

Epiphany 6, February 13, 2022

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

²**Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night.**

³They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.

⁴**But evil men are not like this at all; they are like straw that the wind blows away.**

⁵Sinners will be condemned by God and kept apart from God's own people.

⁶**The righteous are guided and protected by the Lord, but the evil are on the way to their doom.**

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

⁵ The Lord says, "I will condemn the person who turns away from me and puts his trust in man, in the strength of mortal man. ⁶ He is like a bush in the desert, which grows in the dry wasteland, on salty ground where nothing else grows. Nothing good ever happens to him. ⁷ "But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. ⁸ He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green; it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit.

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

¹² Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. ¹⁶ And if an ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body." That would not keep it from being a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? ¹⁸ As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. ¹⁹ There would not be a body if it were all only one part! ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts but one body.

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ When Jesus had come down from the hill with the apostles, he stood on a level place with a large number of his disciples. A large crowd of people was there from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coast cities of Tyre and Sidon; ¹⁸ they had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by evil spirits also came and were healed. ¹⁹ All the people tried to touch him, for power was going out from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Jesus looked at his disciples and said "Happy are you poor; the Kingdom of God is yours! ²¹ "Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled! "Happy are you who weep now; you will laugh! ²² "Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! ²³ Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets. ²⁴ "But how terrible for you who are rich now; you have had your easy life! ²⁵ "How terrible for you who are full now; you will go hungry! "How terrible for you who laugh now you will mourn and weep! ²⁶ "How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets.