

*Daily Morning Message*  
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*Lectionary Readings*

*Psalm 128*  
*Ecclesiastes 4:9-16*  
*James 5:7-9*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*

*Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! (James 5:9)*

What it means:

The true Judge is God, and James anticipates that God will come soon in judgment, so he urges patience and cautions people not to judge one another hastily. Jesus made judgments about behavior, but he also cautioned his followers not to make judgments about people.

Reflection:

In our polarized society, God, we are tempted to make judgments and to question one another's motives. We pray that we may realize the value of the teaching that we not be led into the trap of judging one another but that we remember to trust God's judgment of both others and ourselves.

