

Bible Readings Book by Book week 32 – w/c 12/6/22

Week 32

Monday: Leviticus 15:1-33. Our sexuality and sexual experience matter as verses 32-33 make clear. Sex in any form should be treated with a degree of dignity and “cleanness”, and in Israel involved a physical, medical and spiritual response. God is concerned about every area of our life, and nothing is hidden from his view. Are there areas of your life that you have not brought into line with his principles?

Tuesday: Leviticus 16:1-17 Aaron sprinkled blood on the mercy seat to “cover over” the sins of Israel. The Hebrew word for atonement is Kipper, which means “to cover”. Sin was not removed but covered over by the blood. The NT idea of atonement is that our sin is not merely covered, but removed, so there is no barrier between God and man any longer. Praise God that your sin has been removed.

Wednesday: Leviticus 16:18-34. One day in seven was a rest day, a Sabbath, when no work was done, but the time was given to rest and worship. But there were other “Sabbath days” (v31) and this annual day of Atonement was one of them. We no longer slavishly follow the Old Testament laws, but the principle of resting and giving time to worship still stands. We should make time for rest and worship weekly as well as on special “holy days” as well. Do you plan these into your agenda? Will you start today?

Thursday: Leviticus 17:1-16 This respect for the blood of animals should make us consider how we regard the blood of Jesus. If, under the Old Covenant, the blood of animals was to be respected, what of the precious blood of Jesus which makes a New Covenant? Thank God for the Jesus’ blood shed for us at the cross.

Friday: Leviticus 18:1-30. God’s word in v30 to Moses and Israel is clear: “I am the Lord your God”. It is a simple matter of faith, trusting that he has a reason for things we may not always fully understand. How does this apply in your life at the present time?

Weekend: Leviticus 19:1-37. 15 times in this chapter, God declared that He is the LORD – the one with the right to tell us what to do. This is something that God expected ancient Israel to respect and expects His modern-day followers to also respect. Do you struggle with the command to love your neighbour as yourself? Ask God for the compassion to love others as He loves us.