

Bible Readings Week 253 - w/c 12/9/21

Monday: Acts 21:37 - 22:29 No devout Jew would have anything to do with the Gentiles, but Paul had to be faithful to his witness, no matter what it cost him. Paul would rather be a prisoner than give up the burden for lost souls and for missions. What risks are you willing to take for the gospel?

Tuesday: Job 34:31 - 35:16 Elihu noted that men seek God in their time of need, but their seeking often isn't sincere. They don't recognise God as their Maker, they don't recognize His comforts (who gives songs in the night), and the wisdom He gives (makes us wiser than the birds of heaven). When you are going through times of trouble where do you look for help?

Wednesday: Esther 3:1-15 Haman was an extremely proud and insecure man; he could only consider himself a success if everyone else thought he was a success. Mordecai was a person of integrity. Jewish religion forbade him to give honours to any mortal man. How do you stand up for your faith when those around you are persuading you to do the opposite?

Thursday: Song of Solomon 4:1-16 Reading Song of Solomon, and especially these verses that so erotically and yet sensitively portray sexual love, reminds us that Hollywood didn't invent sex. God did. It reminds us that sex isn't "evil." Sex is a gift given to us by God to be enjoyed within a marital relationship.

Friday: Zechariah 11:1-17 This chapter explains the nation's rejection of the true Messiah and how they will accept a false messiah, the Antichrist, who will appear at the end of the age and deceive the whole world. When people don't look to the Shepherd, what other sources do they look to for guidance, comfort, and peace?

Weekend: Revelation 15:1-8 The song of Moses and of the Lamb is a perfect union between law and love, between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. This song gives praise to God's works, God's ways, God's worthiness and the worship of God. These martyrs are only focused on God. True worship is all about God, not about us. Use this song in your praise and worship today.