

Scriptures for Sunday, September 6

Romans 13:8-13a

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

Psalms 149

¹ Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.
² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
³ Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.
⁴ For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.
⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.
⁶ May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,
⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,
⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.
Praise the LORD.

Matthew 18:15-20

15 "If your brother or sister^[a] sins,^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. **16** But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' **17** If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."