

5 year Bible reading plan – week 48

Week 48– 8/10/17

Monday: Matthew 21:33-46. Who is the parable aimed at? (The answer is clear from v45.) Jesus popularity saved him from being arrested at this time, but he was making powerful enemies. But rejecting Jesus will always bring God's judgement (see v41).

Tuesday: Genesis 41:41-57. Joseph becoming second in command to Pharaoh is a real rags to riches story! Nobody could have predicted the change in his fortunes – but God's plans for our life will always come to pass – provided we are faithful to his word. Nobody but you can prevent God's purposes for your life being realised.

Wednesday: Ruth 2:1-23. In verse 11, Boaz meets the woman he had already heard about. Genuine faith and acts of kindness may be done without intending to draw attention to the individual, but will always be seen and noticed by someone, and will make an impact if you persevere.

Thursday: Proverbs 6:20-35. These verses give a number of reasons to avoid sexual involvements with people married to someone else. They are still as relevant today as they were in Old Testament days. Which one or two strike you as most appropriate in your culture today?

Friday: Isaiah 46:1-13. Idols and false gods cannot protect or give guidance as the God of the Bible does. Choose a verse that speaks to you and turn it into praise and thanksgiving to the Lord God.

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. These verses remind us that what may be sin to one person may be acceptable to others. We should not do anything that goes against our conscience, but nor should we make others comply with our standards – if necessary we should willingly lay aside our freedom so that others are not discouraged or led to do something that for them would be sin. What issues would these principles apply to in our culture?