

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 11: 18, 26-28.

God's people are called to choose either his blessing or his judgment.

Second Reading: Romans 3: 21-25, 28.

God saves the man who accepts Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 7: 21-27.

Jesus tells a parable about the way men build their lives.



Points for Reflection

In the **First Reading** God calls the people of Israel to declare themselves, to accept either his friendship or his judgment, and to show their choice by the way they live. The choice before them is presented as real and frightening.

A similar note of severity and warning sounds through Jesus' parable of the two houses, beset by storm and floods (**today's Gospel**). One house collapses in ruins, the other stands firm. One life is built on the rock, the other on shifting sand. One man hears God's will and does it faithfully; the other merely hears it.

This is how God will judge us, says Jesus. He will judge us on what we do with our life, what we base it on, not on our empty promises or prayers of "Lord, Lord" that issue into nothing.

By this parable Jesus calls us to examine the way we live. Are we deceiving ourselves on what following Christ demands? Do we fancy that we are building on a rock, when all the time our lives are only based on sand?

Day by day, morning to night, we are choosing God's judgment or God's friendship.

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Announcement



THE ALPHA COURSE
explore the meaning of life



Why are we here?
Does my life have meaning?
Is there something more?



Alpha ~ exploring the questions of life...

Course overview:

The Alpha course is a 15-session opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Catholic faith to your life today. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centered around a meal, a DVD talk and a small-group discussion.

Anyone Welcome:

- Catholics who wish to deepen their faith
- Non-Christians with life-searching issues



Fee: Free, only minimal donation to cover

Date: Begins 8 March 2011 - Every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm

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