

Thoughts on the Daily Word

8th Week of Year. Tuesday 4th March. Readings: Sirach 35:1-15; Psalm 50; Mark 10:28-31.

Wisdom is something that we all need. The wisdom books in the Old Testament are a practical response to that need. They delve into ordinary life and give a practical wisdom to help us live that life. They often seem a contradiction to the emotional challenge of the prophetic tradition. The prophets often seem more inspiring in a general sense. Wisdom books, however, try to apply that wisdom in everyday life. Often there seems a contradiction between the prophetic spirit and law. Jesus, in that spirit, nevertheless, is in the pharisee tradition of the Law. He asks that it be observed yet with the Good News of the kingdom at the heart. The last will be first and the first last.