

Bible Readings Week 241 - w/c 20/6/21

Monday: Acts 15:1-35 Some legalistic Jewish leaders came to Antioch and were teaching that a Gentile must become a Jew first before they could become a Christian. They were putting the heavy Jewish yoke onto Gentile shoulders. If we are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, where do obedience or action or duty fit in?

Tuesday: Job 22:1-30 Eliphaz is accusing Job of being a sinner and that he is hiding his sins from God. He is telling Job to repent of his sins. He is calling Job a hypocrite. Hypocrisy destroys character; and when character is gone what does a person have left? Eliphaz says some great things in this appeal but he is saying it to the wrong man. If you were Job, how would you respond to this appeal?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 5:1-19 Nehemiah was angry because these money problems were caused in part by the greed of those that wanted to make a profit off the money problems of others. Nehemiah was a man passionate enough to get angry, but wise enough to not act until he had considered the matter carefully. How do you react to injustices? What can you learn from Nehemiah in this passage?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 Verses 12-14 focus on foolish talk. What can you do today to ensure your words are gracious and not full of folly? What stands out to you most from this chapter? How can you apply this to your life?

Friday: Haggai 1:1-15 The real problem was not that God's people lived in panelled houses, but that they lived in such personal comfort and luxury while the temple was in ruins. The problem was simply wrongly ordered priorities. The people were content to let the cause of the Lord suffer at the expense of their comfort. Spend some time considering your priorities. What is God saying to you?

Weekend: Revelation 3:14-22 This passage says there are three spiritual temperatures- a burning heart on fire for God, a cold heart and a lukewarm heart. The lukewarm Christian is comfortable, complacent and doesn't realise their need. A least a cold heart can feel a need! What kept the church at Laodicea unaware of its shortcomings and needs? How would you assess your spiritual temperature at present?