

Bible Readings Week 237 - w/c 23/5/21

Monday: Acts 12:1-25 When Peter went to the house of Mary the mother of John (Mark) the people were in a prayer meeting, most likely including prayer for Peter's release. When the people saw Peter they were amazed and couldn't believe this answer to prayer. Why are we often surprised by God's answers to our prayer? How do you think the church's prayer life was different after this?

Tuesday: Job 18:1-21 Bildad is trying to frighten Job by describing what happens to a wicked person when he dies. His motive is wrong as he shows no love in this speech and he is preaching to the wrong man as Job is a believer therefore does not need to fear death. How does the perspective of death differ between a person who is heaven bound and someone who is not a believer?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1:1-11 Nehemiah lived in the palace of the king of Persia. This shows he was someone important. God was going to use Nehemiah to do something about the situation in Jerusalem. But first God had to do a work in Nehemiah. Any great work of God begins with God doing a great work in somebody. When have you mourned, fasted and prayed before God? What was the outcome?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 7:1-29 See v21-22. In his book "Lectures to My Students", Charles Spurgeon gave a chapter to these verses, which he titled "The Blind Eye and the Deaf Ear." He gave wise advice that we should sometimes simply overlook unkind and thoughtless things others say and do. We would not want to be judged by our worst moments; we should not judge others by theirs.

Friday: Habakkuk 3:1-19 When Habakkuk started this book he was "down in the valley" wrestling with God. He gradually climbed higher as he waited on God and then heard from God. His circumstances hadn't changed but he had. He was walking by faith and not sight. This change in attitude came about through prayer, vision and faith. How can we rejoice in difficult circumstances?

Weekend: Revelation 1:1-20 This passage tells us that Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. What does this mean in your everyday life? As you read the symbolic description of Jesus in this chapter, what is the most striking attribute you see represented?