

Daily Reflection

March 27, 2020

Psalm 102 is part of the Morning Prayer service offered at: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/27m.html> In it, we hear a beleaguered people bemoan their conditions. While relief is not yet in sight, the psalmist turns to praise, reaffirming faith that God will prove trustworthy and saying:

¹⁸Let this be written for a future generation, *
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord.
¹⁹For the Lord looked down from his holy place on high; *
from the heavens he beheld the earth;

There is a reason the psalmist affirmed faith before seeing results. "Faith" based on seeing results is not faith. As St. Paul said, "Faith is ... the conviction of things not seen" (*Hebrews 11:1*). So, is faith just wishful thinking? Far from it. We trust in the testimony of generations before us, beginning with the testimony of Scripture. It opens our eyes to see the truth of that testimony. It enables us to add our own account to the "cloud of witnesses" before us.

How are you seeing God at work right now sustaining you? Do you have testimony that should be "written for a future generation"? While sheltering at home, there is time to write our testimony, and it is the most loving legacy we have to give.

A work of sculpture entitled "Passing it Along" appears outside our Palm Desert Joslyn Center on Catalina Way.. It presents an adult teaching a youngster how to play the banjo. What will you pass along? When out for essential shopping, drive by and be inspired.

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*Passing it Along, sculpture in bronze
by Dee Clements, 1993*