

Bible Readings Book by Book week 83 – w/c 4/6/23

Week 83

Monday: Judges 19:1-30. When you think our nation is in a moral mess, consider the desperate state of Israel during the time of the judges! Attitudes to women, to homosexuals, to justice are all shown to be appalling at that time. Take time to thank God for the good aspects of our culture and society.

Tuesday: Judges 20:1-48. The low moral state in the nation is evident here as well as the violence of the culture at that time. The civil war that takes place seems in part to be God's way of judging and cleaning up the culture. What would Jesus condemn in our culture if he returned now?

Wednesday: Judges 21:1-25. The Israelites realized that some provision had to be made for the tribe of Judah. When you look at the way they handled this, do you think it was right? What do you do when faced with a major decision and how much does God feature in your plans?

Thursday: Ruth 1:1-22. Naomi's greatest influence was on her daughters-in-law. How she coped with tragedy led them both to a degree of faith, and Ruth became a real follower of Israel's God as a result. How good an influence are you on those who are nearest to you?

Friday: Ruth 2:1-23. In verse 11, Boaz meets the woman he had already heard about. Genuine faith and acts of kindness may be done without intending to draw attention to the individual, but will always be seen and noticed by someone, and will make an impact if you persevere.

Weekend: Ruth 3:1-18. In these few verses we see God's protection and provision. We see an image of the "corner" of the garment, meaning "wings", that we are under God's wings. The second, "Don't go back empty-handed", is an image of God's provision for Naomi. Thank God for his protection and provision in your life.