

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 29-August 4, 2024

Monday:	2 Kings 11-12	Psalms 24
Tuesday:	2 Kings 13-14	Psalms 25
Wednesday:	2 Kings 15-16	Psalms 26
Thursday:	2 Kings 17	Psalms 27
Friday:	2 Kings 18	Psalms 28
Saturday:	2 Kings 19-20	Psalms 29
Sunday:	2 Kings 21	Psalms 30

Weekend Reflection

In our readings this week, an often repeated sentence is “And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD”.

This must have been so discouraging to any who loved the Lord in those days; to see your country continue down a path that leads away from God and away from righteousness.

Proverbs 29:2 says: “When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.” God’s way leads to true human flourishing. Thus, when the wicked rule, the people never flourish. They only groan.

There is hope for people who live under evil government, though. The Lord of heaven and earth is sovereign even over the hearts of wicked kings. And one day the King of kings will return, and his people will truly flourish under his perfect leadership. And, as we heard on Sunday, our true and ultimate citizenship is in heaven.

It is an election year. Let’s keep our hope in the Lord.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, August 4, is Philippians 4:2-7. To prepare your (and your family's) hearts and minds for the preaching of God's Word, take some time before the gathering to read this passage.

Faith Groups

- Why do you think Euodia and Syntyche struggled to agree in the Lord?
- What are the grounds of our rejoicing in the Lord in Philippians 4:7?
- Verses 6-7 are a conditional promise. What is the promise and what is the condition?
- What is "the peace of God" and in what sense does it "surpass all understanding".
- Discuss some ways to apply this passage, and to help those struggling to apply it.