

Bible Readings Book by Book week 33 – w/c 19/6/22

Week 33

Monday: Leviticus 20:1-27. When God's people live in a way that is inappropriate, his holiness is affected. He calls us to holiness and purity in order to reflect his character to a world that is out of touch with him. What areas of your life and character need to be "cleaned up" in order that God's standards are evident to those around you?

Tuesday: Leviticus 21:1-24 God wanted to teach the priests 2 things in this passage. Firstly, God wanted the priests to know that He set them apart to be holy, it wasn't something that they did themselves. Secondly, in order to perform their tasks, they needed to remain undefiled. With higher privilege came higher responsibility. Do you see your ministry as service or as a right to have status?

Wednesday: Leviticus 22:1-33. When animal sacrifices were offered in the temple as worship in the Old Testament, they had to be unblemished and in good health. It was never acceptable to offer up animals of least value. So Jesus Christ offered himself as the most valuable offering, to bring us forgiveness, and our response in worship should reflect our generous, best and extravagant offerings.

Thursday: Leviticus 23:1-22 These offerings may sound strange to us but the idea of giving your first fruits to the Lord remains. Is tithing a priority to you? Do you give God the first fruits of your income or do you give God your spare change? Verse 22 speaks of leaving some of the harvest to support the poor and the foreigner. Pray for the work of CAP supporting those in debt, and Oasis Food Pantry, supporting people on low incomes with food.

Friday: Leviticus 23:23-44. The feast of tabernacles reminded Israel of the way they camped after leaving Egypt. In fact, their faith focussed around the central historical act which gave them their identity - the Exodus from Egypt. For Christians, our focus and identity is found in the historical events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and we must constantly remind ourselves of this fact.

Weekend: Leviticus 24:1-23 Many people have taken "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" as a command but God intended it as a limit so no man or judge could make up their own punishment. Compare these verses to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:38-42. How do you react when someone wrongs you? Are you prepared to go the extra mile?