

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

November 11, 2018

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16 † Hebrews 9:24-28 † Mark 12:41-44



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Salvation Now!

The big nightly news for days was the Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots. Of interest were the commentaries of those with any luck holding tickets. Some would buy houses, quit jobs, pay off debts, invest, and take vacations. One caught my attention—kind of a scruffy, poorly-dressed young man. He enthusiastically stated that he would give it all away to the poor. It was not what he said as much as how he said it: so much poverty, sickness, human tragedy! How could he not!

We meet again two women in our readings today: one so poor she might die, responding without hesitation to a rather tactless Elijah, and the other in Mark willingly giving her two copper coins to alleviate, in some way, human need.

Hebrews ends with a reminder that the second coming of Jesus will not be to forgive sin as much as it will be to bring salvation to those who eagerly wait for it.

If you or I won the lottery, what would our first thought be?