

One Year Bible – Week 43

Summary: 1 & 2 Timothy Reading

The first letter to Timothy continues with one of the key passages in Scripture describing the offices of church leadership as the church grew. (ch 3) The letter then ends with Paul giving advice to Timothy especially regarding how Christians are to live (money – ch 6) and relate to one another (Widows and elders – ch 5).

The second letter to Timothy is likely Paul's final letter. In this letter he writes a farewell address to Timothy as a passing of the torch.

Summary: Jeremiah Reading

The readings in Jeremiah begin with what is called the 'Book of Consolation' which is said to be the heart of the book (ch 31-33). Here Jeremiah proclaims God's promises of salvation for his people that will endure the exile. Then Jeremiah accounts the refusal of his words by the kings and the people of Judah (ch 34-36), and the events leading up to the fall and exile of Judah (ch 37-39).

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

- OT – "Give thanks to YHWH Almighty, for YHWH is good; his love endures forever." (Jer 33:11) Our God is mighty. He is good. His love endures forever. Even though God disciplines his people; even though we his people disregard God for moments and periods in our lives; yet still he is mighty – he is good – his love endures forever. Give thanks that we serve such a God. – Oct 19
- OT – The New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34). God introduces to his people a new covenant. No longer will the people be simply obliged to follow the law that is written on stone tablets (v 32-33). In the new covenant the law will be written on their hearts and they will know God in a more personal way (v 34). This passage is also referred to in the New Testament letter to the Hebrews 8:8-12 explaining why we no longer live by Old Testament regulations. For now, through Christ, God's law is written on our hearts. We know who God is and what he wants and the Holy Spirit dwells within us ever beckoning us closer to Christ.

Small Group Questions:

- 1) NT – Read 1Ti 3:1-13. Are these lists different from the normal expected qualities of being a Christian, why or why not? How would you summarize these lists of qualities for both the overseer (elder) and the deacon? Is there any emphasis given in this passage? If so, what does this indicate to us? Why do you think Paul addresses these at all – why is this passage important? – Oct 18
- 2) NT – Read 1Ti 6:3-10. What is v 6-10 talking about? What do you think Paul means by the words "contentment" in v 6? What exactly is v 10 saying about money? How would you explain the "trap" that Paul refers to in v 9? What does this trap look like in our lives today? Do you think it is possible for us living in a culture of prosperity to avoid this trap? If so, what can you do in the way you live your daily life to avoid falling into this trap? – Oct 21
- 3) NT – Read 2Ti 3:10-17. What does Paul say about persecution and believers in this passage? Why do you think he says this? What do Paul's words here about persecution indicate to us about what kind of life we can expect as a believer? What does Paul say about Scripture in this passage? What points does Paul make about the importance of Scripture (God's truth) in v 14-17? Explain in your own words the significance of this statement by Paul, "All Scripture is God breathed..." (v 16). – Oct 24

Journal the Psalms this week:

Psalms 91 begins: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." How well do you rest in God? Read the remainder of Psalm 91. What causes the Psalmist to be able to rest in God? What could help you rest in God more? What makes it difficult for us to rest in God? Journal your responses – Oct 22

Reading Schedule:

Jer = Jeremiah / 1 & 2Ti = 1 & 2Timothy / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Oct 18 – Jer 31:27-32:44 / 1Ti 3:1-16 / Ps 88:1-18 / Pr 25:20-22
Oct 19 – Jer 33:1-34:22 / 1Ti 4:1-16 / Ps 89:1-13 / Pr 25:23-24
Oct 20 – Jer 35:1-36:32 / 1Ti 5:1-25 / Ps 89:14-37 / Pr 25:25-27
Oct 21 – Jer 37:1-38:28 / 1Ti 6:1-21 / Ps 89:38-52 / Pr 25:28
Oct 22 – Jer 39:1-41:18 / 2Ti 1:1-18 / Ps 90:1-91:16 / Pr 26:1-2
Oct 23 – Jer 42:1-44:23 / 2Ti 2:1-21 / Ps 92:1-93:5 / Pr 26:3-5
Oct 24 – Jer 44:24-47:7 / 2Ti 2:22-3:17 / Ps 94:1-23 / Pr 26:6-8