

Sunday, March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday
Lectionary (Year C) Summary

Old Testament – Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Almost nothing is known about Joel. His writing is short, just three chapters. Composed around 600 BCE, but scholars differ on this. Joel mentions disasters like hordes of locusts destroying all crops if they weren't destroyed first. Locusts could be destroyed in their early non-flying stage if everyone helped. In the final chapter, Joel, laments that faith has become empty formality.

Old Testament – The Prophet, Isaiah 58:1-12

His name means "Yahweh is Salvation"

Judgement on an Idolatrous nation – First 39 chapters

Hope and consolation – Final 27 chapters

Isaiah showed: Salvation by faith

 The holiness of God

 The offense of human sin and certainty of divine judgement

 Assurance of redemption for a repentant remnant of God's people

Prophecies against Judah 1:1-12:6 9:6 "...for unto us a child is born."

Prophecies against other nations 13:1-23:18

Prophecies of the Day of the Lord 24:1-27:13

Prophecies of judgement and blessing 28:1-35:19

Prophecies of Comfort

 Israel's Deliverance 40:1-48:22

 Israel's Deliverer 49:1-57:21

 Israel's Glorious Future 58:1-66:24

Blessings of true worship **58:1-14**

Psalm 51

THE deepest Psalm of Confession by David after the prophet Nathan revealed David's sin.

 Central Psalm in morning prayer and Lent.

 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart."

Epistle of Paul - II Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Paul states his pain and challenges as an ambassador of Christ:

Troubles Paul endured:

Hardships, Distress, Beatings, Imprisonments, Riots, Hard Labor, Sleepless Nights, and Hunger

Any disciple who spreads the Gospels should expect to be loved/hated, accepted/rejected,

Joy/hardship

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Do good inconspicuously, avoid public praise, God will see your good works and reward you.

The Lord's Prayer vs 9-18. Store up treasures in heaven rather than earthly treasures. Vs 19-21.

Section topics for each lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

An Army of Locusts

Rend Your Heart

Isaiah 58:1-12

True Fasting

Psalm 51

Confession

II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Ministry of Reconciliation

Paul's Hardships

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Giving to the Needy

Fasting

Treasures in Heaven