

PROPERthoughts

Series B, Proper 5

Lessons for Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Psalm 130 ~ *A prayer of confession and trust from a sinner who knows God's mercy is trustworthy.*

Genesis 3:8-15 ~ *Adam saw his naked guilt and hid, but God found Adam with the promise of a Redeemer.*

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ~ *Our earthly life is wasting away, but God renews our spiritual life in Christ.*

Mark 3:20-35 ~ *The scribes saw Jesus casting out demons, but did not realize it was by the Holy Spirit.*

GATHERING THE TEXTS: Seeing the Eternal with Eyes of Faith

Adam looked out on his world, stillborn in sin, and saw his own nakedness. He had more than enough blame to go around. But God saw an eternal solution to sin and gave a promise for Adam and Eve to trust. St. Paul suggests to us Christians that we "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen" trusting in God's promise even when we see only decay, destruction, and waste. Jesus explained that the battle he was waging was not what the teachers of the law thought they were seeing; rather it was the incarnate word of God's promise crushing the head of the ancient tempter from the Garden.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: Lord, give me eyes to see Your eternal work in my life, Your victory over sin and death, Your call to trust Your promise, and Your power to overcome evil in my life. Let me proclaim these truths to my friends and neighbors. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

OFFERING PRAYER:

CONVICTION AND COMFORT:

Questions to Consider:

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