WEEK 2 BIBLE READINGS

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MONDAY

Isaiah 29:13-19 NIV
The Lord says:

“These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.”

Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, “Who sees us? Who will know?”

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!

Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, “You did not make me”?

Can the pot say to the potter, “You know nothing”?

In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?

In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

TUESDAY

Romans 15:1-6 NIV
We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAY

Amos 5:21-24 NIV
“I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.

Even though you bring me burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept
them.

Though you bring choice fellowship
offerings, I will have no regard for them.

Away with the noise of your songs! I will
not listen to the music of your harps.

But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

THURSDAY

Matthew 23:25-28 NIV
“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

FRIDAY

James 1:26-27 NIV
Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

SATURDAY

Revelation 2:2-5 NIV
I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.