

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY 12

MONDAY

- Read Psalms 97-99
- Today's reading is brief, so take time to meditate on these psalms.
- The psalmist celebrated the greatness of God. He is the God of the whole earth – quite a countercultural thought for those times since gods were considered to be limited to a region.
- These psalms also emphasize that people are accountable to God.
- What thoughts stick out in your mind as you read these passages?

TUESDAY

- Read 2 Samuel 24; I Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30
- For a man so blessed with wisdom, King David had moments when he showed a great lack of discernment. One of those moments was toward the end of his life when his pride in numbers led him to take a census of his troops.
- In what areas of your life are you tempted to take inappropriate pride? Confess these areas to the Lord and determine a plan to overcome these sins in your life.

WEDNESDAY

- Read Psalms 108-109
- Today's reading contains a plea and praise for victory (Psalm 108) and one of the harshest imprecatory psalms in the Bible (Psalm 109).
- The imprecatory psalms call for God's judgment on the psalmist's enemies, and they can sound jarring to the modern reader.
- Understand that the psalmist was calling for God's judgment on wickedness and for justice for those being oppressed.
- He appealed to God on the basis of His character as a holy God of justice, asking Him to act on behalf of the person to whom He had made powerful promises.

THURSDAY

- Read I Chronicles 23-26
- In I Chronicles 22 we saw King David's preparations for building the temple. In chapters 23 and following he organized the priests and Levites for service.
- The Levites were from the tribe of Levi but were not sons of Aaron, the first high priest.
- Chapter 25 describes the Levitical musicians, who were to sing to the Lord, proclaiming His messages in song, and chapter 26 describes the gatekeepers and other officials who served in the temple.
- What can you do to prepare for worship? The New Testament refers to your body as the temple of God. What have you done to prepare you for worship?

FRIDAY

- Read Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145
- Among other things, the psalms express emotions with which we can identify as God's people. The psalms today are highly personal.
- As you pray, turn each of these psalms into a personal prayer.
- What can you learn from these psalms that can be applied to your prayer life?

SATURDAY

- Read I Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 68
- As we finish I Chronicles, we find David putting things in order as he prepared for Solomon to take over as king.
- His preparations included appointing governmental officials and preparing for the building of the temple.
- From the standpoint of the writer, David's reign ended on a very strong note because of these extensive preparations.
- For what transitions in life do you need to make preparations at this time?
- What is God's role in these transitions? Is He at the center of your plans? Is His glory your goal?