



Treasuring God's Word



December 3-8, 2018

► **Monday, December 3, 2018**

Read: Joshua 3:10-24

Stacking stones must have seemed like an odd command from the leader of Israel, Joshua. In reality, those memorial stones offered a silent testimony of sorts to the amazing grace of God. Where might you find memorial stones in our church? How about the baptismal font or the altar rail? God distributes His grace to us in those places! **We pray: Whether at a river or at the altar rail, we know, O Lord, of Your mighty power in our lives. We praise You! Amen.**

► **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

Read: Nehemiah 5:14-19

Ever known a manager or leader who used their important position for their own benefit? In today's reading we find such a unique leader! Nehemiah had a heart for the poor and needy and was ready to make sacrifices so that there would be plenty for those who really needed it. **We pray: Help me today, Dear Lord, to do one "little" thing to help the life or situation of another person. Amen.**

► **Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

Read: John 2:12-25

In clearing the Temple, Jesus claims Divine authority – something only the Messiah could do. Also, note verse 25. The rabbis taught that what was in a man's heart was hidden from men. See how John assigns this knowledge, this omniscience, explicitly to Jesus. **We pray: Help us, O Savior, to believe the Scriptures and the Words You have spoken to us. Amen.**

► **Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Read: Romans 8:18-27

How is glory revealed in us? (verse 18) The glory of God is shown in His creation, miracles and all His works. The glory of people is shown by their relationship with Christ Jesus. Through faith in Christ, we have hope that one day all things will be made new. **We pray: Thank You, Spirit of God, for praying with us and for us. Amen.**

► **Friday, December 7, 2018**

Read: James 4:4-12

James provides the solution anytime we lead sinful lives – repent! "Submit yourselves" (verse 7); "Come near to God" (verse 8); "Grieve, mourn and wail" (verse 9); "Humble yourselves" (verse 10). **We pray: O Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Restore to me the joy of my salvation. Amen.**

► **Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Read: Psalm 19:7-14

Used in this context, "The Law of the Lord..." refers to the whole revelation of God – Law and Gospel. This revelation does two important things for us – it exposes our sins (Law) and proclaims God's covering mercy and grace (Gospel) in Christ. **We pray: Gracious God, may all I say and do think be pleasing in Your sight, for You are my Rock and Redeemer. Amen.**