

## 5 year Bible reading plan – week 56

### **Week 56– w/c 3/12/17**

**Monday: Matthew 25:1-13.** This chapter contains three parables Jesus tells regarding his second coming and the future judgement. The key thought in the first is clear: “Be ready!” How are you living out v13 on a daily basis?

**Tuesday: Genesis 48:1-22.** The tribe of Ephraim became the largest tribe in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and Jacob foretells this in his prophetic blessing. In what way are you seeking to bless the generations which follow you?

**Wednesday: 1 Samuel 5:1-12.** To the religious, idol worshipping Philistines, God communicated his judgement in a way they understood, and could respond to. God always speaks to us in ways we can understand in our culture. How is he speaking to you today and what is he saying?

**Thursday: Psalm 42:1-43:5.** In both Psalms, during periods of depression and difficulty, the author comes to the same conclusion in the final verse. Write it out and place it in a place where you will read it, for when you are struggling spiritually.

**Friday: Isaiah 54:1-17.** The picture here is of God (a faithful husband) forgiving and restoring his faithless wife (Israel). In Gal 4:27 this promise is applied to Christians. Re-read the chapter and choose a promise that will be an encouragement to you today.

**Weekend: 1 Corinthians 12:1-20.** To not be ignorant about spiritual gifts (v1), we must understand the doctrine of baptism by the Spirit. It is the Spirit who baptizes us into the body when we are born again and become Christians. It is Jesus who baptizes us with the Spirit so that we can use spiritual gifts. In addition we should remember and apply the principle of v7. How will you put this into practice this weekend?