

Bible Readings Week 248 - w/c 8/8/21

Monday: Acts 19:1-22. If Paul came and spent time with you and your Christian friends, would he immediately see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work? What can you do to rely more obviously on God the Spirit in your worship and daily life?

Tuesday: Job 30:1-31. Look again at v20. Most of us have periods of time when we pray and do not seem to get an answer from God. What do you do in the good times that sustain you when you pass through spiritually dark and barren times?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 11:1-36. Living in Jerusalem was hard and was not a natural choice for the people. The leaders set the example in v1, and some were chosen by lot. These people served out of duty, but others volunteered to serve and were commended by the people. Do you serve God joyfully and deliberately or just out of a sense of duty?

Thursday: Proverbs 30:1-9. In verses 7-9 Agur prays that he won't be too wealthy or too poor. He sees spiritual traps at both extremes, but instead was content to have his daily needs met. Paul refers to the secret of contentment in Phil 4:12. Have you learned the value of this also?

Friday: Zechariah 6:1-15 These verses refer to the coming Messiah, Jesus, who was to be both a King and a Priest – an unlikely combination but true of our Saviour and Lord. In what ways have you experienced the Lord Jesus as your priest – a mediator between you and God - and in what ways has he been your King, ruling over you with authority? Give him praise for these aspects of his being today.

Weekend: Revelation 10:1-11 Before the final accomplishment of God's victory over evil (v7), there was God's word to be inwardly digested and proclaimed. Like John, we have a responsibility to share God's word and proclaim his victory to those we come across each day. Who are you praying for to come to faith? When was the last time you shared any of your experiences of God with them? Ask God to save them and bring other Christians across their path, but don't forget to share with them yourself as appropriate.