



Daily Reflections

October 27, 2017

Scripture

Luke 12: 53-59

Jesus said to the crowds,

"When you see a cloud rising in the west
you say immediately that it is going to rain—and so it does;
and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south
you say that it is going to be hot—and so it is.

You hypocrites!

You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky;
why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

"Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?

If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate,
make an effort to settle the matter on the way;
otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge,
and the judge hand you over to the constable,
and the constable throw you into prison.

I say to you, you will not be released
until you have paid the last penny."

Our Scripture Reflection

Beginning in Luke 9:51 where Our Lord begins His journey to the city of destiny, Jerusalem, we hear a sense of urgency in His voice as He teaches the crowds about the Kingdom of God. In today's text, He takes the people to task for being able to read the signs in nature but missing the signs of the

Kingdom in their midst. Jesus wants the people to wake up, to rise and shine and to get their lives in order. If they wish to enter His Kingdom, then they must act like it. There is no time nor room for slackers.

Food for your Journey

Hypocrisy in anything whatever may deceive the cleverest and most penetrating man, but the least wide-awake of children recognizes it, and is revolted by it, however ingeniously it may be disguised.

—Leo Tolstoy.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, In a world filled with temptations and distractions, help me to focus on living as Your true and faithful disciple each day. Amen.