

The Feast of St. Francis

The Old Testament is written in the second chapter of the first book of the prophet Samuel, beginning at the 27th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 313.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh’s house? Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?’

‘Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?’”

“Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the Lord says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

‘Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father’s house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, despite all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

‘But any of your men whom I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

‘Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them.

‘Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.’”

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 148

- 1 O PRAISE the Lord from the heavens: * praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon: * praise him, all ye stars and light.
- 4 Praise him, all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * ye dragons and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours, * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills; * fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle; * creeping things and flying fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; * princes, and all judges of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- 13 He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him; * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be...

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The Epistle is written in the sixth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, beginning at the 14th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 213.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.