start with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. What does it mean for you to walk "blamelessly" before God today? How will your life show a wholehearted commitment to God's principles?

Friday: Ezekiel 27:1-36. Ezekiel sees the wealth and riches that Tyre possesses as a seafaring and merchant race, yet he knows judgement is coming. It seems that their wealth and trading position was not the issue, but their attitude in v3. How does this apply to small and large businesses today? Check your own attitude: Are you humbly trusting in Christ or your own efforts?

Weekend: 2 Timothy 1:13-18. Who are the people who have imparted the "pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ" to you? Pray for them. Perhaps send them a text or card of encouragement or thanks. What good deposit has been put into your life as a down payment and foretaste of what God is yet going to do in you?