

Bible Readings Book by Book week 66 – w/c 5/2/23

Week 66

Monday: Deuteronomy 15:1-23. List everything God reveals in this chapter about his attitude to the poor. One clear principle is that nobody should be overwhelmed by debt, and so there is a time when debts should be cancelled. Respond to God's word today. If you are in debt, seek help from a Debt charity. If you are not, find a way to put into practice verses 10 & 11 today.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 16:1-22 For the first Passover unleavened bread was a necessity because there was no time to allow dough to rise. But the Feast of Unleavened Bread, following Passover, continued to be important. Leaven (yeast) was a picture of sin and corruption, because of the way a little leaven would influence a whole lump of dough. How can you stop the spread of sin? Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 17:1-20. The first verse of the chapter emphasises a clear principle: our worship and offerings to God must be the best we can give, and we certainly must not give him our “leftovers” or anything flawed. In your praise and worship do you always give of your very best? What needs to change to ensure this is the case today?

Thursday: Deuteronomy 18:1-22 In this passage Moses is promising the coming of a Prophet from the midst of the Israelites. This not only meant that the Prophet would be from Israel but that he would be a man of the people. People sought this Prophet in Jesus' day. Some thought it was John the Baptist but clearly the Prophet was Jesus. How do you discern if a prophetic word is from God?

Friday: Deuteronomy 19:1-21. In an uncivilized and violent society, God brought justice to the newly formed nation of Israel, setting up cities of refuge for those who were guilty of manslaughter, but not of premeditated murder, and requiring more than one witness to convict before a judge (v15). These Bible principles helped shape our national laws. Today, thank God for Christian principles that are still in evidence and pray where they are being eroded.

Weekend: Deuteronomy 20:1-20 Israel was a small nation surrounded by great empires. When they went into battle they were faced with armies of superior numbers and equipment. But God told them not to fear when they entered battle as He would be with them. God didn't ask them to have blind faith, He had already delivered them from Egypt. Where have you seen evidence of God's faithfulness in your life?