

RHYTHMS DAILY READING PLAN | Monday May 25 – Friday May 29

Monday May 25

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

1. Looking particularly at verse 4, what does it teach us about Jesus?
2. Notice and write down the contrast here in these verses - how God sees Jesus and how the world sees Jesus.
3. What is the purpose of the 'spiritual house' that God is building in verse 5?

Prayer - ask God to give you conviction and boldness to stand up and live for Jesus in a world that largely rejects him, for that is a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Tuesday 26 May

Read 1 Peter 2:6-8

1. What does verses 6 say about those who trust in Jesus as the cornerstone? How have you experienced this in your life?
2. What is *precious* in your life? In what ways would you consider Jesus *precious*?
3. What do we learn in these verses about people's reactions to Jesus? Why does this matter?

Prayer - thank God for the confidence of not being put to shame as we trust in Jesus. Spend some time praying for one or two of you non-believing friends / family and ask God to reveal himself to them.

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Wednesday 27 May

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

1. There's a big "but" here at the start of verse 9. How does verse 9 contrast with the verse(s) before it?
2. We will read these same verses over the next three days but today, what do you notice about the description of God's people in v9?
3. Why is it important, do you think, that this section of Peter's letter is about the 'people' of God - not the individual (ie. people, priesthood, nation)?

Prayer - spend some time thanking God for calling you to be a part of his people. Praise God for the work that he does in 'us' as the church, not just individual Christians.

Thursday 28 May

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

1. In these verses today, let's consider the state that Peter's readers were in before they met Jesus - what do these verses say about that?
2. Reflect on the contrasts Peter makes here - how does that stir your heart in what God has done for you in Jesus?
3. Darkness and light are used throughout the bible to contrast what life is like without / with God. Check out these passages in John's Gospel to further reflect on this (John 1:4, 5; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:36).

Prayer - thank God for his kindness to us calling us out of darkness, as the people of God who have received mercy in Jesus' name. Praise God for the Light of the World, the Lord Jesus.

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Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

1. What does verse 9 tell us about the purpose of this people, nation, priesthood that he has called to himself?
2. Peter gives some practical examples of what it looks like to *declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness* - what are they in verse 11 & 12?
3. What particular things do you need God's strength to abstain from right now?

Prayer - ask God for strength to abstain from the world and the boldness to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Ask God for opportunities today to bear witness to him in your life and deeds.