

Third Sunday of Lent



The central Law of the Old Testament for the Jewish people came from the experience which Moses had with God recorded in the reading from the Book of Exodus. Blessings are promised to all who obey God's Law even to the thousandth generation. The Ten Commandments is that Law which binds the people to God, and He to them. Even in our own time, this Law guides our lives as well. The moral code for Christians like the Jews is based on this Law.

Psalm 19 speaks of the words of the Lord which hold eternal life. Accepting His law in our hearts brings joy and peace. This song of the Israelites praises the ordinances of God as; "sweet as honey from the comb."

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he recognizes that faith in Jesus Christ is a "stumbling block for the Jews and an absurdity for the Gentiles." He preaches Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. Paul sees in Christ both the power and wisdom of God and calls the people to share that vision.

The account from the second chapter of John's Gospel has Jesus coming into Jerusalem and entering the temple. Seeing vendors and money changers buying and selling animals and other goods causes our Lord to become angry and drive them out and overturn their money changing tables. "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace." He assures them that once they destroy the temple, He will rebuild it in three days. They mock Him reminding Him that it took forty-six years to build the temple. They did not understand that Jesus was referring to His own body and not a building of stone. The disciples came to understand this revelation after His Resurrection.

We during this season of Lent, now half way through need to find in Christ for ourselves that wisdom and power that not only raised Him from the dead but offers us the possibility of life after death too.

Peace,

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