

Bible Readings Book by Book week 71 – w/c 12/3/23

Week 71

Monday: Joshua 9:1-27. Sometimes it is easier just to do our own thing, as to enquire of the Lord could take time, effort and energy. What do you feel the Israelites would say to us from what they learnt?

Tuesday: Joshua 10:1-15. Joshua felt obliged to respond to the Gibeonites request, because he had made a treaty with them, even if in error. Do you take your promises as seriously, even when you made them rashly or by mistake?

Wednesday: Joshua 10:16-43. This was a turbulent point in history, and to be secure in the middle of such warfare demanded that Israel fought to create space to live. What battles do you need to fight and with God's help win if you are to be spiritually secure?

Thursday: Joshua 11:1-23. Although Joshua was outnumbered, on unfamiliar turf and ill-equipped to face such a vast army, he did not give up, but listened to the instruction of the Lord, keeping to every word that was spoken, bringing victory to Israel.

Friday: Joshua 12:1 - 13:7. Joshua 12 lists all the Kings and people that Joshua defeated, but 13:1 reveals that his work was not completed. It is right to celebrate past success, but we must never become complacent about the things that God still wants us to achieve.

Weekend: Joshua 13:8-33. The land was divided between all the tribes except Levi. Their inheritance was a privileged relationship with God rather than land. Relationships matter more than possessions and a relationship with God is the most valuable of all.