

Week 226 - w/c 7/3/21

Monday: Acts 5:17-42. Peter's response here after he was filled with the Holy Spirit is very different from his denial of Jesus in the early hours before the Crucifixion. Look at the attitude of the apostles in v41. Do you feel as they did and react accordingly if someone speaks against your faith?

Tuesday: Job 7:1-21. Long nights (v4) and short days (v6) make Job's time of illness seem worse. Little wonder that he was depressed! How can you best encourage someone who you know who is struggling with illness today?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23. King Josiah walked with God, and yet in his last years, he was defeated in battle and died of his wounds. A godly life does not guarantee blessings throughout this life and there are things we do not understand about the ways and purposes of God. Consider v5. Did his father's death make Jehoiakim angry with God? We do not know, but we all know people who blame God for problems. Pray for them today!

Thursday: Psalm 149:1 - 150:6. These two short psalms are expressions of praise to God. List 5 things you want to praise God for, and tell him!

Friday: Micah 2:1-13. One of the dangers of prophecy is that we hear what we want to hear. That is exactly what the people of Micah's day wanted! Look at what he says in v11. We need to listen to God's voice even when the message we hear is not pleasant. Like any good father, God will not always give us what we want, but what we need. Thank him and commit yourself to accepting whatever comes into your life today.

Weekend: 1 John 2:1-14. Verse 1 is a tremendous encouragement to us. We are encouraged not to sin, but also to remember that if we fail, Jesus is able to bring forgiveness. We must never use forgiveness as an excuse to indulge in sin, but nor must we condemn ourselves if we fail. Jesus has the ear of our father and has already died for our sin! Thank God for such a great salvation.