

Bible Reading Plan Week 24

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
June 11, 2017	Psalms 34-37	Burundi
June 12, 2017	Psalms 38-42	Cambodia
June 13, 2017	Psalms 43-49	Cameroon
June 14, 2017	Psalms 50-55	Canada
June 15, 2017	Psalms 56-61	Cape Verde
June 16, 2017	Psalms 62-68	Cayman Islands
June 17, 2017	Psalms 69-72	Central African Republic

Notes

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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**WELCOME TO
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE**
Date : June 11, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY - NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Ushers: Raji Mathew, Anita Thannickal, & Sheena Varghese

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Mathew C. Jacob & Family

WEEK OF 06/18/2017

Benny V. Kuriakose & Family

Who Decided What Went into the Bible?

Just about everyone wants to know how the sixty-six books got chosen to be in the Bible. Why these sixty-six? Why not a few more (or a few less)? Why these books and not others?

In Persecution in the Early Church Herbert Workman tells the story of a Christian who was brought before the Roman governor of Sicily during the last great persecution of the church. His crime? Possessing a copy of the Gospels.

The governor asked, "Where did these come from? Did you bring them from your home?"

The believer replied, "I have no home, as my Lord Jesus knows."

The governor asked his prisoner to read a portion of the Gospels. He chose a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Next he read from Luke: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

At this, the judge ordered the prisoner taken away—to his death.

Under Roman law new religions were illegal. In its first few decades Christianity was seen as a sect within Judaism. Once it was determined that Christianity was a separate religion, it became illegal to identify as a Christian. So, for the first three centuries of what we now call the Christian Era, it was a crime to be Christian. Persecutions sprang up throughout various parts of the empire. Believers were tortured and sometimes martyred for their faith. In 303, Emperor Diocletian ordered the confiscation of Christian property and churches, and the burning of Scriptures. Believers and their Book had become so inseparable that the way to eliminate Christianity was to eliminate the Bible. (To be continued)

*Taken from The Bible Questions by Hal Seed- Lead Pastor,
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SAVE A DATE

ICA RETREAT JULY 14-16, 2017

ICA VBS JULY 19-21

Please pray for

- Retreat
- VBS
- Mission Trip
- Lancaster Trip
- Conferences

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ Spiritual growth ◆ Healing ◆ Financial security
- ◆ Marriage of children in our community

10 DANGEROUS MYTHS ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

7. PERSECUTION ALWAYS HURTS THE CHURCH.

It does hurt the church in the sense of pain, suffering and loss, but God has a way of leveraging all of these things to spread the gospel—just like He did in Acts—to strengthen the church. It's hard to wrap our minds around it, at least it is for me, but **God uses persecution for the advancement of His Kingdom.** That doesn't mean we should embrace it or pray for it, but when it happens, God always uses it for His purposes and sovereign will.

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