

**The First Reading is from the Book of NUMBERS Chapter 11, verses 4-6 and 10-16:-**

<sup>4</sup>The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

<sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?”

<sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’?

<sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat!’

<sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.

<sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you.

*Hear the Word of The Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

*Numbers 11.4-6,10-16*

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7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:  
the command of the Lord is true,  
and makes wise the simple.

**8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
and rejoice the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:  
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,  
and righteous every one.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold:  
sweeter also than honey,  
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the mastery over me:  
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**The Second Reading is from The Letter of JAMES, Chapter 5 beginning at the 12th verse:-**

<sup>12</sup> Above all, brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Hear the Word of The Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

*James 5.12-20*

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MARK Chapter 9 beginning at the 38th verse:-**

*Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> “For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**For the Gospel of the Lord**

*Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ*

*Mark 9.38-50*