

Mark 10:32-45 "THE WAY OF THE WORLD AND THE WAY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Prayer:

May every nation come to know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your Child, that we are your people, the sheep that you pasture. You have shown by what you have made and done how the world has been planned from eternity. The earth is your creation, Lord, yours that are true to every generation, just when you judge, your strength and splendour a marvel. Such competence yours in creating, such skill in setting firm the things you make, your goodness apparent in this world to see. You are loyal to those who trust you, merciful, compassionate. Forgive us our sins, our injustice, Our falls, our jarring deeds.
AMEN. (Prayer of St. Clement of Rome 35-99AD)

Verse groupings to note:

- 32-34 Jesus' third prediction about His death (see also Mk. 8:31-33,9:34-35)
Chapter 8 – 'pick up their cross', Chapter 9 – 'must be the very last'
- 35-40 Note the importance of 'the cup' and 'baptism' (and allegory for the sacraments)
An outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace.
- 41-44 The counter-cultural hierarchy of the kingdom of God (note the word δοῦλος 'slave')
The Gospel of Mark's preference to speak of the kingdom of God.
- 45 Jesus' giving of His life as a λύτρον 'ransom' (to whom and why?)
See also Ex. 6:6, Deut. 15:15, 2 Sam. 7:23, Ps. 69:18, Is. 43:14.

Prayer:

You alone watch over the interests of spiritual beings, you are the God of all flesh. You gaze into the depths, you watch what men are doing. You are our help in danger, you save the despairing, Creator and Keeper of all that is spiritual. You give increase to the peoples of the earth, and from them all you chose us out to love you, through Jesus Christ, your dear Child, who brought us instruction, holiness and honour. We beg you, Lord, to help and defend us. Deliver the oppressed, pity the insignificant, raise the fallen, show yourself to the needy, heal the sick, bring back those of your people who have gone astray, feed the hungry, lift up the weak, take off the prisoners' chains.
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