

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

-- PROPER 25

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Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

- ✘ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ✘ My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ✘ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

- ✘ I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- ✘ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ✘ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.
- ✘ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ✘ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
- ✘ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.
- ✘ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
- ✘ Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ✘ The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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Jeremiah 31:7-9 For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm 126

- ✘ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- ✘ Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- ✘ The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- ✘ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- ✘ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- ✘ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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