

Bible Readings Week 257- w/c 10/10/21

Monday: Acts 26:1-32 Festus did not interrupt Paul because he thought he was mad, his interruption was evidence of conviction in his heart. Agrippa eluded Paul's question about the prophets by adopting a superior attitude and belittling Paul's witness. How would you describe Paul's attitude to Agrippa and Festus? What should characterise our attitude towards the lost, even those persecuting us?

Tuesday: Job 39:1-30 God uses a parade of animals and birds to show Job that he was in control of all things. In His wisdom and power, God supervises the whole universe and makes sure that his creatures are cared for. What animals speak to you most about the presence of God and His greatness in the world? Why those?

Wednesday: Esther 7:1-10 Haman found his end on the same instrument he had intended for the death of Mordecai; he was caught in his own trap against Mordecai. The death of a substitute satisfied the wrath of the king. In the case of Mordecai and Haman, it was the guilty dying in the place of the innocent; in the case of us and Jesus, it is a matter of the innocent dying in the place of the guilty.

Thursday: Song of Solomon 6:1-13 The maiden's previous search for her beloved through the city accomplished nothing and in fact only harmed her. Yet when she thought about how wonderful her beloved was and where he might be, she was able to figure it out. How do you react when you feel distant from God? Is your reaction feelings based or do you put thought into your reaction?

Friday: Malachi 1:1-14 Malachi pointed out the people's lack of love for God. The priests were allowing the people to bring imperfect animals for sacrifice. Our offerings to God are an indication of what is in our hearts, "for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also" (Matt 6:21). Why should we bring God our best? How can we make sure to bring God our best?

Weekend: Revelation 19:1-21 Christ is the "King of kings and Lord of lords". This title speaks of Christ's sovereignty, for all kings and lords must submit to him. None can prevent him from accomplishing his purposes. How does the fact that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords affect your everyday choices and decisions as well as your future hope?