

One Year Bible – Week 45

Summary: Hebrews Reading

The book of Hebrews begins with explaining that Christ is supreme in every way. In our reading this week the author proclaims to his readers that Christ is greater than Moses. The author goes on to say that Jesus is our high priest; highest of all. In the middle of his discussion of Jesus and priesthood, the author warns the believers against falling away and reminds them of the security of hope in God.

Summary: Ezekiel Reading

The prophet Ezekiel was included in one of the first groups of Babylonian exiles. Therefore, as the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the people of Jerusalem, Ezekiel's role was God's messenger of judgment to the exiles of Babylon around the same time.

Ezekiel's message was one of destruction and restoration. It was God's judgment that Jerusalem would be destroyed, but his desire is for the restoration of his people into right relationship with him. Chapters 1-24 teach of God being revealed through the fall of Jerusalem. Chapters 25-32 teach of the nations knowing God through this judgment. Chapters 33-48 tell of God being known through his restoration and spiritual renewal of Israel.

Things to Look for and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- OT – “Then they will know that I am YHWH.” This phrase is repeated over and over again throughout the book of Ezekiel. God is delivering his message of judgment upon his people because they have turned from him. Yet he is not without purpose (Eze 14:23). Through it all God has one aim in mind: that they would know that he is YHWH. But this aim is not only that his people and the world would know of him, but that their knowledge would lead them to see and respond to his desire that they will be his people and he will be their God – in right relationship with one another.

Small Group Questions:

- 1) NT – Read Hebrews 4:12-13. This verse is often quoted about the Bible. Quickly list some observations about what this passage is saying about God's Word. What is the relevance of each of these observations? What do you think the author had in mind as this passage was being

written? How does this passage form what we think and practice in our faith regarding the truth of God and his Word? – Nov 2

- 2) OT – Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Why does this verse say we can hold firmly to our faith? How is this a reason for the firmness of our faith? According to verse 16, what can we expect as we approach the throne of grace? How does the verse say we are to approach the throne of grace? Why is this qualifier important? Why do you think the author uses the term “throne of grace?” What encouragement does this verse give you in living out your faith? – Nov 2
- 3) NT – Read Hebrews 6:10-12. What is this passage saying about God? What does this passage direct us as believers toward? How would you describe the difference between “diligence” (v 11) and “lazy” (v 12)? What does this difference look like in the way you live out your faith? – Nov 4
- 4) OT – Read Proverbs 27:7. How would you explain in your own words the meaning of this proverb? Do you think the proverb is talking more about what a person has or how a person perceives? Have you seen examples of this in your own life? How does the truth of this verse relate to people today regarding spirituality and interaction with a church community? – Nov 7

Journal the Psalms this week:

Read Psalm 104. In this Psalm the writer talks of God's creation and his sovereignty over it. The Psalmist begins and ends with the words “Praise YHWH.” When you read this Psalm, reflect upon your own experiences observing the creation of the world around you. What reactions do you have as you consider the creation around you (trees, grass, sky, etc.)? Journal your thoughts and your comments directed to God about the world around us. – Nov 1-2

Reading Schedule:

Eze = Ezekiel / Heb = Hebrews / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Nov 1 – Eze 1:1-3:15 / Heb 3:1-19 / Ps 104:1-23 / Pr 26:24-26
Nov 2 – Eze 3:16-6:14 / Heb 4:1-16 / Ps 104:24-35 / Pr 26:27
Nov 3 – Eze 7:1-9:11 / Heb 5:1-14 / Ps 105:1-15 / Pr 26:28
Nov 4 – Eze 10:1-11:25 / Heb 6:1-20 / Ps 105:16-36 / Pr 27:1-2
Nov 5 – Eze 12:1-14:11 / Heb 7:1-17 / Ps 105:37-45 / Pr 27:3
Nov 6 – Eze 14:12-16:42 / Heb 7:18-28 / Ps 106:1-12 / Pr 27:4-6
Nov 7 – Eze 16:43-17:24 / Heb 8:1-13 / Ps 106:13-31 / Pr 27:7-9