

## Bible Reading Plan Week 26

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
June 18, 2017	Psalms 112-118	Cook Islands
June 19, 2017	Psalm 119	Costa Rica
June 20, 2017	Psalms 120-133	Cote D'ivoire (Ivory Coast)
June 21, 2017	Psalms 134-140	Croatia
June 22, 2017	Psalms 141-150	Cuba
June 23, 2017	Proverbs 1-3	Curacao
June 24, 2017	Proverbs 4-7	Cypress

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## 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 25, 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: Jaiwin Prakash, Jolly Pathalil,  
& Shanon Thomas**

### CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

**Saji Pathalil & Family**

**WEEK OF 07/02/2017**

**Thomas K. Kurian & Family**

## Who Decided What Went into the Bible?

Who decided what went into the Bible? The short answer to that question is no one. Or maybe a better answer is God did. When scholars talk about how a book qualified to be called Scripture, they list five characteristics called the laws of canonicity. But these characteristics are recognized in hindsight; they weren't developed by a particular group at a particular time in history.

After his resurrection Jesus commissioned his followers to go and make disciples, and they did. They devoted themselves to sharing the Christ's good news, enfolded people into local churches and teaching them to obey all that Jesus had commanded.

These Jewish believers already had Scripture. Around Palestine the Jewish Scripture is exactly what Protestants today call the Old Testament. Jesus referred to these books when he spoke of the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms (Luke 24:44).

Outside the Holy Land some Jews included twelve to fifteen other books as part of Scripture. The Septuagint, which was translated in Egypt, contains books that we now call the Apocrypha. (Apocrypha means "those hidden away.") Early Christians differed over whether these extra books should be considered Scripture or not. Those nearest Palestine tended to exclude them. Those closer to Rome tended to include them.

During the sixteenth-century Reformation, Martin Luther spoke strongly against the Apocrypha. In reaction the Roman Catholic Church convened a council in Trent (now in Italy), where they declared the Apocrypha to be canonical. To this day Catholics and Protestants disagree on this issue. Catholics uphold the Apocrypha. Protestants believe that the Apocrypha is useful but not inspired. (to be continued)

Taken from The Bible Questions by Hal Seed- Lead Pastor, New Song Community Church

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## ICA RETREAT

JULY 14-16, 2017

**Bongiorno Conference Center,  
430 Union Hall Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RETREAT
- VBS
- MISSION TRIP
- LANCASTER TRIP
- CONFERENCES
- SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- HEALING
- FINANCIAL SECURITY
- MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN

## **10 DANGEROUS MYTHS ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

### **9. CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IS JUST CULTURAL.**

There are many cultural complexities, this is true. From Somalia to Syria, cultural differences are deeply embedded, and they contribute to persecution—whether it's governmental, nationalistic or faith-related. However, persecution goes much deeper. At the very root of it all—there's a spiritual issue and battle. What we're fighting against is not physical. As Paul states in Ephesians, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." This element of persecution shouldn't be overlooked.

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