

DAILY BREAD LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS LENT 2—YEAR C

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 42-43

A: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord

L: As the deer pants for streams of water

G: so my souls pants for you, O God.

L: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

G: Where can I go and meet with God?

L: Why are you so downcast, O my soul?

G: Why so disturbed within me?

L: Put your hope in God,

G: for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

L: Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

G: let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

L: Then I will go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.

G: I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

A: Glory be to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

A: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b cf. NIV)

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Second Sunday of Lent: Even though he was rejected by many, the Christ was resolute on his journey to redeem us.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

- 1. What is God saying to me in this lesson?
- 2. For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?
- 3. What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?
- 4. For what does this lesson lead me to pray?

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

Prophets had been murdered for centuries by the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Yet Jesus was resolute in his mission. He would not be intimidated by Pharisaical lies or enemies of the cross. He would press on toward his goal to redeem humankind from the violence of sin, gathering the elect beneath his eternal wings.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 26:8-15

Jeremiah was rejected because he did not tell the people what they wanted to hear. Though threatened with death, he was resolute in his mission and faithfully proclaimed the Word of the Lord. Notice the invitation to repentance and mercy by the Lord of free and faithful grace that follows Jeremiah's wake-up call. But it was a call that fell on many deaf ears. This section of Jeremiah ends with the murder of Godly men. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

Paul contrasts the journey through life of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and those who embrace it. Be it our journey through Lent, or our journey from grace to glory, our focus remains on the message of the cross. It is only in Jesus that we can find strength to be resolute on our journey to follow him.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?