

NOVEMBER 10, 2019  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking faith home

*We have hope for the future.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 20:27-38</b>	<b>Jesus speaks of the resurrection</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Job 19:23-27a</b>	<b>I know my redeemer lives</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</b>	<b>Be faithful</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Exodus 3:13-20</b>	<b>God promises to guide Moses</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 Peter 1:3-12</b>	<b>A living hope</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 24:10-23</b>	<b>Paul defends himself</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 17:1-9</b>	<b>Prayer of an innocent person</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 21:5-9</b>	<b>Suffering for Jesus' sake</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Eternal Savior, thank you for the promise of the resurrected body that gives us eternal comfort and good hope. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we are thankful that through your steadfast love you give us food to eat and a living hope to feast upon now and always, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK



*I Know That My  
Redeemer Lives!*

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that you look forward to?
- What is something that worries you about the future?
- Jesus and the New Testament make clear promises about the resurrection from the dead. Why is this important?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 20:27-38.

This passage is both encouraging and confusing. The encouragement is that Jesus affirms that God "is God not of the dead, but of the living" (v. 38). The confusing part is about marriage in heaven. However, this text is not really about marriage or a definitive theology of heaven. What happens here is that the Sadducees ask a trick question and Jesus gives them a trick answer to get to the real point. The Sadducees try to trick Jesus because they don't believe in the resurrection (v. 27). Knowing this, Jesus goes to the real topic of bodily life after death by pointing out that their question is irrelevant: heaven is not what you are setting it up to be by your tricky question (vv. 35-36). Jesus uses the Sadducees' preferred focus on Moses to point out that even Moses believed in life after death. Jesus uses their own biblical theology to point out what they refuse to see: through Jesus we have "eternal comfort and good hope" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). How does the Christian belief in the resurrection give you eternal comfort? How does it give you hope?

*Pray:* **Eternal God, we thank you that in the midst of struggles, suffering and death, through Christ our Lord we are given comfort, good hope, and everlasting life. Amen.**

## SERVICE



2 Thessalonians is a letter of encouragement for Christians. It is about God's love for us and the eternal comfort and hope given to us. Do you know of someone who needs to hear an encouraging word? Let them know you are thinking about them by calling, sending them a note, or visiting.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus tells the Sadducees that life after death is different. To think about this, find a picture of a caterpillar and one of a butterfly or draw them. Talk about ways they are different (ex. caterpillars crawl and eat leaves, butterflies fly and drink nectar, etc.). They are the same animal even though the stages of life are different. We do not know what life will be like after death but Jesus tells us it will be different and we will be with God. "Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive" (Luke 20:38).



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