

Week 201 w/c 13/9/2020

Monday: John 14:15-31 Why did Jesus emphasise the relationship between loving Him and obeying Him? How will you be obedient this week? Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit and for giving us peace that surpasses all understanding.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 18:1-22 In this passage Moses is promising the coming of a Prophet from the midst of the Israelites. This not only meant that the Prophet would be from Israel but that he would be a man of the people. People sought this Prophet in Jesus' day. Some thought it was John the Baptist but clearly the Prophet was Jesus. How do you discern if a prophetic word is from God?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 11:1-23 Rehoboam sought to strengthen his kingdom by building up his defences. He succeeded in part but he neglected the spiritual things necessary to strengthen his kingdom. The true strength of Judah was due to godly men and women from the northern kingdom migrating to the southern kingdom. How can you build up your spiritual defences? Read Ephesians 6:10-17

Thursday: Proverbs 24:11-22 How do you react when your "enemy" falls? We are called to love our enemy as ourselves. Spend time praying for those who have hurt you. Verse 21 says that we are to fear God and the king. Earthly rulers deserve our respect and honour. Pray for our government as they continue to make difficult decisions for the wellbeing of our nation.

Friday: Hosea 8:1-14 The House of the Lord refers to the nation of Israel for the people were God's dwelling place. The eagle represents the Assyrian army which was about to swoop down and destroy Israel because the leaders weren't seeking God's will in their decisions. The concept of sowing and reaping is used often in Scripture. What are you trying to sow now? What are you hoping to reap?

Weekend: James 2:1-13 The way we behave toward people indicates what we really believe about God. How does this passage compare to 1 John 4:20? On what basis do you tend to judge people? How does this compare with how Jesus sees people?