

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 3-9

Sunday Read Ephesians 6:10-13

- Jesus told the disciples that we would have trouble in this world. How many different sources of trouble can you list?
- What is working in back of all of them (looking particularly at verse 12)?
- Who does this battle belong to, according to verse 10? How active is our role, according to the end of verse 13? On Whom do we rely... for everything?

Monday Read Psalm 24:1-5

- How do we know that *we*, in particular, belong to Jesus? What gives God the right to claim us?
- According to verses 3 and 4, what gives *us* the right to stand with God?
- How did your hands get washed and your hearts get purified?
- What does God promise for those who put their faith in Him (verse 5)?

Tuesday Read Matthew 10:26-30, Psalm 139:13-16

- A popular view of God is of a power being who watches from a great distance. But what is our Father's *actual* relationship with us?
- What creature does Jesus list here in Matthew, which is of relatively *little value*? What is God's relationship with those creatures?
- When you feel alone, what sorts of things do these verses promise you? How does God feel about you?

Wednesday Read Isaiah 53:4-6, Hebrews 4:14-16

- There are leaders who dictate from on high... and there are leaders who lead by example. Which sort of shepherd do we have in Jesus?
- What sorts of things did he experience? How might that affect our ability to trust him, in *our* experiences?
- So we not only find ourselves in God's throne room... but we are *led* into it by Jesus. He brings us to the Father personally! How does that make you feel? How might that affect your standing, your attitude, when you speak to God (look specifically to Hebrews 4:16)?

Thursday Read Philippians 2:3-11

- What is the name above every name?
- What name has been placed upon you? Where was that name placed upon you?
- If your Father is a King (and King of all Heaven and Earth, at that!), what does that make *you*? What sort of inheritance can you expect from a King?
- What can we joyfully do until then (verses 3 and 4)?

Friday Read Romans 12:1-8

- How does Paul describe worship in verse 1? What admonishment is given in verse 3?
- What gift has God given to you, for your support, in these passages?
- Use Paul's list of qualities here as a starting point. Especially note the interesting sorts of things in verse 8. What gifts had God given you *personally*, for the support of others?

Saturday Read Romans 6:1-8, Romans 7:19-25

- What battle will always be waged in our lives? How does it come out in our dealings with one another? When will that battle finally end?
- And yet, even now there is a new life working in our hearts and lives. What is the source of that life? How does *that* come out in our dealings with one another?
- On what do we rely for our final victory (verse 25a)?