

## **Mon. Nov 2 – Psalm 5 – Trust in God for Deliverance from Enemies**

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
give heed to my sighing.
- <sup>2</sup> Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.
- <sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.
- <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil will not sojourn with you.
- <sup>5</sup> The boastful will not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.
- <sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.
- <sup>7</sup> But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house,  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.
- <sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.
- <sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouths;  
their hearts are destruction;  
their throats are open graves;  
they flatter with their tongues.
- <sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;  
because of their many transgressions cast them out,  
for they have rebelled against you.
- <sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.
- <sup>12</sup> For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover them with favor as with a shield.

## **Tue. Nov 3 Lamentations 2:13-17 – Jesus Calls Levi**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup> As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

## **Wed. Nov 4 Proverbs 16:21-33**

<sup>21</sup> The wise of heart is called perceptive,  
and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.

<sup>22</sup> Wisdom is a fountain of life to one who has it,  
but folly is the punishment of fools.

<sup>23</sup> The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious,  
and adds persuasiveness to their lips.

<sup>24</sup> Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

<sup>25</sup> Sometimes there is a way that seems to be right,  
but in the end it is the way to death.

<sup>26</sup> The appetite of workers works for them;  
their hunger urges them on.

<sup>27</sup> Scoundrels concoct evil,  
and their speech is like a scorching fire.

<sup>28</sup> A perverse person spreads strife,  
and a whisperer separates close friends.

<sup>29</sup> The violent entice their neighbors,  
and lead them in a way that is not good.

<sup>30</sup> One who winks the eyes plans perverse things;  
one who compresses the lips brings evil to pass.

<sup>31</sup> Gray hair is a crown of glory;  
it is gained in a righteous life.

<sup>32</sup> One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city.

<sup>33</sup> The lot is cast into the lap,  
but the decision is the LORD's alone.

## **Thu Nov 5 – Psalm 70 – Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies**

<sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup> Let those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire to hurt me.

<sup>3</sup> Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"

<sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!

## **Fri. Nov 6 Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[d] these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Sat. Nov 7 Romans 15:1-13 – Please Others, Not Yourselves**

<sup>1</sup>We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the

scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike**

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant.....on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup> and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.