

Bible Reading | Thursday, June 4

Psalm

Psalm 33

- 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.

Old Testament

Genesis 13

- 1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.
- 3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.
- 5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so

great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

10 Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.

14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

18 So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.

New Testament

2 Peter 2:17-22

17 These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. 18 For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for "people are slaves to whatever has mastered them." 20 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 21 It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. 22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."