

## Week 204 w/c 4/10/20

**Monday: John 16:1-16.** Jesus is the Son who is going to the Father (v10) and who owns all that belongs to the Father (v15). The Spirit will share with us what Jesus has for us (v15). Do you recognize the God who exists as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Which person of the Trinity do you most need to develop a deeper understanding of?

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 21:1-23.** These verses are very practical laws for a new and uncivilized nation in very violent days. But even in the midst of these laws written 1500 years before Jesus came there is a hint of his presence in v23 which is quoted in Galatians 3:13. Read this New Testament verse and give thanks to God for all he has done for us.

**Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 14:1-15.** Asa's prayer in v11, gives us an insight into his understanding of God's nature. When you feel powerless in the face of overwhelming odds do you exercise a similar faith? How does understanding God's nature encourage our faith?

**Thursday: Proverbs 24:23-34.** Verses 30-34 teach a clear and simple truth. Can you summarise what it is in a single phrase? You might want to put it something like this: "We should work hard if we want to prosper." Is your summary similar? Get rich quick schemes are not God's way! The Bible encourages us to work hard and expect him to bless our efforts.

**Friday: Hosea 11:1-12.** This is one of the clearest Old Testament passages revealing God's love for Israel, but it has a wider application to all people. How did Israel (and other people) respond to God's love? (See verses 2, 3 and 7). How have you experienced God's love and how have you responded to him, before you came to believe and since?

**Weekend: James 3:13-18.** Write down a list of everything in these verses that are characteristic of wisdom. Are these things evident in your life? If so you are wise by God's standards. This is a clear way of understanding who is wise or not – it is seen in their behaviour, not in their apparent learning or knowledge. Wisdom is more than head knowledge – it is also good deeds carried out with humility. (v13)