

Lent Friday Week 5

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Gospel Reading: John 10: 31-42.

Theme: “You are gods”

The readings present face to face confrontations of two opposite parties: each party speaking for God. The Prophets Jeremiah and Jesus were treated in the same way. They remained confident in God, looking up to Yahweh for support.

The Jewish people made a very serious charge against Jesus accusing Him of insulting God. The punishment for such an accusation was death penalty. The Law says, "He who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall be put to death" (Levi 24: 16). In His defense, Jesus reflected on the mystery of the Son of God and our identity as daughters and sons of God. Jesus Christ affirmed that we are made in God's image. Jesus Christ used the Scriptures quoting Psalm 8: 6. The Prophets Jeremiah and Jesus remained confident in God for His support. We pray that we may have open eyes and minds to believe the many signs by which God reveals his love to us each as day daughters and sons of God. This season of Lent is about striving for the perfection of God. May we pray that we finish the season of Lent perfectly with confidence in its spiritual fruits and the Fatherly protection of God in all situations.

--Fr. Sev Kupo