

A Spiritual Journey of Forty Five Stations To the Cross
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Friday in Week 2 of Lent

Seventeenth Station: Job's world crumbles about him and yet, through all of it, he blesses the Lord.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you."

R/ "Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading.

Job Chapter 1 verse 6 to 22

Monday Week 26 Year 2

Reflection

We have to be careful in our reflection on the use of the word Satan. In this reading Satan is a prosecutor. He challenges or tests the virtue of mankind. We can sense this when he says that Job has everything he wants so it is no wonder he never says anything against the Lord. Here is the challenge. Satan can do what he wants but must not lay hands on Job.

Today we have the start of things going wrong and after receiving all the news Job makes an act of penance and blesses God.

When things go wrong for us we do sometimes rant at God. 'Why me, God? Why not somebody else?' A natural immediate reaction in most cases. We have lots of sayings on this score but we must be careful with them, especially with something like 'Why do the good die young?' How old am I? Anybody under the age 150 years old is young. See what I mean?

Job is generous in his prayer as we should be. Let us give thanks for what we have and not be jealous of what others have.

Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

I love you, Jesus, my love, above all things, I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.