

Bible Readings Book by Book week 152 – w/c 29/9/24

Week 152

Monday: Job 3:1-26. Job never curses God as his wife did, but he does get depressed. Depression is not an indication of sin, but of difficulty. His experience causes him to struggle to understand God's wisdom in letting him be born. Being honest before God during our struggles is one of the routes to spiritual growth, as Job came to realise.

Tuesday: Job 4:1-21 The right words at the right time, with the right motive can make a tremendous difference in a person's life. But words can also hurt those who are broken and only add to their burdens. We must speak the truth but be sure to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). If someone were to confront you with a difficult truth, how would you like them to approach you with it?

Wednesday: Job 5:1-27. Telling people what you would do if you were them, isn't always helpful. They are not you! But this is what Eliphaz says to Job in v8. What is a better approach if people are struggling and suffering and you want to support and comfort them?

Thursday: Job 6:1-30 Job's friends didn't understand the heaviness and bitterness of his suffering. Job was hungry for love and understanding. What could Job's friends have done to bring him some actual comfort in his situation? How can you show this comfort to your friends this week?

Friday: Job 7:1-21. Long nights (v4) and short days (v6) make Job's time of illness seem worse. Little wonder that he was depressed! How can you best encourage someone who you know who is struggling with illness today?

Weekend: Job 8:1-22 Bildad's basic argument was "Something bad is happening to you, so you must have done something bad". What is wrong with that argument? Bildad only focused on God's justice. What important attributes of God did he overlook?