

Bible Readings Week 240 - w/c 13/6/21

Monday: Acts 14:1-28. Consider verse 19. Praise from people is a fickle thing. One moment hero-worshipped, the next, stoned. Jesus experienced this during the last week before his crucifixion. We must cultivate the smile of God's approval and not become dependent upon other people. How much do you depend on other people's encouragement and praise?

Tuesday: Job 21:1-34 Job is becoming increasingly frustrated with the simplistic platitudes that his friends speak. Such comments do not reflect real world experiences. When you see people in pain how do you react? With silence? With glib phrases you have heard from others? Or with prayer, love and sympathy, that weeps and feels the pain of others?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 4:1-23. In v16 we have a picture of how the Christian life should be lived in constant readiness: to build what God has given us to do, to be ready to fight the battles that the Evil one will bring into our lives, and listening for the sound of the trumpet so that we can rally to help others in their struggles as the need arises. How ready are you to serve Jesus today?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 9:1-18. In verses 10-12 we find a simple truth set out. Your struggles refine you, they don't define you. They build character, rather than purpose. Meaning and purpose in life are found in your best moments not in your worst times. Have you understood this and clarified your purpose and service for God in times of blessing and rest?

Friday: Zephaniah 3:1-20. Verse 17 brings encouragement to every believer. Because of Jesus and God's grace, God is able to confirm five things in our life. 1 – He is with us. 2 – He is mighty to save. 3- He delights in us. 4 – He soothes us with His love. 5 – He rejoices over us with singing! Thank him for your many blessings.

Weekend: Revelation 3:7 -13. In his words to a struggling but faithful Church, Jesus reminds us that it is him who locks & unlocks the doors (v7), which allows us to walk through the open door (v8). We must not take our lack of resources as a hindrance or as an excuse! The apostle, Paul, faced a similar situation in 1 Cor 16:8,9. Reflect on this truth: Have you experienced God's guidance by walking through the doors that open without compromising your walk with God and the Bible's teaching?