

Bible Readings Week 249 - w/c 15/8/21

Monday: Acts 19:23-41 Wherever the gospel is preached in power, it will be opposed by people who make money from superstition and sin. Paul didn't arouse the opposition of the silversmiths by picketing the temple of Artemis or staging anti-idolatry rallies. All he did was teach the truth daily and send out his converts to witness to the lost. What can you learn from Paul's attitude in this situation?

Tuesday: Job 31:1-40 In this chapter Job gives 16 "if I have..." statements in which Job reviews his life and relationships and asks God to pass judgment. He asks God to give him 3 things: a hearing, an answer to his charges and a document to prove his innocence. Have you ever, like Job, wished for God's judgment even on yourself? If so, when?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 12:1-47 The singers in this chapter were not only good singers but people of worship. There is a huge difference between being a great singer and being a great leader of songs of worship to God. Worship should be excellent, but it isn't entertainment. The goal is to give glory and honour to God. How can you apply this to your times of worship?

Thursday: Song of Solomon 2:1-17 The maiden concludes this dreamy section confident in the bond that joins her and her beloved. He belongs to her, and she belongs to him. These lines have been applied to the relationship between Jesus and His people. In what ways do you belong to Christ and in what ways does Christ belong to you?

Friday: Zechariah 7:1-14 Tradition is a useful and necessary social practice. But our relationship with God isn't so much a matter of traditions and rules as it is faith, love, and a desire to please him. God wants us to mature spiritually and grow from following principles and cultivating a vital personal relationship with Him. What is your attitude to fasting? Are you pleasing yourself or God?

Weekend: Revelation 11:1-19 In the first half of the tribulation, two powerful witnesses uphold God's truth to their generation. Who are some powerful witnesses in our present generation who are doing this? As we prepare for the return of Christ and the judgment of the world, how can our lives serve as testimonies for God?