

Thoughts on the Daily Word

11th Week of Year. Saturday 20th June. Readings: 2 Chronicles 25:17-15; Psalm 89; Matthew 6:24-34.

The struggle goes on. Competitive gods, each representing power groups compete to control the relatively poor kingdom. It is the poor of the land who most keep faithful to the God of Israel. The city dwellers are mostly competing for power and seeking the help of baals and other gods and goddesses. Many of these gods are related to sex and other abusive practices such as prostitution. Sometimes also the offering of human sacrifice in adults and children. In these passages the temple of the God of Israel is abused and sidelined. According to the prophets this will bring about the destruction of Judah by the Babylonians and the time of Exile until they learn again. Today's Gospel too emphasises just what to focus on to enter the kingdom of God.