

Lord's Day, August 16	Ezra 7-10
Monday, August 17	Nehemiah 1-3
Tuesday, August 18	Nehemiah 4-6
Wednesday, August 19	Nehemiah 7-9
Thursday, August 20	Nehemiah 10-13
Friday, August 21	Malachi 1-4
Saturday, August 22	John 1:1-18; Luke 1-25

Lord's Day, August 16	Psalms 119:89-176; 1 Corinthians 8
Monday, August 17	Psalms 120-122; 1 Corinthians 9
Tuesday, August 18	Psalms 123-125; 1 Corinthians 10:1-18
Wednesday, August 19	Psalms 126-128; 1 Corinthians 10:19-33
Thursday, August 20	Psalms 129-131; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Friday, August 21	Psalms 132-134; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Saturday, August 22	Psalms 135-136; 1 Corinthians 12

C. THE LETTER TO BE SENT

1. The idea pleased the apostles, elders, and the whole church – [Acts 15:22a](#)
2. Selected to accompany Paul and Barnabas along with the letter to Antioch were Judas named Barsabas and Silas – [Acts 15:22b](#)
3. A copy of this letter is preserved by Luke – [Acts 15:23-29](#)
4. In which those who caused the trouble are identified as doing so without any authority from those in Jerusalem – [Acts 15:24](#)
5. So the conference in Jerusalem ends on a very positive note. But while the issue of Gentiles was solved doctrinally, in practice it would not be as easily resolved. This becomes evident from what follows. *To be continued...*

Adapted from Mark Copeland's **Life of Paul**

Life of Paul: Jerusalem Meeting and Return to Antioch (50 A.D.)

Reading: [Acts 15](#)

B. THE PUBLIC MEETING

1. The speech of Peter – [Acts 15:6-11](#)
 - a. How God selected him to be the first to preach to the Gentiles – cf. [Acts 10:1-43](#)
 - b. How God bore witness to their acceptability by giving them the Spirit – cf. [Acts 10: 44-48; 11:15-18](#)
 - c. That God purified them through faith, just as He did the Jews
 - d. That they should not test God, by placing a burden on the Gentiles which they themselves could not bear
 - e. That God will save the Jews in the same way, through the grace of the Lord Jesus
2. The testimony of Paul and Barnabas – [Acts 15:12](#)
 - a. How God did many miracles and wonders through them among the Gentiles
 - b. Which the multitude listened to quietly
3. The counsel of James – [Acts 15:13-21](#)
 - a. Reminding them of what Simon (Peter) had just said
 - b. Reminding them of the Old Testament prophecy of Amos – [Amos 9:11-12](#)
 - c. Offering his judgment:
 - 1) Not to trouble the Gentiles who were turning to God
 - 2) But asking them to abstain from:
 - a) Things polluted by idols (i.e., meats offered to idols)
 - b) Sexual immorality
 - c) Things strangled
 - d) Blood

