

Bible Readings Week 228 - w/c 21/3/21

Monday: Acts 7:1-38. To answer the charge against him, Stephen reviews Israel's history. He respects Moses and what God did in the past but uses Moses' words to point them to the more recent work of God and the prophet (Jesus) God had sent (v37). Are you in danger of focusing on what God did, instead of what he is doing now?

Tuesday: Job 9:1-35. Job highlights the question mankind has often asked: "How can I know God?" The dilemma is clear in v32 – he is not on our level. We need a mediator (v33) who can bring us together, deal with our fear of judgement (v34), and allow us to speak freely with God(v35). Thank God we have such a mediator and his name is Jesus!

Wednesday: Ezra 2:1-70. Read again verses 66-70. This was quite a homecoming for the exiles! Even before they went to their own homes, many gave to re-build the temple. Restoring public worship mattered to them and they made it a high priority. How important is the Church and it's worship services to you? Is this reflected in your generosity?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18. Do you agree with the preacher's conclusion in v18? Why or why not? Ask God for more wisdom and a joyful relationship with Him.

Friday: Micah 4:1-13. Micah speaks about the last days (vv1-5) but "telescopes" into the same chapter details of Judah's exile to Babylon (v10). Sometimes when reading Old Testament prophecy, it can be hard to distinguish between the "near future" and the "far future". Thank God that he reveals our final destiny without always revealing our immediate future, which might cause us to fear.

Weekend: 1 John 2:28 - 3:10. V28 is a great prayer to pray for yourself. What do you need to continue in doing? What do you need to focus on so that you can be ready to stand before the Lord knowing that you have been obedient and faithful? If you are not sure, ask the Lord to reveal your next steps to you. Pray for strength to do whatever he asks.