

Notes on Lectionary Readings - FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021.

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Read Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. Going back to the time of Abraham, God's blessing has been based on faith. God chose Abraham for a covenant not because Abraham was perfect but because he believed God.

Situation - A covenant is made between God and His people.

Questions - What is the basis of your relationship with God? How comfortable do you feel in it?

Prayer - Dear God, I honour your authority in my life. I acknowledge you as God and asked you to be God in me in all things. Help me honour the Royal order you have designed for all of Life. Amen.

Read Psalm 22:23-31. The Psalmist reminds his audience of their ancient relationship with God and expresses the hope that it will continue through future generations.

Theme - unborn generations are depending on our faithfulness today.

Question - Where do you find hope in troubling times?

Prayer - O Lord, when our hearts grow heavy with grief and restless for justice, remind us of Your sovereignty and the hope that never fades. Bring forth Your righteousness we pray. Amen.

Read Romans 4:13-25. Paul reinforces the centrality of faith. Following the law was not bad, but no one should believe that following the law could earn God's favour.

Situation - Righteousness comes through exercising faith.

Questions - How easily do you live in God's grace? In what areas do you find yourself "reckoning" your righteousness?

Prayer - O Lord thank you for the Grace that saves me in my simple assent of faith. It is enough and is it is everything. Amen.

Read Mark 9:2-9. Some of Jesus' disciples share with Him an experience that mystifies them. Trusting God means surrendering everything in faith.

Situation - Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

Questions - Do you ever find it difficult to believe in things you may not fully understand? What helps you to trust in God?

Prayer - O Lord if we could but spend five minutes stilling our bodies and quietening our minds, to listen intentionally for your voice, O Saviour. Here we are Lord, we your servants are listening. Amen.