

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 64 – w/c 22/1/23**

### **Week 64**

**Monday: Deuteronomy 4:1-24** According to verse 7, God draws near to us whenever we pray to him. Whether you sense his presence or not, the truth is that whenever we seek his face, he is near. What hinders your experience of God in this place of prayer?

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 4:25-49** At the beginning of this passage God warns the Israelites what will happen if they disobey him. Verses 29-31 give us hope that even when we turn our backs on God, we can still return to him. God is a merciful God and if we seek him with all our heart and soul, we will find him. The evidence of this is that we will obey God. Praise God that he will not abandon us.

**Wednesday: Deuteronomy 5:1-33.** It is important to remember that each generation must face up to God's commandments and principles, and so Moses reminds them that this Covenant was being made with them and not just their ancestors (v3). Have you rejected principles that previous generations held on to which you should re-examine?

**Thursday: Deuteronomy 6:1-25** See v5. Jesus called this the great commandment (Matthew 22:37-38). He said the second commandment, love your neighbour as yourself, was like this first, great commandment. When we love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we will find it easy to love our neighbour as ourselves. Show your adoration to God in your worship time today.

**Friday: Deuteronomy 7:1-26.** In v2 God tells the nation of Israel to destroy the nations they defeat completely. There were a number of reasons for this: Israel's purity by not falling prey to false Gods, the terrible sinful behaviour of the heathen nations around. But remember also that the culture of that period was brutal, and God meets with us where we are and helps us become more godly.

**Weekend: Deuteronomy 8:1-20** Moses is warning the Israelites to not become proud. He is encouraging them to look back to how God has blessed them and looked after them in the wilderness. In times of abundance it is easy to forget God, or at least to no longer seek him with the urgency we do in times of trial. How do you remain humble? What spiritual disciplines do you use to keep focused on God?