



Daily Reflections

May 26, 2016

Scripture

I Peter 2:2-5, 9-12

Beloved:

Like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow into salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones,

let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were no people but now you are God's people;

you had not received mercy
but now you have received mercy.
Beloved, I urge you as aliens and sojourners
to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against the soul.
Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles,
so that if they speak of you as evildoers,
they may observe your good works
and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Our Scripture Reflection

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own": For a people beaten down by the world, these words had to be incredibly important. In God's eyes, they/we are invaluable, royal. But because we belong to God, we have an awesome responsibility. To be "God's" means to be consecrated to Him, and that means to be set aside for His purpose. While this is a great honor, it means, however, that we must keep ourselves holy and devoted to Him.

Food for your Journey

"Some people's strength is all drawn from themselves," writes Hugh Martin in *The Beatitudes*. "They are like isolated pools with limited reserves. Others are more like rivers. They do not produce or contain the power, but it flows through them, like blood through the body. The more they give, the more they are able to draw in. That strength is theirs, but it is not their own. The strength that God gives is available to those who care for others, for they are showing the spirit of Jesus. The power of God's spirit fortifies them."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Because of Your love, I have the honor of being a child of God. Help me, Lord, with Your Grace, to live up to this tremendous honor by living as You lived. Amen.

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