

Bible Readings Book by Book week 43 – w/c 28/8/22

Week 43

Monday: Acts 9:1-19 Ananias overcame his misgivings and fears to obey God and speak to Saul. If he had not, what do you think might have happened? If you had been Ananias, how would you have reacted to God's command? Do you obey God as easily or as quickly?

Tuesday: Acts 9:19-43 The fact that the Lord raised Dorcas, yet Stephen remained dead, reflects on God's unknowable ways. We must always trust God's greater wisdom and knowledge in such things. Dorcas wasn't raised for her own sake. She would have enjoyed heaven better! She was raised for the sake of her ministry to others. Praise God that His ways are perfect.

Wednesday: Acts 10:1-23 Think of the lengths and efforts God went to in order to bring Cornelius to faith. He sent an angel to Cornelius, and then gave Peter a vision and a specific word in verses 19 & 20. What does this tell you about God's concern for anybody who is seeking after him? How does this encourage your praying?

Thursday: Acts 10:23-48 God prepared Peter to go to preach to the Gentiles through his vision earlier in this chapter. Why was this necessary? What can you use from Peter's message to Cornelius to share the gospel with people you know? How will you make yourself available to God this week to talk to others about Him and His salvation?

Friday: Acts 11:1-30 Notice verse 14. Cornelius didn't get saved alone – his whole household came to faith. There are many examples of household salvation in the Bible: Rahab (Joshua 6:17), Lydia (Acts 16:15), the jailer (Acts 16:31). Who in your family are not yet saved? Which "prodigals" do you know among your friends? Pray for them today.

Weekend: Acts 12:1-25 When Peter went to the house of Mary the mother of John (Mark) the people were in a prayer meeting, most likely including prayer for Peter's release. When the people saw Peter they were amazed and couldn't believe this answer to prayer. Why are we often surprised by God's answers to our prayer? How do you think the church's prayer life was different after this?