

Bible Readings Book by Book week 53 – w/c 6/11/22

Week 53

Monday: Numbers 24:1-25. Although Balaam could not prophecy against Israel, Rev 2:14 makes clear the private advice that he gave to Balak. Presumably this is because of Balak's response to him in v11 of our reading today. What would it take for you to be tempted to compromise your Christian principles, because of personal gain, or career, or financial reward, or status?

Tuesday: Numbers 25:1-18 Phinehas wouldn't stand for the sin of the people. He was a man after God's own heart, he was zealous for the honour of his God. Do you turn a blind eye to your own sin or the sins of others? Ask God to break your heart for what breaks his. How will you respond to this?

Wednesday: Numbers 26:1-65. A whole generation had rebelled against God and had died in the desert. This second census shows their numbers decreased slightly as a result, and of the older generation, only Joshua and Caleb were allowed to enter the promised land. God takes disobedience to him seriously. Do you?

Thursday: Numbers 27:1-23 After hearing of his coming fate, Moses does not try to talk God out of it or complain – his only concern seems to be for the people. Moses didn't want the people to be like sheep without a shepherd. Sheep without a shepherd face constant danger, and they are never led to where they should be. Praise God that he is the Good Shepherd. Pray for Alan and David as they lead our congregation.

Friday: Numbers 28:1-31. The daily offerings were acts of worship prepared for carefully. There was a set time, specific offerings and all had to be without any defects or blemishes. No sub-standard or second-rate offerings were allowed! Do you prepare as well for your worship times with God? Do you give him only your very best?

Weekend: Numbers 29:1-40 The sacrifice of so many animals was a demonstration of the richness of God's provision to the Israelites through the years in the wilderness. Significantly, none of it was enough! Not one of these hundreds of thousands of sacrifices over the centuries could ever take away a person's sin; that had to wait until a perfect sacrifice was offered – the sacrifice of Jesus.