

Bible Readings Week 245- w/c 18/7/21

Monday: Acts 17:16-34 Paul could tell that the Athenians were very religious, but they were trusting in false religion. In his message Paul points out four basic truths about God- He is the Creator (v24), He is the Provider (v25), He is the Ruler (v26-29) and He is the Saviour (v30-34). Why are each of these truths important?

Tuesday: Job 27:1-23 Job felt God had denied him justice but inconsistently still knew that somehow God was just; so he could swear by his life. If God is almighty enough to trouble us, he is also almighty enough to comfort us. Spurgeon said "Oh, yes, that word 'Almighty' cuts both ways! It makes us tremble, and so it kills our pride; but it also makes us hope, and so it slays our despair."

Wednesday: Nehemiah 9:1-19 The humble repentance and confession of sin would have been an incomplete work if it were not for hearing the Word and worship. God does not show us our sin just so we will humbly confess it, but so that we can walk on in what is right before Him. When we humble ourselves before God, we can see God for who he truly is, our good good Father. How will you respond to this?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 Solomon came to understand that it was worth it to obey God, and this obedience both pleased God and fulfilled man's destiny. There is, and will be, an eternal accounting for everything we do. This is the complete opposite of believing that all is meaningless; it means that everything has meaning and importance, both for the present and for eternity.

Friday: Zechariah 3:1-10 See v4. God is a righteous Judge. Satan pointed out the defilement of Joshua, which symbolised the nation of Israel. It seemed like an airtight case except for one factor- the grace of God. God's grace is more than just forgiveness. God clothes us in His own righteousness. Spend some time reflecting on God's forgiveness and grace. What is God saying to you today?

Weekend: Revelation 7:1-17 This chapter gives us great hope. Those in the great multitude have been accepted whereas on earth they will have been rejected as they stood for truth. They are joyful. And they have been rewarded, they have the privilege of serving God. Think of time when you have worshipped God with joy and wonder. How do you think that experience will compare with the worship in heaven?