

Sunday 28th June 2020

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you that you sent us your son to show us how to live. We also thank you that you see all the good we do in our lives, both the visible and the invisible and that you rewards us for our good deeds.

Amen.

Song: Choose your own Worship Song.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Song: WOW CD Disc 1— Track 2— Take My Life — Chris Tomlin

Bible Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

Reflection:

During the time of Jesus, the Jewish people believed that when one was to receive an envoy or messenger from another person, that it was the equivalent of receiving the actual person who sent the messenger. Along with this, is the receiving person was to pay respect to the messenger, it was also to pay respect to the person who sent them.

In verse 40 of our scripture reading, we see that Jesus is telling his disciples that by accepting Him as the messenger of God, that they are also accepting God into their lives as well. This is the same for us, when we accept Jesus into our lives, we are also accepting God into our lives as well.

The rest of the scripture shows that depending on the attitude of the host and how they receive the messenger, will determine the consequence/reward that will be received by the host.

If a host is fully accepting of the messenger for each part that the messenger provides, then they will receive a reward for each part. Further, if a host goes above and beyond for the messenger, then the host will receive a far greater rewards.

For us this is by fully accepting Christ to our lives, fully living our lives devoted to him,
the reward, is eternal life with Him.

Just like there are rewards for being a gracious and accepting host, there are also consequences for not being an accepting and gracious host. An example of this is can be found in 2 Samuel 10, where the Ammonites shamed David's ambassadors, which in turn caused David to send his armies and thus see the defeat of the Ammonites. Likewise, there is also consequences for us if you do not live fully accepting of Christ and be fully faithful to Him.

Questions: Is there something unselfish you can do for someone else today?

Are you being fully accepting of Christ in you life?

Song: WOW CD Disc 1 — Track 5 — Fairest Lord Jesus — Natalie Grant

Prayer: Faithful God,
your love stands firm from generation to generation,
your mercy is always abundant.
Give us open and understanding hearts,
that having heard your word,
we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. Amen.

(Revised Common Lectionary)

(May) Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Eph. 3:17-19