

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 65 – w/c 29/1/23**

### **Week 65**

**Monday: Deuteronomy 9:1-29.** We must not imagine that God's blessing is a reward for our righteousness. It clearly wasn't for Israel (verses 5-6) and isn't for us either. God's gifts are a result of goodness and generosity – he gives us what we don't deserve when we come to him in trusting faith.

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 10:1-22** See verses 17-19. V17 focuses on the character of God. God calls us to show justice, compassion and reverence (v18-19) because this demonstrates aspects of His character. Our service and obedience to God shows our grateful response to God's goodness to us. How can you show justice, compassion and reverence this week?

**Wednesday: Deuteronomy 11:1-32.** The warning that God gave Israel in v16 is appropriate for us also. What "gods" are enticing to you? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize anything that could take the central place in your life that should only ever be reserved for Jesus.

**Thursday: Deuteronomy 12:1-32** In this passage we are not only told to worship God, but we are to rejoice before the Lord your God. This is also commanded in the New Testament. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4) We may not always feel like rejoicing, but we are commanded to do so. How can you rejoice before the Lord your God today?

**Friday: Deuteronomy 12:32 - 13:18.** God commands Israel to "be careful and follow" the law and directions that he gave. Do you take God's commandments seriously? How important to you is it to understand God's word and apply it completely in your life? Is any change of attitude required here?

**Weekend: Deuteronomy 14:1-29** Tithing is a Biblical principle. The purpose is to build an honour and reverence to God. The paraphrase in the Living Bible puts it plainly: The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives (verse 23b). Do you give back to God the first and the best of what he has given to you? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9.