

SERMON NOTES

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21, Year B * September 26, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 * Psalm 124 * James 5:13-20 *

Mark 9:38-50

It Could Be Worse

(by Einat Tsarfati)

Psalm 124

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *

when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *

and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. James 5:13-15

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 * Psalm 26 * Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 * Mark 10:2-16

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Tell about a time you thought things had gotten about as bad as they could get... and then they got worse.
2. How did you get through that situation? Did God help? How or how not?
3. Tell about a time God helped you through a difficulty other than the one above.
4. What difficulty are you facing now? How would you like God to help?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for helping you through what you talked about above.
 - ✦ For God to help you through what you talked about in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.