

## **Week 93 19/08/18**

**Mark 12:13-27-** Jesus stated that the coin belonged to Caesar because his image was stamped on it. We should give our self to God because His image is stamped on us (Genesis 5:1). Are you giving back to God what he deserves both financially and in praise?

**Exodus 34:1-35** Moses' relationship with God is so close his face shines and the people cannot look at him. Do you want to be so close to God that people can see it on your face? Use some of the attributes in v6-7 to praise God today.

**2 Samuel 8:1-18** v11 tells us that David dedicated everything he received from all the nations to the Lord. He knew that all the praise and glory belonged to God, not himself. Think about a recent success in your life, no matter how big or small, and turn this into praise to God.

**Proverbs 12:10-19** Several of these verses focus on lying and sinful talk. We all fall into the trap of using our words in a way that is not honouring God or others. Pray that your words will be wise and not reckless.

**Jeremiah 23:25-40** God still speaks to us today through prophetic words. We must test these words to ensure they are from God (see 1 Thes 5:19-22). Spend time listening to what God has to say to you today. Speak to your small group leader or one of the elders if you need help discerning/testing a word from God.

**Galatians 2:11-21** The faith Paul lived by was not faith in himself, faith in the law, or faith in what he could earn or deserve before God. It was faith in the Son of God, "who loved me and gave himself for me" (v20). Paul realises that this grace was not only for the salvation of the world but it was specifically for him. Have you claimed possession of this grace personally?

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**Week 95- 02/09/18**

**Mark 13:1-13** v12 speaks of a time of persecution. It is easy for us to underestimate how difficult a time of persecution could be. It was estimated that 165,000 Christians died for their faith in the year 2000 (Today's Martyrs, D. B. Barrett). Pray for the persecuted church today.

**Exodus 35:30-36:38** God called Bezalel and Oholiab by name. God equipped them with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit giving them the wisdom, understanding and knowledge needed to build the tabernacle. What has God called you to do? What are your God given skills and abilities?

**2 Samuel 10:1-19** In v12 Joab makes a great speech to the troops. He tells them to be strong and brave. These aren't matters of feelings, they are matters of choice. God gives us the strength we need in difficult situations. Joab was also aware that the outcome was in God's hands. Thank God that he has everything under control in your life.

**Psalms 74:1-23** Asaph wrote this psalm during a time of difficulty. He asks how God can be angry with his own people forever. He does not question the correctness of God's judgement but uses the question to appeal to the Father's heart. Praise God that he is a God who will never leave us nor forsake us (Deut 31:6)

**Jeremiah 25:1-14** v3-7 focus on the people not listening to Jeremiah, other prophets, and to God himself. This hardened disobedience provoked God to anger. Is there any evil way or evil practice in your life that you need to turn away from? Spend some time in repentance.

**Galatians 3:15-29** Paul uses the picture of baptism to illustrate what it means to have faith in Christ. Just as a person is immersed in water at baptism, when we put our faith in Christ we are immersed in Jesus. Are you fully immersed in Christ or are you just dipping your toe in? Are you demonstrating your commitment to Christ by making disciples (Matt 28:19-20)?