

Readings of the day. Job 38:1 12-21: 40: 3-5

Luke 10: 13-16

In today's Reading we share a Eureka moment with Job. He has been the victim of a series of disasters. Beaten down by the Devil, he has relied on God despite his misfortunes and never lost faith in Him. Now, out of the tempest, God reminds him of his (Gods) greatness. Job, by contrast, recognises his own smallness and repents. Job says, "My words have been frivolous, what can I reply? I had better lay my finger on my lips. I have spoken once.....I will not speak again; more than once....I will add nothing." And then, because of that act of repentance and his constant faith we hear, in tomorrow's reading, how God lavishes good fortune upon him.

The theme is taken up in the responsorial psalm. ".....For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonders of my being, for the wonders of all your creation."

Jesus reflects to his disciples that, had the people of Tyre and Sidon witnessed the miracles that he was now working, they would have repented and not been destroyed through their sinful ways. He councils those living in Capernaum ( and we ourselves) to take heed..... "And as for you, Capernaum, did you want to be exalted high as heaven? You shall be thrown down to hell." Why? Because " Anyone who listens to you (the disciples) listens to me; anyone who rejects you rejects me, and those who reject me reject the one who sent me.