

MORNING MEDITATION

Monday, Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

**Peace and serenity are found only in this moment.....Be still
and Be present to the moment!**

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Paul remembers the ancestors and spiritual heroes of Israel as people of God. He tells the Galatians that they are a people of noble history and that they need to be proud of their heritage and remain faithful to that heritage. However, now, the followers of Jesus enjoy a new freedom, the freedom of the children of God. Paul encouraged the Galatians not to return to the old law, instead follow the law of Christ, the new law, the law of love and live the new life in Christ.

Be grateful for your heritage of faith and be faithful.

Psalms 113

**Praise, you servant of the Lord
Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Both now and forever.**

Luke 11:29-32

The Jews wanted Jesus to do something extraordinary, sensational and earth-shattering to prove that he came from God and that he was the anointed one of God.

Jonah was God's sign to the Ninevites long ago. At his preaching, they repented, turned to God and changed their lives. Jesus was God's sign to them, and they failed to recognize him. Earlier in this chapter, Luke spoke of Jesus being accused of being in league with the prince of devils. They failed to recognize goodness and love and attributed all of it to evil powers. Their mind was closed, their eyes were closed, and their heart was hardened.

Jesus has been challenged many times to do something sensational to prove his claim. Each time he refused to do the extraordinary thing that they demanded. Each time, he invited them to recognize the wonders God has been doing in and through him.

No more signs, But Jesus. Jesus is the sign and the symbol and the reality. Jesus is the WISDOM of God, greater than Jonah and greater than Solomon.

Turn to Jesus for the wisdom of God to guide and govern your life.

Saint of the Day, October 12 - St. Edwin of Northumbria and 19 other saints are remembered this day.

Edwin was a prince, born a pagan, the son of King Ella of Northumbria in 586 at Deira, South Northumbria, England. He was King of Northumbria from 616 to 633. Having married the Christian princess (Saint) Ethelburga of Kent, Edwin began to consider becoming a Christian. As the king delayed a final decision about his religion, Pope Boniface V wrote to him, inviting him to accept "the medicine of salvation." He was baptized in 627 by Saint Paulinus of York and became the first Christian King of Northumbria.

Edwin spent the six remaining years of his reign as a devout Catholic monarch who brought peace to his kingdom. In a letter to Edwin, Pope Honorius I praised the king's newfound piety and zeal: "Your sincere Christian character, afire with ardent faith in the worship of your Creator, has shone out far and wide." Edwin was killed in battle with the pagan English warrior Penda of Mercia on October 12, 633. Edwin was venerated as a martyr slaughtered for his Christian faith.

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