

What's Happening in Sunday School?

The lessons today focus on the reality of the resurrection. In the lesson from Job, we have Job proclaiming that he is sure that God will redeem him. Even in death, Job was sure that God would eventually vindicate him and show him to be righteous. Job acknowledged that God is a living being and there is a hint of bodily resurrection in Job's statement that in his flesh he shall see God.

The psalm is a cry from a righteous person who is waiting patiently, like Job, for God to declare judgment and vindicate the righteous. The final verse "when I wake up I will be satisfied because I see you" echoes Job's statement that he shall see God. Neither are expecting vindication in this life but there is obviously an understanding of a life to come where righteousness is revealed and the wicked are cut off.

The lesson from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians doesn't closely follow the theme but is more of an explanation of how to attain the vindication hoped for in the other lessons.

The Gospel reading brings everything into the light by stating with certainty that there is a resurrection and refuting the Sadducees denial of such a resurrection. God is clearly a God of the living and there is new life, physical life, in store for those who are faithful. We will be focusing on that reality this week and using it to explore the communion we have with those saints who have gone before us.

Digging Deeper

- Which party of the Jews denied the idea of resurrection?
- Where can we find statements in the Book of Common Prayer regarding both resurrection and the Communion of Saints?
- Talk about someone you know who has passed away and the reality of their continued life in Christ.

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