

Today's readings, which we haven't heard proclaimed in 20 years, are full of GOOD NEWS.

In the 1st Reading we are told: God will never forget us. Put positively: God always remembers us.

In the Gospel, Jesus compassionately relates that worry and anxiety are useless. God is always with us. We are precious and of great value to God. God knows our needs. Jesus invites us to trust in God. Letting go of worry and anxiety lightens our burdens and uplifts our spirits. We can enjoy life more fully.

And in the 2nd reading, Paul relates GOOD NEWS unparalleled in the Scriptures. As Disciples of Jesus, we seek to live the values our Teacher lived and preached. We desire to conform our hearts to His and to God's. The GOOD NEWS is: for all of us who have been faithful in living our lives in a God-like manner.... at the end of time..... WE "will receive PRAISE from God."

Listen to this GOOD NEWS, again. We who have aligned our lives and heart's motives with God...at the end of time.... WE "will receive praise from God." Ordinarily, WE are the ones who praise GOD. And rightfully so. Today the tables are turned. Paul proclaims that GOD will praise US. Incredible! Amazing! Astounding! This is almost TOO MUCH for us to take in.

So, let's prepare for an experience of unparalleled JOY. How? Continue to live as Disciples of Jesus. Continue to form Christ-values and God-values in our daily living. Also, sincerely praise one another. If someone finds it difficult to receive our praise, let them know it is only a rehearsal for when God praises them. And, of course, continue to daily praise God.....from Whom.... ALL blessings flow.