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| 1st Reading  **Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1**  **8** **18** My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. **19** Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?’ (‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’) **20** ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ **21** For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.  **22** Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? **9** **1** O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!  **Psalm**  **Psalm 79.1-9**  **1** O God, the heathen have come into your land:  they have defiled your holy temple, they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.  **2** They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the air:  and the flesh of your faithful ones to the wild beasts of the earth.  **3** Their blood they have spilt like water on every side of Jerusalem:  and there is none to bury them.  **4** We have become a mockery to our neighbours:  the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.  **5** How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme:  will your jealous fury burn like fire?  **6** Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you:  on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.  **7** For they have devoured Jacob:  and made his dwelling-place a desolation.  **8** Do not remember against us the sin of former times:  but let your compassion hasten to meet us, for we are brought very low.  **9** Help us, O God our saviour, for the honour of your name:  O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name’s sake.  **2nd Reading**  **1 Timothy 2.1-10**  **1** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.  **3** This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, **4** who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, **6** who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. **7** For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. **8** I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; **9** also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, **10** but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.  **Gospel**  **Luke 16.1-13**  **1** Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. **2** So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” **3** Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” **5** So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” **6** He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” **7** Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” **8** And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. **9** And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. **10** ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. **11** If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? **12** And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? **13** No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’        Continue |