

DEVOTION FOR THE FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER

PSALM 107:17-22

Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction.

They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works for the children of men!

And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen*

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 26:1-46 *Results of obedience and disobedience*

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 3:1-19 *Jesus and Moses*

“JESUS & MOSES”

Although they lived centuries apart, Jesus and Moses have a very important relationship. Moses prepared for the coming of Jesus, by leading Israel out of bondage in the land of Egypt. Jesus set human beings free from bondage to sin and the condemnation of death, by leading us out of the kingdom of the devil. Israel was delivered from the house of bondage by the plague that brought death to the firstborn male of every household. Moses told the people to mark their homes with the blood of lambs they would sacrifice in their houses. When the angel that brought the plague saw the blood, it passed over! All people who mark their hearts with Jesus' blood through faith in His name are delivered from spiritual bondage and rescued from the shadow of death. Jesus is our Passover Lamb.

Jesus is greater than Moses in the scope of His redemption, because He is before him in His person and greater than him in His being. Moses was a servant in God's house. Moses service ended with his death. Jesus lives forever in God's house as the eternal Son. God made covenant with Israel and gave His Holy Law through Moses. Jesus fulfilled all the commands of the law and made a new covenant with people from every nation through the blood of His cross. The law commands what people could never do because of our sin; live a sinless life. Jesus did what the law demands by living without sin and by offering Himself for our sins. Jesus gives what Moses couldn't give; forgiveness and release from the condemnation of death. Not even Moses escaped death, because not even Moses kept the law. Jesus defeated death through His death. One day Jesus will put death to death and give eternal life to all who believe. Jesus is greater than Moses because as St. John said, *“The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*

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**O Wondrous type and vision fair of glory that the church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun He glows.**

**With Moses and Elijah nigh. The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from that cloud the Holy One, bears record to the Only Son.**

**With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today,
What glory shall be theirs above, who joy in God with perfect love.**

**And faithful hearts are raised on high, by this great vision's mystery.
For which in joyful strains we raise, the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

PRAYER

Holy God through your servant Moses, you prepared the way for the coming of your eternal Son. Moses gave the law, so that in it we would see our sin and our need for your salvation in forgiveness. Your Son fulfilled the law in His sinless life and paid our debt through His sacrificial death. In Jesus we see our Saviour and in Him, receive the grace of forgiveness and the mercy of peace. May Moses always shows us our need, so the Spirit may lead us to Jesus and His cross. In His name we pray. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 2:14-15

“Since therefore the children have flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy Him who holds the power of death, that is the devil and deliver all those who through fear of death, were subject to lifelong slavery.”