

## **Bible Readings Week 246- w/c 25/7/21**

**Monday: Acts 18:1-17.** Paul always tried to share the gospel with his own people, the Jews, where that was possible, before speaking to the Gentiles. That approach often produced more opposition. It is sometimes the case with Christians. Sharing with family is often harder and more difficult than sharing with others, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try! Pray for those in your family who are not yet believers.

**Tuesday: Job 28:1-28** This chapter emphasises that only God has true wisdom (v23). This may be something we all know, but we can sometimes get confused by clever sounding ideas, when we need to remember that "to those called by God to salvation .... Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:24) If you need wisdom, keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday: Nehemiah 9:19-38** Look at v33 and turn it into your prayer of appreciation for God's faithfulness to you. "In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong." When we are unfaithful, he is faithful. When we are faithless, he still keeps faith with us. Thank God for his faithfulness.

**Thursday: Proverbs 29:18-27** Which of these proverbs speak to you today? What should you do to work it out in your life? How can you share the principle behind it with others?

**Friday: Zechariah 4:1-14** Chapter 4 is an encouragement to Zerubbabel who was seeking to rebuild the Temple. God reminds discouraged Zerubbabel of four important principles: i) The source of His power (v 6), ii) He will not only start the work, but will bring it to completion (v9), iii) that small things produce big results (v10), and iv) his task is to serve the Lord within his anointing and gifting. (v14). His word to us today is just the same!

**Weekend: Revelation 8:1-13** It is easy to view prayer from a human perspective and think it has no effect. But here from heaven's perspective we see the power of prayer in vv3-5. Our prayers have power to send thunder & earthquakes on earth. They are the way God works out his purposes, both in judgement and salvation. Don't give up praying for the things you have brought to God for many years. He is faithful and your prayers will change heaven and earth.