



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
EPIPHANY 6 — YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 1

**A: Blessed are they who hope,
who hope in the Lord.**

L: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked

G: or stand in the way of sinners.

L: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

G: and on his law he meditates day and night.

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yield its fruit in season

**G: and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,

**G: nor sinners in the assembly of the
righteous.**

L: For the LORD watches over the way of the
righteous,

G: but the way of the wicked will perish.

**A: Blessed are they who hope,
who hope in the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your
people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things
that please you and the grace and power always to
accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of eternal life. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Spiritual and eternal blessings belong to those who put their trust in the Lord's Anointed.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

After a night of prayer on the hilltop, Jesus descends, revealing his power as the Lord's Anointed to heal and restore. The disciples are instructed about both blessings and woes in connection with the kingdom of God. Blessing comes to those who put God first and live lives of faith, seeking to put the spiritual ahead of the physical. This faithfulness will be eternally rewarded as evidence of faith.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Those who trust in themselves and all the world offers will find ruin and destruction. Those who put their confidence in the Lord and live according to his ways will bear fruit into eternity. (There is some parallelism here with Psalm 1.)

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

The on-going readings from 1 Corinthians move to a two-week treatment of the resurrection in chapter 15. Paul answers the objections to the resurrection of the dead by linking the resurrection of the dead to Christ's resurrection. With Christ's resurrection at the heart of our faith, we can be confident of our own resurrection from the sleep of death.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10

Beginning in chapter 28, the Lord foretells of blessings and curses in connection with the obedience of the Lord's covenant people. They would go on to experience curses from the Lord even to the point of exile from the Promised Land. Yet the Lord of free and faithful grace fulfilled his promise of blessed restoration.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

The apparent curse of a "thorn in the flesh" does not seem like a blessing to the world. Yet, what a humbling bounty of blessing comes to the believer who clings to the promise "my grace is sufficient for you."

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?