

One Year Bible – Week 35

Summary: 1 & 2 Corinthians Reading

Paul closes his first letter to the Corinthians with encouragement about Christ's resurrection.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is written not long after the first and is very different in content and tone. Whereas his first letter focuses upon right living for the church, especially in an immoral environment, the second is more of a personal letter showing affection for the Corinthian church.

Summary: Job Reading

Job moves through several different debates among Job and his "friends" all centered around discussing why Job has suffered as he has. What, if anything, has Job done to cause God to bring such calamity upon him? Elihu, a friend that does not speak until the very end, is the final speaker before God himself responds to Job.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *OT* – As you read through the book of Job, make note of the flow of the conversation. What are each of Job's friends mainly saying? What are the key responses that Job gives in the dialogue? What perceptions of God do you notice from Job's friends? From Job? Keep notes either in your Bible or in a journal and compare these perceptions with God's monologue in next week's reading.
- *NT* – In 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 Paul lays out plainly what believers put their faith in. We have the benefit of being able to read the whole Bible in its final form and have a long history of the church working out the communication of God's story to us. However, the original readers of this letter did not hear Paul's words from our vantage point. We believe Christ is our savior who rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. For the original readers, this dying and rising from the dead was still relatively fresh news. And if we think about it – no less shocking for us today. Jesus died. He was buried. He rose from the dead. He appeared to multitudes of people personally. And the death of this man accomplished the payment for our sin. Incredible. Almost unbelievable. But true... And the foundation of our faith. For, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (v 14) – *Aug 23*

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *NT* – Read 1Co 16:13-14. Take a minute in silence to reflect on this passage. Have each person share what word sticks out to you and why. Why do you think Paul wrote these two verses, or wrote them the way he did? If you could ask Paul one question about what he meant in these verses, what would it be? How well does your life reflect what is said in these two verses? – *Aug 25*
- 2) *NT* – Read 2Co 3:7-18. In what way are we not like Moses? Describe in your own words what the "veil" is that Paul is talking about. How is this veil removed? What does this passage say about life with unveiled faces? In what way do we reflect the Lord's glory? How does the truth of these verses impact the way we live today? – *Aug 29*
- 3) *OT* – Read Job 33:15-30. What reason(s) does Elihu give why God may allow a person to experience anguish, whether in word or actuality? (esp. v 17-18, 28-30) According to Elihu's account, what is valuable to God for people? Do you see suffering through the same lens that Elihu describes? Why or why not? – *Aug 29*

Journal the Psalms this week:

Read Psalm 42. Notice that verses 5 and 11 are a refrain. Why do you think the Psalmist repeats these words? Some would see a literary structure in verses 5-11 where verses 6-7 would match similarity with 9-10 and verse 8 would be seen as the center of the passage. If this is true, what significance do you see the Psalmist trying to communicate in verse 8? Journal about your observations. – *Aug 28*

Reading Schedule:

1Co = 1 Corinthians / 2Co = 2 Corinthians / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Aug 23 – Job 8:1-11:20 / 1Co 15:1-28 / Ps 38:1-22 / Pr 21:28-29
Aug 24 – Job 12:1-15:35 / 1Co 15:29-58 / Ps 39:1-13 / Pr 21:30-31
Aug 25 – Job 16:1-19:29 / 1Co 16:1-24 / Ps 40:1-10 / Pr 22:1
Aug 26 – Job 20:1-22:30 / 2Co 1:1-11 / Ps 40:11-17 / Pr 22:2-4
Aug 27 – Job 23:1-27:23 / 2Co 1:12-2:11 / Ps 41:1-13 / Pr 22:5-6
Aug 28 – Job 28:1-30:31 / 2Co 2:12-17 / Ps 42:1-11 / Pr 22:7
Aug 29 – Job 31:1-33:33 / 2Co 3:1-18 / Ps 43:1-5 / Pr 22:8-9