

Bible Readings Book by Book week 123 – w/c 11/3/24

Week 123

Monday: 1 Chronicles 4:1-43. In a long list of names, we are only given details about one man's individual prayer and experience, Jabez (vv9-10). His prayer comes out of a difficult past life (his name means "pain"). No matter what past difficulties we face we can experience God's blessing, growth, guidance, protection, and freedom, as Jabez did.

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 5:1-26 Reuben was the first son to be born to Israel (Jacob) by his wife Leah. There were special benefits for the oldest son. He would get twice as much as the other sons on the death of their father. And he would become the leader of the family. But Reuben lost those benefits because of his sin. There are consequences to our sin. Read Romans 6:20-23. Praise God for the gift of eternal life.

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 6:1-81. In verses 31 & 32 the ministry of the musicians is in focus. One of these musicians is Asaph (v39) who served at the right hand of the main worship Leader, Heman. He was also responsible for composing some of the Psalms used in worship (e.g. Psalm 50, 73-83). Obviously, music was important in Old Testament worship. How helpful is it to you in your personal devotions?

Thursday: 1 Chronicles 7:1-40 These verses record how many fighting men were ready for battle in each tribe. They were trained for battle and were looking for victory. We are in a spiritual battle. Our vision statement says that we are an army of passionate disciples. Are you fighting at the frontline or are you lounging back at base camp expecting others to fight the battle for you?

Friday: 1 Chronicles 8:1 - 9:1. In the long lists of names, there are brief comments inserted that can help us grasp a spiritual point. See for example, verses 6, 8, 28, 40. But note especially 9:1, where the reason for the people named being taken into captivity is given. How does "faithfulness" and "unfaithfulness" show itself among Christians today?

Weekend: 1 Chronicles 9:2-44 There was definite organisation and division of labour among the Levites. This was so there was no running to and fro in disorder, no clashing in duty, no jealousy of each other's ministry. It was enough to know that each had been appointed to his task and was asked to be faithful to it. What service has God called you to within the church?