

Bible Readings Book by Book week 31 – w/c 5/6/22

Week 31

Monday: Leviticus 11:1-28. The reason behind the clean and unclean animals is not made clear, although some suggestions are sometimes put forward. One thing that is clear is that animals which could not be sacrificed in worship could not be included in the clean list of foods. In other words, we should never be involved with anything that we cannot offer up as a sacrifice of worship.

Tuesday: Leviticus 11:29 - 12:8. In general it can be said that these food laws protected Israel from bad diet, dangerous vermin, and communicable diseases. Some Christians still believe that we should follow a kosher diet but this issue was dealt with once and for all in Acts 15 (see Acts 15:29). What is your relationship to food? Do you exercise self-discipline as Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27?

Wednesday: Leviticus 13:1-28. The priest in the Old Testament period had great power in determining who was allowed to worship in the temple and who wasn't, because they were "unclean". We have one Great Priest, Jesus, who declares us clean to enter God's presence once we come to him in faith. What he declares as clean, nobody else can dispute, and even our own feelings and inadequacies are overruled.

Thursday: Leviticus 13:29-59 This chapter talks about the defiling skin disease leprosy. Leprosy is much like sin. It begins as nothing. It is painless in its first stages. It grows slowly. It often remits for a while and then returns. It numbs the senses –one cannot feel in the afflicted area. It causes decay and deformity. It gives a person a repulsive appearance. Do you have a habitual sin you need to repent of?

Friday: Leviticus 14:1-32. In verse 14 the believer was anointed first with blood on the ear, the thumb, and the big toe, and later with oil also. This symbolised that what we hear and think, what we do, and where we go, need anointing by blood and oil. Are all these areas of your life surrendered to Christ's blood and forgiveness, as well as to the oil of the Holy Spirit's anointing for service?

Weekend: Leviticus 14:33-57 Among the explanations of how to cleanse from defiling mould there is a glimmer of hope in verse 34 where the Lord tells Moses and Aaron that he is giving the land of Canaan to them as their possession. God is a God of provision. Praise God for his generous provision to you.