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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Where Are the Alleluias?

Psalm 130, Mark 2:18-20

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The season of Lent, that time of preparation for Easter, is not a fun time for the Christian. It would be nice just to skip the suffering and sorrow that Christ experienced. To do away with the self-examination and confession. To not give up favorite foods and activities. Let's not think about the sacrifice that Christ made for each of us and get on to the joy and celebration of the resurrection. It would make this time of year much more enjoyable.

But Christ didn't skip all that preceded Easter Sunday, and neither can we. We need Lent every bit as much as we may dislike it.

Why do we need Lent? Lent keeps us in touch with...

I. The Reality of Life

II. The Certainty of Death

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54, 55, 57 NIV

III. The Redemptive Possibility of Suffering

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities... and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5 RSV

IV. The Constancy of God

O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. Psalm 130:7 NIV

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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