

# 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.*