<u>5 year Bible reading plan – week 53</u>

Week 53 - w/c 12/11/17

Monday: Matthew 24:1-14. Verse 12 is a challenging verse! Most believers will not remain passionate in their devotion to Jesus when difficulties and persecution arises. Pray that you will not be one of the many but remain one of the few who persevere in passionate, loving discipleship.

Tuesday: Genesis 46:1-34. Jacob was nervous about going to Egypt but God reassures him and makes him a promise in verses 2 & 3. The antidote to fear is always faith in God's promises. In the light of this, how can you deal with your fears and anxieties?

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 2:12-36. Treating the things of God with contempt is a "great" sin as verse 17 makes clear. While any sin however small, requires judgement and is only forgiven because Jesus died for us, nevertheless some sins are worse than others. Would this sin be a big one on your list? If not, do you need to bring yourself more into line with God's values?

Thursday: Psalm 40:1-17. Verses 1-3 are a summary of David's testimony and experience of God. Try and sum up your testimony and experience in four short sentences?

Friday: Isaiah 51:1-23. Re-read the passage slowly and ask God to imprint a verse on your heart. Then turn that verse into your personal prayer or expression of praise, as you talk to the Lord about it.

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1. This is very practical teaching for those who wanted to follow Jewish dietary laws in a non-Jewish environment, and about how Gentile and Jewish believers should relate to each other. Write out verse 24 and make it your motto today!