

5 year Bible reading plan – week 42

Week 42 - 27/8/17

Monday: Matthew 19:16-30. Remember that we are among those classed as rich in the world today, and also by the standards of the Bible! And as Jesus makes clear in verse 26, we cannot be saved except through a miracle of God, who delights to do the impossible! What other impossible things do you need him to do for you today?

Tuesday: Genesis 36:1-43. Jacob and Esau separated again, because there was insufficient grazing for all their animals (v7). God uses this practical necessity to fulfil the prophetic words spoken by their father Isaac when he gave the blessing of the firstborn to Jacob. God's blessings are always fulfilled but when Jacob was serving Laban, he probably couldn't imagine how it could be.

Wednesday: Judges 17:1-13. The constant theme of Judges is found again in verse 6. In rejecting God as their king, their only standard was their own ideas, as is evident in our world today. Remove God from your thinking and standards of right and wrong are easily changed. Pray that our nation turns back to God in repentance and faith.

Thursday: Proverbs 6:1-11. These verses give some good advice in two situations: when we are feeling trapped by a bad decision and when we are feeling lazy. What can you take as a good principle to apply in your life? Ask God to help you apply it.

Friday: Isaiah 41:1-14. Do you ever feel small and inadequate? Are you intimidated by the power of others? God reassured Israel when they felt like this, with words that also apply to us. Read verses 9-11 and verse 14 again. Ask God to replace your hesitancy with boldness.

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13. We are not to be judgmental or avoid contact with worldly people who are openly sinful, but if people profess faith, we are called to separate from them. Why do you think this is? What does it tell you about God's view of his Church?