

5 year Bible reading plan – week 47

Week 47 – 1/10/17

Monday: Matthew 22:1-14. This parable of the Kingdom, illustrates that salvation is open to all (vv9-10) but in order to enter into relationship with God, people must be clothed with the garments the King provides – His righteousness and not our own is required (v11). Pray for those you know who try to be acceptable to God without receiving Christ.

Tuesday: Genesis 41:1-40. Joseph's faithfulness in small things gave him an opportunity for greater service (vv 9-14). This is a principle in the New Testament also. How faithful are you in the small things in work or Church? You should not get bigger opportunities if you do not learn this lesson!

Wednesday: Ruth 1:1-22. Naomi's greatest influence was on her daughters-in-law. How she coped with tragedy led them both to a degree of faith, and Ruth became a real follower of Israel's God as a result. How good an influence are you on those who are nearest to you?

Thursday: Psalm 37:1-22. What does it mean for you to delight yourself in the Lord (v4)? When you love what he loves and enjoy what he enjoys, your heart's desire is sure to be granted!

Friday: Isaiah 45:1-25. This prophesy two centuries before Cyrus becomes the Leader of an Empire, speaks of this heathen King who was to be God's chosen instrument to facilitate the rebuilding of Jerusalem (v13). God's purposes are never foiled by politics or world changing situations – Pray for His purposes in our nation and in our world in these turbulent times.

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 8:1-6. Knowing and understanding truth or doctrine is less important than treating others with love according to verse 1. Just because you are clear on ethical issues, others need to be loved and helped whatever their level of understanding, whether about food dedicated to idols, or any other controversial subject.