

DEVOTION FOR THE SIXTH TUESDAY OF EASTER

PSALM 107:33-43

**He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.**

He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

**And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; they sow fields and plant
vineyards and get a fruitful yield.**

By His blessing they multiply greatly, and He does not let their livestock diminish.

**When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil and sorrow, He pours contempt on
princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes.**

But He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen*

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:1-27 *The Nazarite vow and Aaron's blessing*

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5:1-14 *Jesus the source of eternal salvation*

“THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION”

When the letter to the Hebrews was written, the Jerusalem temple was standing and operating as a place of sacrifice. The author was concerned that Jewish Christians understood that Jesus has fulfilled the service of the temple, by the offering of Himself for the sin of the world. The temple and its sacrifices are gone, but it is still important that believers understand that there is but one source of eternal salvation, Jesus our great high priest. There is no auxiliary source of salvation, whether it was the service of the temple, or our acts of service as temples of His Spirit. Jesus is the only source of salvation. He saves completely everyone who obeys Him by receiving Him as Saviour.

Jesus is the eternal source of salvation for all who obey Him. Obeying Jesus means putting our trust in Him, as our only and all sufficient Saviour from sin and death. It means taking His words to heart and holding Him at the heart of our lives. Obeying Jesus means seeking to honour Him with our lives, but not thinking that our actions are a secondary source of salvation. It's easy to think we are doing something for the Lord, when really it is the Lord blessing us to do something with Him.

Jesus did it all for us and for every human soul. He had a task to fulfill and He fulfilled it perfectly. And so the author of Hebrews says, “*And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*” Jesus fulfilled the task set before Him to perfection. He offered Himself in place of our imperfections. He fulfilled the work of the temple and took away the sin of the world. He calls all people to Himself for salvation in the forgiveness of sin. All who hear His voice and obey His call, have eternal salvation!

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**Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies.
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you were chosen by God to serve as our high priest and to represent us to Him, with the offering of your sinless life and the sacrifice of your precious blood. You have called us by the gospel and empowered by your Spirit, to obey and believe in you, as our all sufficient Saviour from sin and eternal death. Bless us with faith that seeks to grow in understanding. Feed us with the solid nourishment of your word. Teach us to discern truth from evil, so we may walk in your grace until you call us to receive the fullness of salvation, in the resurrection to eternal life. In your Name we pray. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BENEDICTION

Psalm 84:11

“For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; The Lord bestows favour and honour. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trust in you!”