

Bible Readings Week 250 - w/c 22/8/21

Monday: Acts 20:1-12. As Paul travelled, he taught and encouraged the churches. He had much he wanted to teach in just a week's stay in Troas, resulting in a long meeting and a man falling asleep, and then being raised from the dead! They stayed awake through the night to hear God's word. Do you have the same hunger for God and his word?

Tuesday: Job 32:1-22. Elihu joins the discussion and sees Job's pride. He had caused his problems by sinning, but in the midst of the problem he demands an answer from God. Someone said: "'Pride' always demands that 'I' be in the middle, but there's no place for 'I' in 'humble'. Take it from Job, the quickest remedy for 'I' trouble is looking up into the face of the great 'I Am'".

Wednesday: Nehemiah 13:1-31. Look at verse 24 – there was a communication problem to be dealt with. We need to learn a new language when we come to faith in Christ - the language of faith. It is hard for faith and expectation to arise in an environment of doubt and cynicism. Are you guarding your relationships and life to allow a language of faith to develop?

Thursday: Proverbs 30:10-20. Verse 12 speaks of "those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth." Do you have a right view of yourself and an understanding of your own sinful nature? Are you totally dependent upon the Lord Jesus who is the only one able to cleanse us and give us power to live a holy life?

Friday: Zechariah 8:1-23. Verse 21 is an illustration of the power of invitation and the power of a good example. Who can you invite to Church to worship God, and also say "I'm going myself"? Take this as a prompt from God to invite someone to Church on Sunday.

Weekend: Revelation 12:1 - 13:1. There are three things in verse 11 that are keys to totally defeat the devil when he attacks us: The blood of the lamb - trusting in Christ's death. The word of testimony - reminding ourselves of what God has done for us previously. And not holding tenaciously to this life but focussing on eternity. Look up Philippians 3:19 and notice that those who are not real Christians "think only about this life here on earth". How much are you focussed on heaven and eternal things?