

Bible Readings Book by Book week 111 – w/c 17/12/23

Week 111

Monday: 1 Kings 8:31-66. There was an evangelistic motive behind the building of the temple as seen in verse 60. All of our worship and outward demonstration to God must have this thought behind it along with the twin thought found in the next verse – to live wholeheartedly for the Lord Jesus. Are both these elements evident in your life?

Tuesday: 1 Kings 9:1-28 In this chapter God answers Solomon's prayer from Chapter 8. The answer includes a condition. God will bless Solomon and Israel if he walks in faithfulness and obedience like his father David. David's walk was not perfect. God does not expect us to be perfect but he does want us to walk in faithfulness and obedience. Praise God for your answered prayers.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-29. When two of the richest rulers in the world meet no expense is spared. The amount of gold mentioned in v14 would be equivalent to over 250 million pounds today! Yet we are reminded that Jesus is greater than Solomon. The wealth he shares with us is more precious than silver or gold, and the honour due to him is greater than that offered to the richest and most influential of world leaders. How can you honour him adequately today?

Thursday: 1 Kings 11:1-43 Like David, Solomon had a weakness. This chapter talks about his many wives but his weakness was more related to wealth and power. Marrying foreign wives from royal families was a way to create alliances. Solomon needed to build places for his wives to worship their gods but he also started to worship these gods. One act of disobedience leads to more disobedience.

Friday: 1 Kings 12:1-33. Rehoboam's bad decisions caused a split in the nation. Half called themselves Israel and rejected him as King while half remained loyal. The root problem was clear in v8. He listened and took advice from the wrong people. Who is your main source of advice? Do you listen to those who have a track record of wisely influencing others or make the mistake of only listening to unproven ideas?

Weekend: 1 Kings 13:1-34. In v18 the old prophet lied to the man of God. The man of God followed his own desires because he was hungry. He continued to eat even after the old prophet told him he would not be buried in the tomb of his ancestors. We must weigh prophecy against the Word of God. God does not contradict Himself. Do you seek the will of God or do you let your desires rule your life?