

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings *Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48*
Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23

Today's Scripture Verse: *Has any people ever heard the voice of a god speaking out of a fire, as you have heard, and lived? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by terrifying displays of power, as the lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? (Deuteronomy 4:33-34)*

What it means: The words in this verse are a dramatic remembrance of what God has done, presented as part of a speech by Moses, at the end of his life, when the people he has led are about to enter the promised land. Deuteronomy (which literally means "second law") is a book that interprets the history of the Hebrew people as remembered after the time of captivity in Babylon, centuries later. The book describes the mighty acts of God, the covenant that God has made with those who have been saved from Egypt, the violations of that covenant, and the prophecy of the captivity that would be a consequence of unfaithfulness.

Our time of reflection: We pray, God, that we may be guided into faithfulness to our covenant with you by our remembrance of your work of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ.

