

Week 219 - w/c 17/1/21

Monday: Acts 1:12-26 Prayer plays a significant role in the story of the early church. In almost every chapter of the book of Acts you find a reference to prayer. The book of Acts makes it clear that something happens when God's people pray. How does faith in Christ affect our prayer lives? What answers to prayer have you had over the past year? Praise God for these answered prayers.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 In this passage Moses wasn't described as the Prince of Egypt or as a prophet or as a miracle worker. He is described as a servant of God. What are you doing to be a good and faithful servant of God?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36 Two consequences followed from these offerings. The first was to acknowledge that only God had made it all possible. The second was that everyone rejoiced (v36), in complete contrast with the situation with which they had begun. Rejoice in the Lord today. Put on some worship music and sing praises to God with gladness (v30).

Thursday: Proverbs 26:12-19 See v16. The sluggard has such a high opinion of himself that he doesn't put any effort into gaining wisdom as he thinks he is wise enough already. In v12 it says there is more hope for a fool than for a person who is wise in his own eyes. Do you ever fall into the trap of thinking you don't need to take advice? Spend time examining your heart today for signs of slothfulness.

Friday: Amos 9:1-15 God promised to take what was ruined and to repair and rebuild it. Sometimes God works in a completely new way, letting the old die and doing a work of new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17, Isaiah 43:19). Other times God works to raise up ruins and rebuild. Both are glorious works of the Lord! Spend time thanking God for the works of restoration you have seen in your life.

Weekend: 2 Peter 1:1-11 See v5-7 Peter tells us we need to make every effort to grow in faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. We cannot act passively and expect God to pour these gifts upon us. In what area do you need to put in more effort? Pray that God will strengthen you in this area.