

Weekly Study Guide

The week of July 27, 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	Read Isaiah 40:1-11. This passage envisions that everyone will one day know and worship God. Imagine a world where that was true and pray today for those who do not yet know God.
Tuesday	Read Isaiah 40:12-31. This is one of many passages that explains the superiority of the Living God to the idols Israel was tempted to worship. What things does this passage emphasize and praise about God? Pray today for clear and faithful love for God.
Wednesday	Read Isaiah 41:1-16. These verses include a promise to those who worship God that God will help them and strengthen them. What is it about faithfulness to God in our world that might require special mercy and spiritual care? In prayer today, reflect on these words, especially vv. 8-10.
Thursday	Read Isaiah 41:17-29. Even as God spoke through Isaiah to name the problems in his world, God also spoke many words of promise, especially the promise that God would make all things right again. Reflect on the promise in vv. 17-20. What can we learn from and experience in this promise? Pray today for the fulfillment of God's promises.
Friday	Read Isaiah 42:1-9. The first Christians recognized these verses as coming to a fulfillment in Jesus. Read these verses with Jesus in mind, and pray for God to help you see the work of Jesus through these words.
Saturday	Read Isaiah 42:10-25. The first verse of this section says "sing to the Lord a new song." Are there any songs or hymns of praise that have been particularly meaningful to you as a reflection of God in your life? If you can find them, go look at the words to that song and reflect on what God might want to say to you in those words now.

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