

Bible Readings Book by Book week 90 – w/c 23/7/23

Week 90

Monday: 1 Samuel 2:12-36. Treating the things of God with contempt is a “great” sin as verse 17 makes clear. While any sin however small, requires judgement and is only forgiven because Jesus died for us, nevertheless some sins are worse than others. Would this sin be a big one on your list? If not, do you need to bring yourself more into line with God’s values?

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-21. Verse 1 sets the scene for all that follows. Samuel’s experience was unusual, as few were in tune with God’s voice at that time. If you summed up the experience of God’s people in Britain today in a phrase, what would it be?

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:21 – 4:22. We can learn a very valuable lesson from the defeats that the Israelites faced: 1. Instead of seeking God’s leadership, they made their own decisions. 2. They only turned to God when things were going bad. 3. They treated the Ark of the Covenant like a good luck charm. At what stage do you call on God in difficult moments?

Thursday: 1 Samuel 5:1-12. To the religious, idol worshipping Philistines, God communicated his judgement in a way they understood, and could respond to. God always speaks to us in ways we can understand in our culture. How is he speaking to you today and what is he saying?

Friday: 1 Samuel 6:1 - 7:1. The people of Beth Shemesh want the ark to bring blessing without honouring the holiness of the God it represented (v20). When God blesses us there should always be a response from us that honours him and seeks to reflect his purity. How true is this in your life?

Weekend: 1 Samuel 7:1-17. The Israelites gained a victory over the Philistines at Mizpah. What did they do that we can apply to our own life and circumstances?