## Bible Readings Week 247 - w/c 1/8/21

Monday: Acts 18:18-28 Apollos was a learned Jew. He knew the Old Testament well and was able to teach with eloquence and power. However, he was proclaiming an incomplete gospel as he knew nothing about the work of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Priscilla and Aquila took him to their house to explain the way of God more adequately. Who helped you come to faith? What did they do?

**Tuesday:** Job 29:1-5 In this chapter Job looks back at the joys of life before his crisis. In days of disappointment, it's good to remember "God's miracles of long ago" (Psalm 77:10-12) Wiersbe states "But the past must be a rudder to guide us and not an anchor to hold us back". What are some of your greatest blessings from your past? How do these comfort you in the midst of a struggle?

**Wednesday: Nehemiah 10:1-39** The people covenant to spend their money in ways that glorify God – and begin with giving to the Lord. Simply said, the Bible says we need to be givers. Not so much for the sake of those we give to, but because giving sets our heart right about material things. God Himself is the greatest giver. How does you attitude to giving compare to this?

**Thursday: Song of Solomon 1:1 - 2:1** This book is a literal, powerful description of the romantic and sensual love between a man and a woman. God deliberately uses the marriage relationship as an illustration of the relationship that He has with His people. This book illustrates the love, intensity, and beauty of relationship that should exist between God and the believer. How can you see this in this passage?

**Friday: Zechariah 5:1-11** The scroll in this passage represents the law of God that brings a curse on all who disobey it. That includes all of us as nobody can fully obey God's law. God's law was not given to save people, but it was given to reveal people's need to be saved. What is one of God's commands that reveals your need for Christ's saving work?

**Weekend: Revelation 9:1-21** Read v20-21 again. Even a casual reading of these verses shows the wickedness of people even in the midst of God's judgement. The most frightening thing about this chapter is not the judgements that God sends but the sins that men persist in committing even when God is judging them. What kinds of idols do you see currently on the rise in our culture?