

Bible Readings Week 259 - w/c 24/10/21

Monday: Acts 28:1-16 Paul, the great apostle, was always willing to serve others. There were many people available to gather firewood, yet Paul was willing to help in this also. He spent time on the island being used by God to heal people. God did the work, but Paul made himself available for the work. How can you show this kind of servant heart?

Tuesday: Job 41:1-34 God ends His words to Job without ever telling him the story behind the story. Job was left ignorant about the contest between God and Satan that prompted his whole crisis. Though Job did not know the whole story, God did tell him of His great victory over Leviathan/Satan, giving Job assurance for the past, the present, and for the future. Praise God that he is in control of all things.

Wednesday: Esther 9:1-17 The Jews had their enemies, those who wished to destroy them. Yet they had someone great on their side: the king, with all his resources. With the king for them, it didn't matter who was against them. We have our own enemies to deal with; but with the King of Kings on our side, we have no reason to fear. Praise God that there is no one that can separate us from the love of Christ.

Thursday: Song of Solomon 7:1-13 See v6. The maiden delighted the beloved; obviously with her beauty and personality, but also with her character and strength. The great delight of the beloved over his maiden helps us to understand that this shows us how much God loves us. "As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you" (Isaiah 62:5).

Friday: Malachi 3:1-15 In bringing tithes and offerings, the people were not only supporting the ministry of the temple, but they were also giving thanks to God for his provision for their own needs. By not giving offerings, the people were robbing God, robbing themselves and robbing others. How does this challenge your attitude to giving? How is it robbery to fail to give generously to the work of God?

Weekend: Revelation 21:1-27 God has promised his people a new heaven and earth. The old creation must make way for the new creation if God is going to be glorified. V4 says there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain in the new heaven and earth. What will you most look forward to doing without when we have this new world? How do you think our fellowship with God will be different?