

Daily Morning Message  
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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 53  
  Jeremiah 22:1-9  
  Luke 6:43-45

Today's Scripture Verse:    *And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, "Why has the Lord dealt in this way with that great city?" And they will answer, "Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other Gods and served them. (Jeremiah 22:8-9)*

What it means:                 Yahweh was Israel's God, but a great contribution of the Hebrew Scriptures is that God's support for the nation of Israel was contingent upon the nation's faithfulness to the God of justice. This is a covenant that requires faithful action, not just belief.

Our time of reflection:       Sometimes our Christian trust in the grace of God becomes misused to say that it doesn't matter what we do. That's a corruption of the teaching. We receive God's grace in the form of forgiveness for our failures so that we may seek reconciliation with God by living in a way that serves God's justice.

