

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah. 17: 5-8.

Only he who is firmly rooted in God can ride out the storms in life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians. 15: 12, 16-20.

Our hope in Christ is not only for this life—we know that we shall be raised from the dead as he was.

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26.

This is Christ's new teaching: that those are blessed whom the world calls unfortunate and needy.



Points for Reflection

1. We all have at times come across people who say that they do not need to believe in anyone but themselves: people who think they can find in themselves all the answers to their problems. We might well be among such people. Although we say we are Christians, sometimes our behaviour is that of a godless person: we behave as though God did not exist and Jesus did not mean anything to us.
2. To such people the Kingdom of God is not accessible: this is the Sixth Ordinary Sunday's (Year C) biblical theme. Today's Scripture Readings remind us that in order to enter the Kingdom of God and be saved and led by God into his family, we must have an unconditional and total trustful reliance on him.
 - *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord"* (**First Reading**).
 - *"Blessed are you poor, hungry, weeping, persecuted, for yours is the Kingdom of God"* (**Gospel**).
 - The **Second Reading** gives wider scope to the theme: the Risen Lord is the only guarantee of our salvation.
3. Do we want to belong to the Kingdom of God? Jesus Christ is our only salvation; he is the only satisfactory answer to man's life. To be able to share in the happiness that only God can give us, we must make an act of complete trust in him: an act of trust we must repeat every day. Such trust in God is the spontaneous attitude of the poor, the humble and the lowly, and the only hope for those of Jesus' followers who are neglected, persecuted or in distress. The rich, the "full" and the "mighty" very often become so confident in themselves and in what they possess or have achieved, that they are not open to God and their fellowmen any more. Their lives are destined to become sad and meaningless.
4. Let us renew our choice. If we want to choose God, let it be clear that for us to choose God means to choose Christ, his poverty, his self-giving love, out of obedience to the Father's will. And if we follow Christ and make his trust in God our way of life, we will share in the blessedness brought by his life, death and resurrection, and we will also be able to help our brothers and sisters to share in the same endless and imperturbable blessedness.

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Kids' Corner

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