

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 1/21/13 TO 1/27/13

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013 Read Job 2 and 3

Jesus once described Satan as a thief who comes only to kill, to steal and to destroy (John 10:10). In Job 2, Satan proves the words of Jesus true. As you read today, note the fact that Scripture does not minimize Job's suffering; it was indeed great. Also ask yourself what would have been on your mind and in your heart had you sat in the ash heap with Job and his three friends.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013 Read Job 4 and 5

In the next chapters (4 -31), three of Job's friends speak to him about the calamities that have befallen him. The advice they give sounds a lot like much "folk wisdom" today. At the end of the book, God will reprimand these three friends for not speaking the truth about Him (42:7-9). So read carefully. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment and true wisdom.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013 Read Job 6 and 7

Job answers Eliphaz's hints that Job has sinned. He declares himself innocent, and he talks about his feelings, he describes symptoms most sufferers will recognize- grief, fear, loneliness, the fatigue of sleepless nights, and such a deep desire to be rid of pain that death seems better than life. As you read, think about what Job's friends might have done to bring him better comfort and help.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013 Read Job 8 to 10

Job's second friend, Bildad, takes over from Eliphaz. He, too, assumes Satan's role- as the accuser of God's people. Notice as you read how faith and doubt wrestle with each other in Job's heart.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013 Read Job 11 and 12

Job's third friend, Zophar, speaks next. A tone of spiritual smugness oozes from his words: "You might fool us with your protests of purity, Job. But you can't fool God." As you read, Zophar's insistence that good things happen to good people and disasters afflict the wicked. Then notice Job's reply: Not always!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013 Read Job 13 and 14

In chapter 13, Job denounces the simplistic answers his friends propose. He turns to God in an angry, frustrated prayer. Then, in chapter 14, Job muses about his misery as he longs for death. As you read, note the raw honesty of both his prayers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013 JOIN US IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING AND THEN TAKE SOME TIME LATER IN THE DAY TO CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE WEEK.