

Thoughts on the Daily Word

26th Week of the Year. *Monday 30th September. Readings: Job 1:6-22; Psalm: 16; Gospel: Luke 9:46-50.*

The book of Job is part of what we call the Wisdom books of the Old Testament. Wisdom has always interested me since I was young. Strangely enough it kept jumping out at me when I heard the prayer 'Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom pray for us'. For some reason it constantly attracted me and encouraged me to seek wisdom. At first, I thought that it was just about learning more, mastering knowledge in those areas that attracted me. It was in learning how to teach and then discovering how much the wisdom of the young could teach me that I began to see wisdom as something different. The difficulty for a logical mind like mine was that analysis didn't really help. I slowly realised that wisdom is a gift, it can't be really analysed or dissected it must just be received with an open heart, something more easily said than done. One of the best helps to me was soaking up the stories of the saints and the whole history of the Church. The lives of so many people in so many different places and situations and yet each revealing something of God's amazing mercy. That story I soaked up through my love of history and it rooted me in the wisdom of my Catholic faith. It is that faith that is so deep and wide that revealed something of the great wisdom of God to me, almost a child-like trust in the wisdom of God.