

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 10/6/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

IS 25:6-10A

PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 (I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life)

PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

MT 22:1-14

GOSPEL:

- Jesus tells another parable about the Kingdom addressing it to the chief priests and elders.
- The image is of a wedding banquet. An extended celebration - and one thrown by a King
 - Even more lavish because not is being thrown for his son. The son represents who? Who is the Bride?
- He sends out servant to the invited guests.
 - At first they refuse when asked. The second time he pleads with them.
 - They ignore the invitation and are too busy with their own affairs that they don't come - some affairs that frankly could have waited.
 - On top of this they beat and kill the messengers. What does this relate to?
- He then dispatches soldiers. Those invited were not worthy. What people and events here?
- The servants are then to bring in people despite their condition, status, or origin.
- However, the one man is not properly dressed and is thrown out.
 - What is this about? What does it mean for us? To which group of individuals do we belong?
 - Many are invited, but few are chosen. Chosen how?

FIRST READING:

- What is the mountain being spoken of? Notice the parallel to the banquet from the Gospel.
- Not only providing food (sustenance, prosperity), but destroying the veil of death.
 - What is this? How is it destroyed?
- The tears will be wiped from every face. Why? What is it that wipes these tears and removes the cause for sadness?
- People will say: God has saved us - how will he save? What does it mean to be saved?

SECOND READING:

- Paul speaks of being in good time and in bad, of having much and of being in need.
- What is the secret he has learned? Can we benefit from the same secret?
- He is in distress, and grateful for the support - but says that all things can be done in God who strengthens him. How has God strengthened him?
- He prays for God to supply all needs - how will his be done? How can we take advantage of it? Do we have the faith to do so?

—Closing Prayer