

Faith Comes by Hearing Bible Study – 10.8.25 (For 10.12.25)

First Reading: Job 1:6-22

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ⁸And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" ⁹Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? ¹⁰Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." ¹²And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁴and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck

down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

²²In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

1. The book of Job is one of the most difficult in Scripture to wrestle with. This scene in particular invites us to ask some hard questions about God's justice and the

source of suffering. Where is the source of suffering, according to this chapter?

2. What accusation does Satan bring against Job? How does the Lord respond?
3. What does this passage teach about the importance of faith and integrity, even when we don't understand the reasons for our trials?

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-10

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that

the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1. Peter teaches us to humble ourselves by casting all our anxieties on the Lord. What is Peter teaching us about anxiety? How is anxiety related to pride?
2. What does it mean to be "sober-minded and watchful?" How do we recognize and resist the devil, our "roaring lion" adversary?
3. What does it mean for God to 'restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish' us after suffering?

Gospel: John 10:1-5, 10

¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he

goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1. Jesus uses a parable to teach about His relationship with His followers. What is that relationship like?
2. What does it mean to "hear His voice" and be led by Him? How can this be cultivated in daily life?
3. How does the agenda of the thief differ from Jesus' purpose for His sheep?