



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 17: 20-25

Asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said in reply,

"The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Then he said to his disciples,

"The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.

There will be those who will say to you,

'Look, there he is,' or 'Look, here he is.'

Do not go off, do not run in pursuit.

For just as lightning flashes

and lights up the sky from one side to the other,

so will the Son of Man be in his day.

But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation."

Our Scripture Reflection

The hypocritical Pharisees ask Jesus about the timing of the coming of the Kingdom. They wanted precision, exact times and places. Jesus will not give them exactitude. In their arrogance they failed to take into account what He had said about the presence of the Kingdom in Luke 11: 20: " If it is by my

finger that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God is upon you." The Kingdom was present in His Presence, His work and every word He spoke. But they were not humble enough to be open to Him.

Food for your Journey

The story is told of a group of farmers many years ago who decided to eat their best potatoes and to plant only the small ones. They kept up this practice for many years, even though they noticed the potatoes getting smaller and smaller. They blamed the weather and the beetles and the blight.

They kept it up until all of their potatoes were reduced to the size of large marbles. The farmers learned through bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of life and nature decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting.

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, I pray Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done! Help me through my imitation of Your Son to make the Kingdom visible to all who seek it. Amen