



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Job 7: 1-4,6-7

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?

Are not his days those of hirelings?

He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.

So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.

If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"

then the night drags on;

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.

Remember that my life is like the wind;

I shall not see happiness again.

Our Scripture Reflection

Of course Job did not deserve the tragedies he experienced. . And those pesky, uncaring friends of His keep telling him that he experienced terrible loss because he had sinned. But Job knew better and he knew that God knew better as well. In today's reading we see Job having a bad day. He feels lonely, misunderstood and dejected, but he will not stop believing in God. While his friends can only talk about God, Job will talk to God and the result

is amazing. Job will learn that God is God and Job is not. Because of his persevering faith, Job will be blessed more than he could ever had imagined. Is your faith strong enough to hang in there with God over the long haul come what may?

Food for your Journey

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! The problem is that some people don't come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to him and do not look for him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, I cannot imagine life without You. During the difficult times of life, increase my faith and trust in You. May I always remember that no matter how dark things may get, You are here for me. Amen