

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study

LET'S STUDY!!

Your Read-Ahead for: 29 May 2022

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

Monday- Worthy to Suffer for Him (**Acts 5:17-41**)

Tuesday- Suffering for the Gospel (**2nd Timothy 1:8-12**)

Wednesday- Blessed for Suffering (**1st Peter 3:13-17**)

Thursday- God in a Still, Small Voice (**1st Kings 19:9-13**)

Friday- Paul Boasts in Suffering (**2nd Corinthians 11:16-33**)

Saturday- Glory in Sufferings (**Romans 5:1-5**)

Sunday- God's Power is Sufficient (**2nd Corinthians 12:1-10**)

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Lesson Text: 2nd Corinthians 12:1-10

Related Scriptures:

**1st Kings 19:9-13; 2nd Romans; 5:1-5;
1st Corinthians 2:1-10; 2nd Corinthians 11:16-33,**

TIME: A.D. 56

PLACES: Macedonia

GOLDEN TEXT: "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong". (2nd Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

Scripture Lesson Text

2nd Corinthians 12:1-10

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he see me to be, or that he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

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8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To know God can use our physical infirmities to glorify Himself in our lives.

Principle: To understand what it means to allow God to manifest His glory through our infirmities.

Application: To begin to see our perceived inadequacies as instruments God can use to Glorify Himself in our lives.

Introduction

In this week's lesson, Paul glories in the infirmities God has laid upon him because they are the means He uses to glorify His power through him.

I. Developing the Lesson:

- a. A vision of paradise (2nd Corinthians 12:1-5)
- b. Refraining from boasting (2nd Corinthians 12:5-6)
- c. Sufficient Grace (2nd Corinthians 12:7-10)

II. Studying the Text

a. Paul's Vision from Christ (2nd Corinthians 12:1-4)

- i. Vision From Christ (2nd Corinthians 12:1)
- ii. "Caught up" by Christ (2nd Corinthians 12:2)
- iii. Glory of Christ (2nd Corinthians 12:3-4)

b. Paul's Thorn in the Flesh 2nd Corinthians (12:5-7)

- i. Paul's boasting (2nd Corinthians 12:5-6)
- ii. Paul's Humility (2nd Corinthians 12:7)

c. Paul's Cry for Relief (2nd Corinthians 12:8-10)

- i. Paul pleads for help (2nd Corinthians 12:8)

ii. God answers (2nd Corinthians 129:9-10)

III. *Take Aways*

IV. *Announcements*

V. *Closing Prayer*