

Week 198 w/c 23/8/2020

Monday: John 13:1-17. V3 gives us an insight into why Jesus was willing to act as a household slave by washing the feet of the guests before the meal. He was secure in his knowledge of who he was and his relationship with his Father. How secure are you in your relationship with God? A test of this is whether or not you are willing to freely humble yourself to serve others without self-consciousness.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 15:1-23. List everything God reveals in this chapter about his attitude to the poor. One clear principle is that nobody should be overwhelmed by debt, and so there is a time when debts should be cancelled. Respond to God's word today. If you are in debt, seek help from a Debt charity. If you are not, find a way to put into practice verses 10 & 11 today.

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 8:1-18. Read v11 again. Solomon recognised that his choice to marry a woman who did not share his faith and beliefs made sharing some things impossible. He disobeyed God's law by marrying outside of the faith and lived with the consequences of his sin. Pray for our youth and those in our church who are single, that they will not compromise as Solomon did.

Thursday: Proverbs 24:1-10. We are reminded in v6 of the need we all have for good advice. We need to have people we can turn to who can give us advice in different areas of our lives. Choose your advisors carefully. Different people have different areas of expertise. Choose the right people for the right advice in a specific area. Thank God for those who have helped you in the past.

Friday: Hosea 5:1-15. Hosea's private life reflected God's relationship with Israel. He loved them despite their wrong behaviour. Even his judgement expressed in verses 14 & 15 was an expression of love to restore Israel to a right response to God. Read verse 15 again. Do you turn to him in your times of disobedience and misery?

Weekend: Hebrews 13:15-25. What do these verses teach you about praise and worship, doing good to others, your attitude to leaders, and how to pray? Which of these truths do you need to develop and work on most at this time? Ask God to help you apply what you have learned in your life.