

Bible Readings Book by Book week 89 – w/c 16/7/23

Week 89

Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34. Read v33 again. Mixing with people who deny the resurrection is ok, but spending too much time with such people is not helpful. We need a balance of relationships. Have you got the balance right? List those who encourage your faith, who you encourage in faith, and who are non-Christians you are trying to reach and pray for them.

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58. The facts about our spiritual or heavenly body and life after death are intended to encourage us, resulting in the final verse of the chapter (verse 38). What does it mean for you to “stand firm” in your current circumstances? What things might “move you”? Are you really aware that whatever you do for the Lord “is not in vain”? What difference should this make in your daily life and service?

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 16:1-12. In this chapter, although Paul is focusing on the specific needs of the poor saints in Jerusalem who had suffered personal loss due to persecution, what underlying principle does he give to the church when it comes to gathering its financial resources for the implementation of the work of God?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24. Which of Paul’s concluding exhortations in verses 13 and 14 do you most need to apply in your life: “Be on your guard”? “Stand firm in the faith”? “Have courage”? “Be strong”? “Do everything in love”?

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:1-28. Look again at verse 13. Prayer usually involves speaking out our words to God, and this is the only occasion where silent prayer is specifically mentioned. Eli’s reaction shows how unusual this was. Do you follow the Bible’s practice of praying out loud?

Weekend: 1 Samuel 2:1-11. Hannah had been ridiculed for her barrenness but she had remained faithful, trusting in God’s power and sovereignty. To what degree do you trust in your own strength instead of depending on God’s?