

# **MORNING MEDITATION**

**Wednesday, Twenty Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

**It is in the midst of stillness that we are able to hear God's voice  
and respond to His call.**

## **Ephesians 3:2-12**

Jews regarded Gentiles as unclean, unholy and worthless in God's eyes. In this excerpt, the author of Ephesians describes the equal status of Jews and Gentiles in Christ as a "mystery" being revealed through him. The author says that Gentiles and Jews are Co-heirs, members of the same body and sharers of the promises of God. This was the vision of the prophets, a vision of universal salvation, realized in the person of Jesus.

**Pray for a broader, clearer, and cosmic vision of the freedom and salvation offered to us in and through Jesus.**

## **Isaiah 12**

**God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the Lord,  
And he has been my savior.**

## **Luke 12:39-48**

Jesus taught the disciples to be watchful, alert, and awake...to be prepared. He said to them that no one knew the day or the hour when God would break into their history. He also said that the son of man would come when he is least expected. So be prepared. Be alert! Stay awake!

Jesus told them the parable of the faithful steward to emphasize the need for preparedness. He asked them about what would happen to a steward who was abusive in his master's absence. Jesus called them to be faithful even in the master's absence, even when no one is watching. Faithfulness is an enduring quality of a person and not just the fulfillment of duties and obligations.

**He also taught them that responsibility came with privilege.... "more will be asked of the man to whom more has been entrusted".**

**Abuse of privileges brings disaster. Be watchful. Be grateful and be responsible for the gifts and talents which God has given to you.**

**Saint of the Day, October 21 - Saint Hilarion and 21 other saints are remembered this day.**

Saint Hilarion the Great was born around the year 291 C.E. in Palestine and was educated in Alexandria, Egypt. After his conversion to Christianity, he spent some time with Saint Anthony of Egypt before becoming a hermit at Majuma, near Gaza, Israel. He lived a life of hardship and simplicity in the desert, where he also experienced spiritual dryness that included temptations to despair. At the same time, miracles were attributed to him. In 356, Hilarion returned to St. Anthony in the Egyptian desert and found that his fame had spread there too. He fled to Sicily to escape notice. As his fame grew, a small group of disciples wanted to follow Hilarion. He began a series of journeys to find a place where he could live away from the world. He finally settled on Cyprus, where he died in 371 at about age 80. Hilarion is celebrated as the founder of monasticism in Palestine. Much of his fame flows from the biography of him written by Saint Jerome.

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