

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 2/2/21

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted)

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

GOSPEL:

- Jesus leaves the synagog and goes to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law is ill.
 - Notice Simon is married. Rule of celibacy did not enter till later (yet aligns with St. Paul)
- He grabs her hand and helps her up - she is cured. What do you think of the image of lifting her by the hand?
 - She's feeling so good, she can walk on them - there is no blockage to what she would have done
- After dark (symbolic time) - the ill and possessed are brought to him and he heals them.
- Does not permit them to speak because they know him - why not?
- He is up early to pray - not slacking in that duty.
- He must be about his mission - preaching and casting out evil is what he does.
 - How does this relate to our relationship with him?

FIRST READING:

- Do you agree with the opening statement? Life on earth a drudgery?
- We are like slaves that work and need shade (because there is no place to retreat)
- He is in quite a down place. He sees all the negative and it has consumed him
 - How often have you felt like that?
- He thinks he will never be happy again. How many of the people Jesus heals maybe thought the same way?
- What happens in the end to Job?

SECOND READING:

- The work God has assigned him is an obligation - it is woe if he does not preach it.
- Doing it willingly provides a recompense.
 - There is a recompense, but he does not make full use of it.
 - Duty has with it a reward, but we can forgo even this for the sake of others.
- He likens himself to a slave. For Job this is a bad thing - for him it is a means to an end (the salvation of souls), and a way to be true to the commission that God has given him.
- He is willing to bend his own wants for the sake of others - are we as willing?

—Closing Prayer