

Bible Reading for Week of July 7, 2024

Monday, July 8 – 1 Samuel 12:1-18

In the first five verses, Samuel is appealing to his integrity and asking the people to testify whether or not he has been unfaithful in serving them. Why is it important for a servant of the Lord to be a person of integrity? How do verses 6-13 demonstrate the “integrity” and faithfulness of the Lord to His people? In the light of the Lord’s faithfulness, why is the people asking for another king described as a great wickedness (vs. 17)?

Tuesday, July 9 – 1 Samuel 12:19-25

The people appear to repent of their sin. How does Samuel call the people to live in the light of their repentance (see vs. 20-21 and 24)? What are the “empty things” in South Jersey today which are tempting professing Christians to turn away from the Lord? How can a sinful yet truly repentant people be encouraged that the Lord will not abandon them to the consequences of their sin? What will the Lord do for them (vs. 22)? What will Samuel do (vs. 23)?

Wednesday, July 10 – 1 Samuel 13:1-7

Compare the language used of the enemies of God’s people in verse 5 with the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 22:17. How does the description of the power and strength of the Philistines remind us that God’s Kingdom does not move forward without opposition? Describe the reaction of the people to this new threat. What is noticeably absent from their response? How is this scene similar to how God’s people are tempted to respond to the chariots, horsemen, and hordes of troops arrayed against the purposes of Christ today?

Thursday, July 11 – Hebrews 5:11-14

Why does the author say these things he has been speaking about were hard to understand for his original audience? What causes an individual to become “dull of hearing,” and how can we guard against it? Take time today to ask the Lord to show you where in your life you have become “dull” in your hearing of His Word.

Friday, July 5 – Hebrews 6:1-8

The author describes for us the individual who is a part of the people of God in an external way, yet is not a true believer. Is there anything about this list that stands out to you? Anything that is missing that is true of believers? Take time today to thank the Lord for granting you the gift of faith to believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

Saturday, July 6 – Hebrews 6:9-12

Though there is a real danger for those who are a part of the church to fall away, the author says he is confident of better things for his audience. What is it about their lives that indicates to him there is reason for confidence? What is the author’s desire for his audience, and how might we cultivate this same earnestness?