

Scripture Study for Proper 20A *** Sept 20, 2020

Track 1 or **Track 2**

[Exodus 16:2-15](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45](#)

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Reflection Questions: [based mostly on Track 2]

1. Which one sentence in these lessons best fits how you are doing this week?
2. What do you wonder here? "Is your anger good?"
3. Who is first? Who is last? Which are you? What difference does this make?
4. What does it mean for a life to be "worthy of the Gospel of Christ?"
5. What is your prayer this week?
6. To what is God calling you this week?

Jonah 3:20 – 4:11 ¹⁰ God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.⁴ But Jonah thought this was utterly wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Come on, Lord! Wasn't this precisely my point when I was back in my own land? This is why I fled to Tarshish earlier! I know that you are a merciful and compassionate God, very patient, full of faithful love, and willing not to destroy. ³ At this point, Lord, you may as well take my life from me, because it would be better for me to die than to live."

⁴ The Lord responded, "Is your anger a good thing?"

⁵ But Jonah went out from the city and sat down east of the city. There he made himself a hut and sat under it, in the shade, to see what would happen to the city.⁶ Then the Lord God provided a shrub, and it grew up over Jonah, providing shade for his head and saving him from his misery. Jonah was very happy about the shrub. ⁷ But God provided a worm the next day at dawn, and it attacked the shrub so that it died. ⁸ Then as the sun rose God provided a dry east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint. He begged that he might die, saying, "It's better for me to die than to live."

⁹ God said to Jonah, "Is your anger about the shrub a good thing?" Jonah said, "Yes, my anger is good—even to the point of death!"

¹⁰ But the Lord said, "You 'pitied' the shrub, for which you didn't work and which you didn't raise; it grew in a night and perished in a night. **¹¹ Yet for my part,**

can't I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who can't tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Psalm 145:1-8 Saint Helena Psalter

I will exalt you, O holy God,

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

² Every day will I bless you,

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³ Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised; there is no end to your greatness.

⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.

⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and all your marvelous works.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, & I will tell of your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness, they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸ You are gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and of great kindness

Philippians 1:21-30 J.B.Phillips

²¹ For living to me means simply "Christ", and if I die, I should merely gain more of him. I realise, of course, that the work which I have started may make it necessary for me to go on living in this world, I should find it very hard to make a choice. I am torn in two directions—on the one hand I long to leave this world and live with Christ, and that is obviously the best thing for me. Yet, on the other hand, it is probably more necessary for you that I should stay here on earth. That is why I feel pretty well convinced that I shall not leave this world yet, but shall be able to stand by you, to help you forward in Christian living and to find increasing joy in your faith. So you can look forward to making much of me as your minister in Christ when I come to see you again!

²⁷⁻³⁰ But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ. So that whether I do come and see you, or merely hear about you from a distance, I may know that you are standing fast in a united spirit, battling with a single mind for the faith of the Gospel and not caring two straws for your enemies. The very fact that they are your enemies is plain proof that they are lost to God, while the fact that you have such men as enemies is plain

proof that you yourselves are being saved by God. You are given, in this battle, the privilege not merely of believing in Christ but also of suffering for his sake. It is now your turn to take part in that battle you once saw me engaged in, and which, in point of fact, I am still fighting.

Mateo 20:1-16 La Biblia de las Américas

20 Porque el reino de los cielos es semejante a un hacendado que salió muy de mañana para contratar obreros para su viña. 2 Y habiendo convenido con los obreros en un denario al día, los envió a su viña. 3 Y salió como a la hora tercera, y vio parados en la plaza a otros que estaban sin trabajo; 4 y a estos les dijo: «Id también vosotros a la viña, y os daré lo que sea justo». Y ellos fueron. 5 Volvió a salir como a la hora sexta y a la novena, e hizo lo mismo. 6 Y saliendo como a la hora undécima, encontró a otros parados, y les dijo*: «¿Por qué habéis estado aquí parados todo el día sin trabajar?». 7 Ellos le dijeron*: «Porque nadie nos contrató». Él les dijo*: «Id también vosotros a la viña». 8 Y al atardecer, el señor de la viña dijo* a su mayordomo: «Llama a los obreros y págales su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta los primeros». 9 Cuando llegaron los que habían sido contratados como a la hora undécima, cada uno recibió un denario. 10 Y cuando llegaron los que fueron contratados primero, pensaban que recibirían más; pero ellos también recibieron un denario cada uno. 11 Y al recibirlo, murmuraban contra el hacendado, 12 diciendo: «Estos últimos han trabajado solo una hora, pero los has hecho iguales a nosotros que hemos soportado el peso y el calor abrasador del día». 13 Pero respondiendo él, dijo a uno de ellos: «Amigo, no te hago ninguna injusticia; ¿no conviniste conmigo en un denario? 14 Toma lo que es tuyo, y vete; pero yo quiero darle a este último lo mismo que a ti. 15 ¿No me es lícito hacer lo que quiero con lo que es mío? ¿O es tu ojo malo porque yo soy bueno?».

16 Así, **los últimos serán primeros, y los primeros, últimos.**