

Week 172 – w/c 23/2/20

Monday: John 2:12-25. Jesus got angry, but it was always righteous anger. It was right to be angry about wrong attitudes towards worship and God, but it also needed to be expressed in a right way, by focusing on the wrong behaviour and not on assassinating the character or worth of the people involved. How good are you at expressing anger in a right way? Do you need to apologize or repent for treating anyone badly?

Tuesday: Numbers 28:1-31. The daily offerings were acts of worship prepared for carefully. There was a set time, specific offerings and all had to be without any defects or blemishes. No sub-standard or second-rate offerings were allowed! Do you prepare as well for your worship times with God? Do you give him only your very best?

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 12:1-40. Like any army, as disciples we must understand the weapons we have at our disposal. Key weapons in our spiritual warfare are faith in God's word, prayer, praise and thanksgiving. But using the weapons requires regular discipline, drills and training. Are you putting in the effort for the day of battle?

Thursday: Psalm 119:65-72. Read verse 71 again. Why are difficulties good for us to experience? What are the benefits and things we can only learn by living with problems and struggles? If you are not finding that an easy question to answer, take a look at James 1:2-4 or 2 Cor 4:16-18.

Friday: Ezekiel 38:1-23. In chapters 37-39, Ezekiel describes how God will restore Israel to their land, but may also have references to the final battle at the end of human history. However, one thing is very clear: God is in control and no enemy can stand against him. This is as true in your life as it was for Old Testament Israel.

Weekend: Titus 3:9-15. What teachings and ideas that circulate among believers should you avoid as "unprofitable and worthless" according to v9? Instead you are called to be "fruitful" (v14) and help in cases of urgent need. How do you work these things out in your life?