

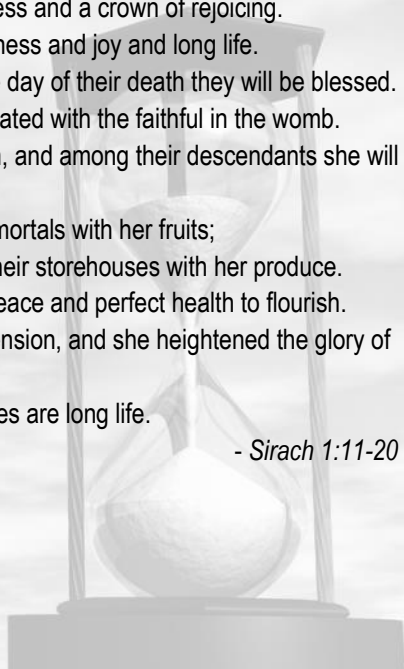
Reflection questions:

- Do you see Pharisees a little differently after today's message?
- How do we ensure we don't delude or misguide ourselves in our faith?
- Do we truly fear God in the sense of honouring him in all we do?
- How is faithfulness seen in everyday terms - is it through religiousness or more practical means?

Fearful Focus

The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation, and gladness and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord delights the heart, and gives gladness and joy and long life. Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end; on the day of their death they will be blessed. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; she is created with the faithful in the womb. She made among human beings an eternal foundation, and among their descendants she will abide faithfully. To fear the Lord is fullness of wisdom; she inebriates mortals with her fruits; she fills their whole house with desirable goods, and their storehouses with her produce. The fear of the Lord is the crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish. She rained down knowledge and discerning comprehension, and she heightened the glory of those who held her fast. To fear the Lord is the root of wisdom, and her branches are long life.

- Sirach 1:11-20



Garden Trail - Plans are well in hand for our Garden Trail on Saturday 15 November. Your response to our Wedding Gown appeal was overwhelming; you will all be contacted nearer the time. Be aware we shall need items for sale on our baking, plant, pre-loved Christmas decorations and craft stalls. We also have another of Joan's beautiful quilts and our Home Group baskets to raffle. Garden Trail Admission Tickets \$10 each will be on sale from the Mall or Committee Members from mid-October. As a tribute to Caroline lets make it our best Garden Trail ever. Thank you. The Garden Trail Team.

Mendelssohn's *Elijah* - Nelson Civic Choir with top of the South Combined Choirs and Soloists at Nelson Cathedral, 7.00pm Saturday 1 November 7pm and 2.00pm Sunday 2 November. Tickets from Madeline McRae and Alison Heslop at \$20 now or later for \$25 from the Theatre Royal or Ticket Direct.

Anglicans for Life - Georgette Forney, International President, will be speaking at the Nelson Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday, 12 November, at 7:00 p.m. Georgette will be addressing both "beginning" and "end" of life issues, specifically the "challenging questions" of abortion and euthanasia in New Zealand. Georgette's presentation, is entitled: "Sanctity of Life: Made in the Image of God". All are warmly invited to attend. Visit www.anglicansforlife.org for info.

24/7 – The latest newsletter is on the Noticeboard.

Messy church – Please could you save your cardboard tubes (not toilet paper ones) for Messy Church on Sunday 23 November. We had a good turn out last week - about 48 in all. John Palmer led a great version of the story of Ruth. The music team of Carol, Shirley, Kay and Hamish did a great job of leading. And everyone enjoyed the crafts which emphasised the story. Thanks to Ingrid for organising and the team for their excellent job of developing this congregation. Next year we will meet on the same Sunday each month with the aim of attracting more people from outside the church. Go team! Susan.

Bible Society Christmas Cards – Packs of 12 cards for sale \$8.00. Choose from Gospel Bicentenary, Traditional or New Zealand Packs. See Poster on Noticeboard for details. Order from Marianne Brosnahan Ph. 544 3972

Lawn mowing – Work wanted. Reasonable rates. Jonathan Brosnahan Ph. 544 3972

Building Fundraiser Honey - 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, 2kgs \$25.00. If you want to order Honey ring Anne Askin 544 9059 or see her between the Sunday services.

Garden Trail - Saturday 15 November. Arrangements are well in hand. Tickets \$10 each available from Richmond Mall Customer Service Counter (or Committee Members). Home Groups - we would like your baskets before Thursday 6 November please. Shiona will be contacting/calling on everyone who has kindly offered us a dress in the next few days and finally lists will be at the back of the Church from today for you all to fill in with the talent/help you can bring to our Garden Trail. Thank you. Your Garden Trail Team - Carole 544 7247, Merle 544 6606, Joan 544 8813, Lorraine 544 6910, Shireen 544 4826, Brenda 544 5872 (Wedding dresses- Shiona 544 5862)

All Soul's Day Service - There will be a special memorial service for beloved members of our families, who have died in the past few years. The ceremony will include naming of the deceased and symbolic candles will be lit. Everyone, especially members of a bereaved family, are invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. service on Friday, 31 October.