

5 year Bible reading plan – week 8

Week 8 – 1/1/17

Monday: Matthew 4:1-11. When Satan tempted Jesus with partial truth, Jesus knew scripture well enough to remind himself of the truth. How well do you know your Bible and take steps to memorise important verses?

Tuesday: Genesis 8:1-22. Noah's first act upon coming out of the ark was one of sacrifice and worship. God's response was to promise never to judge the earth in this way again. Offer up your praise as a sacrifice to God today, and listen for his encouraging words of promise for your life.

Wednesday: Psalm 9:1-20. Whatever happens in our life, verses 9 & 10 remain true. Write them on a piece of paper and memorise them as a constant reminder of God's goodness. Take time to thank him for his faithfulness.

Thursday: Joshua 8:1-35. Keeping the plunder caused judgement last time round, but now God allows them to keep it (v2). What matters is not what we have, buy, or possess, but our attitude of surrender and obedience to God. Keep your heart and motives pure!

Friday: Romans 4:16-25. Key thought: "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed" (v18). Faith is not dependent upon natural reasons for hope. Instead it tends to flourish when natural hope is extinguished.

Saturday: Isaiah 7:1-25. Prophecy can have immediate and future meanings. In 734 BC, Judah's King is given a prophecy that a woman not yet married would give birth. The boy would still be a child when Ephraim & Aram were destroyed (in 722 BC). It also foretells the virgin birth 700 years later.