

Bible Readings Week 232 - w/c 18/4/21

Monday: Acts 9:1-19 Ananias overcame his misgivings and fears to obey God and speak to Saul. If he had not, what do you think might have happened? If you had been Ananias, how would you have reacted to God's command? Do you obey God as easily or as quickly?

Tuesday: Job 13:1-28 In verse 24, Job asks why God hides his face from him. Many of us have times in our life when we do not hear God as clearly and it seems as though our prayers don't rise to heaven. Sometimes it is because of our own sin, but often, like Job, we do not understand why it has happened. How do you respond in those times?

Wednesday: Ezra 6:1-22 Ezra's consciousness that "the hand of the Lord was upon him" gave him confidence to act and work through any opposition he faced. Do you have a similar awareness? What impact does it make on your life?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 Who are those that you are serving alongside, so that you experience the principle set out in verses 9-12? Pray for them especially today and encourage them to keep on going if any have grown weary or discouraged.

Friday: Nahum 1:1-15 When Jonah preached here Nineveh repented. But 150 years later, Nahum proclaims the city's downfall again. The Assyrians had forgotten and returned to their old habits of violence, idolatry, and arrogance. Those who repented failed to pass on their right spirit to the succeeding generations. Pray that we will leave a godly legacy in the lives of those younger than us!

Weekend: 1 John 5:13-21 In the context of trusting Jesus and recognising the Devil's control on earth, John closes by encouraging us to "keep ourselves from idols". If an idol is anything that takes the central place in our lives that should be reserved for the Lord Jesus Christ, what idols are you prone to allow in your life and how can you avoid this problem?