

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 15-21, 2024

Monday:	1 Kings 12-13	Psalms 10
Tuesday:	1 Kings 14	Psalms 11
Wednesday:	1 Kings 15:1-16:20	Psalms 12
Thursday:	1 Kings 16:21-17:24	Psalms 13
Friday:	1 Kings 18-19	Psalms 14
Saturday:	1 Kings 20-21	Psalms 15
Sunday:	1 Kings 22	Psalms 16

Weekend Reflection

One of the great things about the Bible is it portrays historical people as they really were; gifts and faults and everything.

Consider Elijah, a prophet who was bold and passionate for the Lord's glory. Elijah had seemingly unflinching faith in the face of opposition and danger. Until his faith flinched, that is.

By 1 Kings 19, Elijah had wrought great victories for the Lord, and at the threat of an evil queen, he ran for his life. Tired and discouraged, he even asked the Lord to take his life (1 Kings 19:4). The Lord wasn't done with Elijah, though. And he encouraged him with food and rest, and with a still small voice.

We have ups and downs like Elijah. We see God at work in us and in those around us, and sometimes we have moments of discouragement. Remember that the Lord is still the Lord. We can trust in him, even in those low moments. Get a bite to eat and some rest, and go to God's Word, where you will hear his voice.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, July 21 is on Philippians 3:12-17. Read this wonderful passage slowly and carefully before the gathering on Sunday!

Faith Groups

- Why is Paul careful to note that he has not “already obtained this.”
- What does already/not yet mean, as it pertains to the gospel and to Christian living?
- How do we “forget what lies behind”?
- In what sense has Jesus “made us his own”?
- How can we help one another to “hold true to what we have attained”?