

Daily Morning Message
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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 Job 37:1--13
 Luke 21:25-28

Today's Scripture Verse: *There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among the nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. (Luke 21:25-27)*

What it means: The picturesque language is not to be taken literally. This is the language of apocalypse – the culmination of all history – when Jesus will return and take command, setting all things right. There were many apocalyptic writings in the ancient world; they were all expressions of confidence arising out of a belief that the evil powers of this world would be conquered by the power of divine truth and judgment. Such writings were especially important to people who were living through times of great danger, oppression or evil.

Our time of reflection: God, in the difficult moments of our lives, may we be guided by our confidence that our destiny is ultimately in your hands.

