

Scriptures September 22

Psalm 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- ² They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
- ³ They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.
- ⁵ How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
- ⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name.
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.
- ⁸ Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

'Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?'

('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?')

²⁰ 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.'

²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

1 Timothy 2:1-7

²First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.