

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

September 16-22, 2024

Monday:		Psalms 73
Tuesday:		Psalms 74
Wednesday:	Ezra 1-2	Psalms 75
Thursday:	Ezra 3-4	Psalms 76
Friday:	Ezra 5-6	Psalms 77
Saturday:	Ezra 7-8	Psalms 78
Sunday:	Ezra 9-10	Psalms 79

Weekend Reflection

We have read the book of Ezra this week, including all six of the times that the author said, “...for the hand of the Lord his God was on him (Ezra 7:6d)” Throughout the book, we see God at work, stirring and acting for the good of his people. He even moves the hearts of wicked kings to accomplish his purposes.

This book records a wonderful time of spiritual renewal and even revival. A revival is not an event that is planned and conducted by people or organizations (not even churches!). As we can see in Ezra, it is a work of God! It is God who works, in his timing and in his way, to bring about revival in the hearts of his people.

The people sing in response, “[God] is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.” (Ezra 3:11)

Let’s pray for revival; for a genuine work of God turning hearts everywhere to Christ by faith. Perhaps we will see the hand of the Lord on us (and others) as we pray for this; for his glory and our good!

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for **Sunday, September 22** is from John 4:16-26. Read the rest of this account of the “Samaritan Woman at the Well” to prepare your heart for the preaching of God’s Word.

Faith Groups

- Why do you think Jesus brought up this woman’s past? In what ways was it loving to do so?
- Discuss “true lies”, and why Christians must avoid such tactics.
- Why do you think the Samaritan woman changed the subject in verses 19-20?
- What does it mean to worship God in Spirit and in truth?
- In what way is the Father “seeking such to worship him”? How does this apply to us?