

Bible Readings Book by Book week 67 – w/c 12/2/23

Week 67

Monday: Deuteronomy 21:1-23. These verses are very practical laws for a new and uncivilized nation in very violent days. But even in the midst of these laws written 1500 years before Jesus came there is a hint of his presence in v23 which is quoted in Galatians 3:13. Read this New Testament verse and give thanks to God for all he has done for us.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 22:1-30 Each of these laws in vs 9-12 were meant to separate Israel from her pagan neighbours, who would commonly combine unlike things to achieve a “magical” combination. In a similar way Paul warns us we shouldn’t be “yoked together with unbelievers” (2 Cor 6:14). This can apply to any area in our lives that we let the world influence our thinking. How can you avoid this?

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 23:1-25. Slavery was common in the culture of the day (around 1500BC). But Israel had a different approach to slavery, and this is partly indicated by vv15,16. In what ways do you stand out against the culture of our day, and show a different standard because you belong to Christ?

Thursday: Deuteronomy 24:1-22 See v18 If Israel kept remembering how much God had done for them, it would make them more compassionate and fair in dealing with others. We must always deal with others remembering how much God has blessed and forgiven us. How can you put this into practice today?

Friday: Deuteronomy 25:1-19. There was a legal system instituted in Israel where all the people could take disputes. In our Society today, the law is very biased towards rich corporations and wealthy people. Ordinary people and the poor cannot afford the costs involved. Pray that justice might be available to all in our society and that the rule of law will be maintained in our nation.

Weekend: Deuteronomy 26:1-19 Firstfruit giving obviously honoured the Lord, because it gave the Lord His portion off the top before any was used for one’s self. Verse 11 says that we should rejoice in all the good things that God has given us. What is your attitude to giving to God? Do you give from your firstfruits or from what you have left? Do you give with a grateful heart?