

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 10/13/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

IS 45:1, 4-6

PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (Give the Lord glory and honor)

1 THES 1:1-5B

MT 22:15-21

GOSPEL:

- The Pharisees are plotting at how to trap Jesus - they get a question together.
- Long build up to the question with complements - what do you think that is about?
- What do you think the trap is here? How would they expect that he would trip up in answering this? How could they use this to destroy him?
- He knows their palace. Do we realize that Jesus knows the true motives of our heart, even if we are outwardly flattering as they were?
- Give to Caesar what is his to God what is God's. What does he mean? What are the two portions he speaks of?
- How does this apply to me? Do I give God what is due God, while fulfilling other responsibilities?
- What is due to God?

FIRST READING:

- Who is Cyrus, and why is God helping him?
- For the sake of Jacob he gave the title - to one who did not know him.
 - What purpose did this serve, why would God so favor one who is not one of the chosen people?
- There is no other God but God.

SECOND READING:

- The leaders greet with the name of Jesus Christ. Do we do things like this in our discourse?
- They remember the members of the community in their prayers.
 - They call to mind their work of faith, labor of love, endurance in hope. There is a work to do, but how it is undertaken may be different. There is a way that involves the Lord. What does this have to say to us about the trial that come our way and the way to deal with them?
- He reminds them that they were chosen - as were we.
- The Gospel did not come in word alone, but also by the power of the Spirit.
 - Paul is part of bringing that, perhaps the Holy Spirit working through a person.
 - How can we open ourselves to be the same?

—Closing Prayer