



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

*Daily Devotion at Zion + June 2022 AD + **The Season of Pentecost***

Listening to Our Elders

God values our elders far more than the world does—indeed, He values them more than our elders value themselves! Consider how He speaks of elders in His Word:

Honor your father and mother.” (*Exodus 20:12*)

You who are younger, be subject to the elders.” (*1 Pet. 5:5*)

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is obtained by following a righteous path.” (*Proverbs 16:31*)

Stand in the presence of the aged; show reverence to the elderly and revere your God. (*Leviticus 19:32*)

God has worked respect for elders into the fabric of creation. The young, and especially the very young, naturally observe and imitate their elders. God also commands His Church, as part of the new creation, to hold fast to this respect. He gives our elders to us as teachers of wisdom and holiness.

What this implies for our elders is clear: they want to be full of wisdom, and they want to be holy. How do we acquire such wisdom and holiness? Daily devotion is part of the answer.

Regular exercise in the Word of God and prayer sets an example for the young to follow and combines with our elders’ experience to create insight and increase virtue. Thanks be to God for our elders in the faith, and may God grant them joy and increasing knowledge of His grace!

About the Cover Art

Though idealized, this painting of an older man and younger child sharing an intimate time of prayer is not beyond reality. God has so designed it that grandparents and other older relatives or neighbors can share a particular affection with children. Within this affectionate bond, an elder has the opportunity to model prayer and invite a child into conversation with God. This painting, by James Seward, is simply entitled “The Prayer.” The apple and grapes nearby hint at the even greater fruitfulness of a lifetime spent in fellowship with God.

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost Day (June 5)

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| S (Vol. III pp. 1274-1278)
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
John 24:19-26 | Th Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23 |
| M Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10
Matthew 9:27-34 | F Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10
Matthew 10:24-33 |
| T Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11
Matthew 9:35—10:4 | Sa Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18
Matthew 10:34-42 |
| W Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17
Matthew 10:5-15 | <i>These readings (after Sunday) correspond to pages 3–32 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

Daily Readings for the Week of Holy Trinity (June 12)

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| S Job 38:1-11; 42:1-5
Revelation 19:4-16
John 1:29-34 | Th Proverbs 7:1-27
1 John 5:13-21
Matthew 11:25-30 |
| M Proverbs 3:11-20
1 John 3:18—4:6
Matthew 11:1-6 | F Proverbs 8:1-21
2 John 1-13
Matthew 12:1-14 |
| T Proverbs 4:1-27
1 John 4:7-21
Matthew 11:7-15 | Sa Proverbs 8:22-36
3 John 1-15
Matthew 12:15-21 |
| W Proverbs 6:1-19
1 John 5:1-12
Matthew 11:16-24 | <i>These readings correspond to pages 32—66 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 2 (June 19)

S Proverbs 9:1-12 Acts 8:14-25 Luke 10:25-28, 38-42	Th Proverbs 21:30—22:6 1 Timothy 4:1-16 Matthew 13:24-30
M Proverbs 10:1-12 1 Timothy 1:1-17 Matthew 12:22-32	F Proverbs 23:19-21, 29— 24:2 1 Timothy 5:17-25 Matthew 13:31-35
T Proverbs 15:16-33 1 Timothy 1:18—2:15 Matthew 12:33-42	Sa Proverbs 25:15-28 1 Timothy 6:6-21 Matthew 13:36-43
W Proverbs 17:1-20 1 Timothy 3:1-16 Matthew 12:43-50	

*These readings correspond
to pages 66-96 in Volume IV
of For All the Saints.*

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 3 (June 26)

S Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Acts 8:26-40 Luke 11:1-13	Th Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:3 Galatians 3:1-14 Matthew 14:13-21
M Ecclesiastes 2:1-15 Galatians 1:1-17 Matthew 13:44-52	F Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 Galatians 3:15-22 Matthew 14:22-36
T Ecclesiastes 2:16-26 Galatians 1:18—2:10 Matthew 13:53-58	Sa Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 Galatians 3:23—4:11 Matthew 15:1-20
W Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Galatians 2:11-21 Matthew 14:1-12	

*These readings correspond
to pages 97-126 in Volume
IV of For All the Saints.*