

Week 206 – w/c 18/10/20

Monday: John 17:1-12. This is one of the great prayers of the Bible. Which verse stands out for you as Jesus prays for himself and for his disciples (which includes us, if v3 is true of us)? How will you respond today to what God says to you through the verse that speaks to you?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 23:1-25. Slavery was common in the culture of the day (around 1500BC). But Israel had a different approach to slavery, and this is partly indicated by vv15,16. In what ways do you stand out against the culture of our day, and show a different standard because you belong to Christ?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 16:1-14. God is on the lookout for those who are showing wholehearted commitment to him, according to verse 9. Are you on his radar today, because you fit the bill or are there things you need to turn away from (repent of) to put Jesus first?

Thursday: Psalm 136:1-26. One thing is very clear from this Psalm – God’s love endures forever! It is emphasised because we often need truth to be drummed into us, as we are prone to forget basic principles that we already know and are convinced about, in the daily grind and difficulties of life. Praise God for this reminder of his character today.

Friday: Hosea 13:1-16. v6 is speaking of Ephraim as a nation, but it is also often true of us. When God blesses us we can become proud and complacent, forgetting all that he has done for us. We can think of people who once walked with God and have turned aside, becoming distracted by lesser things. Let that never be true of you or me!

Saturday: James 4:13 - 5:6. What little luxuries do you enjoy? V5 is a big challenge here for many of us. “Luxury and self-indulgence” are never viewed favourably in the Bible. List your self-indulgences and luxuries and examine your heart. Ask yourself if your attitude is right, and ask God to help you understand what are things you can enjoy as a generous gift from him, and what you should be laying aside in order to keep a right heart attitude before him.