

## Week 190 w/c 28/6/20

**Monday: John 10:1-21.** In these verses we have two more of the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus in this gospel. He is “the gate for the sheep” (v7) as well as the “good shepherd” (v11). In this context he both protects the sheep and provides for their needs. In v 10 he makes it clear that an abundant life is available in him. Thank God for the blessings you have experienced as part of this full life.

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 7:1-26.** In v2 God tells the nation of Israel to destroy the nations they defeat completely. There were a number of reasons for this: Israel’s purity by not falling prey to false Gods, the terrible sinful behaviour of the heathen nations around. But remember also that the culture of that period was brutal, and God meets with us where we are and helps us become more godly.

**Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 1:1-17.** In verses 10 and 11, Solomon makes a good request of God, and asks for wisdom – but it was a political and earthly wisdom concerned with governing his people rather than a wisdom concerning his personal walk with God. Later in life he fails to maintain a walk with God. Be careful what you pray for!

**Thursday: Psalm 119:161-168.** In v164, the psalmist says he praises God “seven times a day”. He probably used the number to indicate a repeated indefinite number, to emphasise that his whole life was filled with daily expressions of worship. How good are you at expressing an attitude of praise all day long?

**Friday: Daniel 8:1-27.** The emotional strain of a call to ministry can be exhausting. In v27, the vision and it’s meaning appalled Daniel, and left him emotionally drained. He knew he needed to rest before continuing to serve the King. Do you have a good balance between work and rest, activity and recovery, serving others and caring for yourself?

**Weekend: Hebrews 10:1-18.** Consider v 18. Where sin has been forgiven, no sacrifice for sin is required. Jesus’ sacrifice once and for all was adequate and we do not need regular sacrifices to bring us forgiveness. When he proclaimed on the cross “It is finished!”, Jesus meant it! That sacrifice was enough. Write down everything this chapter teaches about sacrifices for sin, and praise God for his sacrifice for us!