

RHYTHMS DAILY READING PLAN | Monday June 22 – Friday June 26

Monday June 22

Read 1 Peter 4:12-13

- This week we think about persecution for being a Christian. Peter tells his readers to expect it - why?
- What does he say persecution will do?
- How should we respond to suffering for being a follower of Jesus?

Prayer - thank God for the times when people have challenged your faith - pray that God would help you to rejoice in such suffering and see God's hand at work in it.

Tuesday June 23

Read 1 Peter 4:14-16

- Others might be cursing you for your faith, but what does Peter declare is true here?
- Peter is referring to 'suffering' here - what is the suffering *not* from?
- Looking at verse 16, what is hard about doing this? What privilege does it remind us of?

Prayer - spend some time praying for boldness in your relationship with others - that you would stand up for Christ. Thank God for the promise of blessing and his Spirit.

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Wednesday 24 June

Read 1 Peter 4:17-19

- God's prophets looked forward to the time when God would judge sin and evil (we will look at two examples tomorrow and Friday). What does this passage say about judgement?
- How does Peter instruct his readers to respond (v19)?

Prayer - pray and commit yourself to God afresh today. Ask him to help you keep pressing on in faith. Pray for your friends who don't yet know Jesus.

Thursday 25 June

Read Malachi 2:17- 3:4

- Yesterday we began thinking about God's judgement for sin and evil. What is the situation in Malachi's time (2:17)?
- What does he look forward to and how will it happen?
- How does Malachi's prophecy help us with Peter's words in 1 Peter 4:17-19?

Prayer - thank God for the way in which he refines and changes his people. Ask God to do that in you today and thank him for his Spirit with you.

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Friday 26 June

Read Proverbs 11:31; 12:1

- What do these proverbs say about the judgement of the ungodly? (Peter quotes Pr 11:31 in 4:18)
- What do these proverbs say about discipline and correction?
- What attitude is needed?

Prayer - thank God for his Spirit, who convicts us of our sin and points us to our need for a Saviour. Pray that your own attitude would be one of humility in correction and discipline.