

Week 194 w/c 26/07/2020

Monday: John 11:45-57. Caiaphas believed he could justify the death of Jesus, because of the possible threat which the Romans posed to the nation of Israel. He was suggesting that the ends can justify the means. But through his wrong behaviour, God fulfils his purpose, and Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 11:1-32. The warning that God gave Israel in v16 is appropriate for us also. What “gods” are enticing to you? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize anything that could take the central place in your life that should only ever be reserved for Jesus.

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 5:1-14. Verse 13 includes one of the defining phrases that reveals the nature of God. “He is good and his love endures forever” appears 8 times in the Old Testament. Write the phrase out, and memorise it. We need to remember the character of God, especially in difficult times when we face life’s struggles.

Thursday: Psalm 122:1 - 123:4. These are called “songs of ascents” in their titles. In other words, they would have been sung as people ascended the temple mount to worship. What phrases in these psalms are useful to you as you prepare your heart to praise God?

Friday: Daniel 11:36 - 12:13. Daniel 12:3 makes a promise to “those who are wise and who lead many to righteousness.” It is an act of wisdom to share your faith and pray for those who are not yet believers. Which non-Christians are you praying for? How do you show your wisdom in seeking to move others nearer to Jesus?

Weekend: Hebrews 11:32-40. The people in Old Testament days accomplished much by faith in God, and these verses list their exploits. They received some promises, but v39 says that there was at least one that could not be fulfilled without us being part of it also: the promise of Christ’s Kingdom being established on earth, and of them and us being raised to eternal life.