

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The Reading from Deuteronomy, Chapter 11, beginning at the 8th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 215.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

Therefore, you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

For the land which you go to possess *is* not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* by foot, as a vegetable garden; but the land which you cross over to possess *is* a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God *are* always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

‘And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give *you* the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your

grain, your new wine, and your oil. And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.’

“Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the LORD’s anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 139: 1-13, 23-24

**For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, \* but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.**

**Thou hast beset me behind and before, \* and laid thine hand upon me.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; \* I cannot attain unto it.**

**Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? \* or whither shall I go then from thy presence?**

**If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; \* if I go down to hell, thou art there also.**

**If I take the wings of the morning, \* and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;**

**Even there also shall thy hand lead me, \* and thy right hand shall hold me.**

**If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; \* then shall my night be turned to day.**

**Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; \* the darkness and light to thee are both alike.**

**For my reins are thine; \* thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.**

**I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: \* marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.**

**Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; \* prove me, and examine my thoughts.**

**Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; \* and lead me in the way everlasting.**

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3, beginning at the fourth verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 206

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not

steadfast behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

*This is the word of the Lord.*