



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Isaiah 49: 8-15

Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I answer you,
on the day of salvation I help you;

and I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people,

To restore the land

and allot the desolate heritages,

Saying to the prisoners: Come out!

To those in darkness: Show yourselves!

Along the ways they shall find pasture,
on every bare height shall their pastures be.

They shall not hunger or thirst,

nor shall the scorching wind or the sun strike them;

For he who pities them leads them

and guides them beside springs of water.

I will cut a road through all my mountains,
and make my highways level.

See, some shall come from afar,

others from the north and the west,

and some from the land of Syene.

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth,
break forth into song, you mountains.

For the LORD comforts his people
and shows mercy to his afflicted.

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

Our Scripture Reflection

The blame game. What a sad and dehumanizing thing to do, especially to God. The people of Israel had forgotten how many times they had turned against God AND how many times God had sent the Prophets to turn them back, but they refused over and over again. God sent the Prophets to spell out clearly the consequences of their behavior if they did not change. The Babylonians invaded and off to exile they went. And you think they would have finally come to their senses and repented. Oh no. Too much pride for that. It was easier to play the blame game by making the horrible claim that God had forsaken and forgotten them! God's response? He tells them that even if a mother could do the unthinkable, forget the child in her womb, God would never ever forget them. God is faithful even when we are not.

Food for your Journey

Only those who try to live near God and have formed the habit of faithfulness to him in the small things of our daily life, can hope in times of need for that special light which shows us our path. To do as well as we can the job immediately before us, is the way to learn what we ought to do next.

—Evelyn Underhill.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, So often during the busyness of daily life I forget You. But how could I since signs of Your Presence are all around me? Help me, Lord, to gratefully remember the many times that You have rescued me through the years. May I keep You at the forefront of my thoughts this day. May I show my love for You in all that I do today. Amen