

Week 40, One Year Bible Challenge: “Straying from God”

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

This week's reading October 1-7[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, *“The One Year Bible Challenge,”* you should read the daily materials as set out in *“The One Year Bible.”* The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Isaiah 62:6 to Jeremiah 9:26

Philippians 2:19 to Colossians 3:17

Psalms 73:1 to Psalm 78:55

Proverbs 24:13 to Proverbs 24:27

Next Week's Reading October 8-17

Jeremiah 10:1 to Jeremiah 25:38

Colossians 3:18 to 2 Thessalonians 2:17

Psalms 78:56 to Psalm 84:12

Proverbs 24:28 to Proverbs 25:15

Discussion Questions:

Old Testament

Isaiah 61:8 says that God loves justice. Do you observe a lot of justice in this world? Or a lack of justice? Either way, how do you reconcile your observation with God's love of justice?

God calls his people rebellious, disobedient and obstinate. See Isaiah 65:1-5. It is as if the people purposely went out of their way to insult God. Was there something especially wicked about these people? How would they compare to people in our society today?

The prophet Jeremiah “saw the earth, and, behold, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.” Jeremiah 4:23. Compare this vision to Genesis 1:1-3. What can we learn anything about the nature of God in these verses?

New Testament

Is it hard to concentrate on the things mentioned in Philippians 4:8-9? Is it even possible to only think of these things?

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13. How do you interpret this verse, and how does it apply to your life?

Colossians 1:18 says that God is the head of the church, and the church is the body. In this analogy can there be more than one head? Can other church leaders be the “head” too. What, if anything, does this tell you about the proper structure for the church and God’s role in the church?

FOOTNOTE: