

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

November 12, 2017

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 + 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 + Matthew 25:1-13



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The Gospel today is not about virgins. The Good News today is about watchfulness. To be ready is not the same as being watchful. Watchfulness is a process, while being ready is an event.

What is it that we need to think about as we move through our day, today, and all through times to come? The Wisdom author uses words like “keeps vigil,” “prudence,” “graciousness,” “solicitude.” It is wise to be watchful.

Paul reminds us of “why we do what we do” to take a phrase from a recently heard homily. Paul assures us. *Hope does not disappoint*. In spending some time with Paul’s words for us for today, the song *Blessed Assurance* kept ringing in my mind. Written in 1783, and still a popular hymn in Christian worship, it captures “why we do what we do.”

Stanza 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Watchfulness.