

Psalm & Readings Tuesday 14th July 2020

Psalm 106

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to
your people;

help me when you deliver them;

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your
nation,

that I may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done
wickedly.

Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt,
did not consider your wonderful works;
they did not remember the abundance of your
steadfast love,
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red
Sea.

Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
so that he might make known his mighty
power.

He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry;
he led them through the deep as through a
desert.

So he saved them from the hand of the foe,
and delivered them from the hand of the
enemy.

The waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them was left.

Then they believed his words;
they sang his praise.

But they soon forgot his works;
they did not wait for his counsel.

But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
and put God to the test in the desert;
he gave them what they asked,
but sent a wasting disease among them.

They were jealous of Moses in the camp,
and of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.

The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
and covered the faction of Abiram.

Fire also broke out in their company;
the flame burned up the wicked.

They made a calf at Horeb
and worshipped a cast image.

They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Then they despised the pleasant land,
having no faith in his promise.

They grumbled in their tents,
and did not obey the voice of the Lord.

Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them
that he would make them fall in the wilderness,
and would disperse their descendants among the
nations,
scattering them over the lands.

Then they attached themselves to the Baal of
Peor,
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;
they provoked the Lord to anger with their deeds,
and a plague broke out among them.

Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
and the plague was stopped.

And that has been reckoned to him as
righteousness
from generation to generation for ever.

They angered the Lord at the waters of Meribah,
and it went ill with Moses on their account;
for they made his spirit bitter,
and he spoke words that were rash.

They did not destroy the peoples
as the Lord commanded them,
but they mingled with the nations
and learned to do as they did.

They served their idols,
which became a snare to them.

They sacrificed their sons
 and their daughters to the demons;
 they poured out innocent blood,
 the blood of their sons and daughters,
 whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
 and the land was polluted with blood.
 Thus they became unclean by their acts,
 and prostituted themselves in their doings.
 Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against
 his people,
 and he abhorred his heritage;
 he gave them into the hand of the nations,
 so that those who hated them ruled over them.
 Their enemies oppressed them,
 and they were brought into subjection under
 their power.
 Many times he delivered them,
 but they were rebellious in their purposes,
 and were brought low through their iniquity.
 Nevertheless, he regarded their distress
 when he heard their cry.
 For their sake he remembered his covenant,
 and showed compassion according to the
 abundance of his steadfast love.
 He caused them to be pitied
 by all who held them captive.
 Save us, O Lord our God,
 and gather us from among the nations,
 that we may give thanks to your holy name
 and glory in your praise.
 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 from everlasting to everlasting.
 And let all the people say, 'Amen.'
 Praise the Lord!

1 Samuel 1:21-2:11

The man Elkanah and all his household went up
 to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to
 pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she
 said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is
 weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in
 the presence of the Lord, and remain there for
 ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her
 husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best
 to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—
 may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman

remained and nursed her son, until she weaned
 him. When she had weaned him, she took him up
 with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an
 ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought
 him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the
 child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull,
 and they brought the child to Eli. And she said,
 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the
 woman who was standing here in your presence,
 praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and
 the Lord has granted me the petition that I made
 to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as
 long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'
 She left him there for the Lord.
 Hannah prayed and said,
 'My heart exults in the Lord;
 my strength is exalted in my God.
 My mouth derides my enemies,
 because I rejoice in my victory.
 'There is no Holy One like the Lord,
 no one besides you;
 there is no Rock like our God.
 Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;
 for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed.
 The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble gird on strength.
 Those who were full have hired themselves out
 for bread,
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
 The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn.
 The Lord kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
 The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
 he brings low, he also exalts.
 He raises up the poor from the dust;
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 to make them sit with princes
 and inherit a seat of honour.
 For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
 and on them he has set the world.
 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
 for not by might does one prevail.
 The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
 the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.'

Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, while the boy remained to minister to the Lord, in the presence of the priest Eli.

Luke 19:41-48

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, 'It is written,

"My house shall be a house of prayer";
but you have made it a den of robbers.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.