

## **Bible Readings Week 258- w/c 17/10/21**

**Monday: Acts 27:1-44.** Read v20 again: "When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days ..... we finally gave up all hope of being saved." Someone wrote that "Without some signs in the heavens mankind cannot find their way to God and hope ebbs away. But the greatest sign from heaven is not the stars and the sun but the rising of the Son, who is able to quell every storm." Thank God for Easter Day!

**Tuesday: Job 40:1-24.** Job doesn't get all his questions answered but instead experiences God's presence and power and in the face of the greatness and majesty of God, he is humbled (v2). When we really understand the Being of God, there is no room for our arrogant questioning of his fairness. His presence is sufficient. Is that your experience? When was the last time you focussed fully on God's greatness?

**Wednesday: Esther 8:1-17.** Mordecai is not only honoured but promoted to a high position in Government. Mordecai is presented as a man who was so aware of his accountability to God, that whether he was a Leader or a servant made no difference. He served the Lord in the situation he found himself. What can you learn from his attitude?

**Thursday: Proverbs 31:23-31.** In an age when great emphasis is put on physical beauty, especially for women, and cosmetics are big business, verse 30 speaks directly into our culture. What relevance to you does this verse have? How do you respond to it's clear and simple message, whatever your gender?

**Friday: Malachi 2:1-17.** Malachi is preaching at a time when the Jewish nation was at it's lowest state morally and spiritually. This was a nation that professed to belong to God but both priests and people were failing to keep the agreements they had made before God with one another. How we relate to others is an indicator of our attitude to God. Loving God means we treat others in love also. Is this true of you?

**Weekend: Revelation 20:1-15.** What is in the books that are opened on the day of judgement? A list of our achievements and failures? A record of our sin? Thank God there is another book and if our name is in it, we do not face the judgement of the lake of fire (symbolic of hell). It is so important that Jesus has our names recorded in his book. That matters more than what we feel, what we achieve, what we are remembered for, or even how long we live. Without a doubt, our relationship with Jesus matters more than our achievements for him!