

**July 30, 2023**

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD; call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the Lord, sing praises!  
tell of all God's wonderful works!**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

<sup>4</sup> **Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek the Lord's presence continually!**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

<sup>6</sup> **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is our God,  
whose judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,  
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant made with Abraham,  
his promise sworn to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup> and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

<sup>11</sup> **"To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."**

<sup>45b</sup> **Praise the LORD!**

## Romans 8: 26-39

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## St Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, <sup>32</sup> which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, <sup>48</sup> which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup> and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

<sup>51</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

<sup>52</sup> Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old.”