

APRIL 8, 2022  
 Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
 Jeremiah 20: 7, 10-13; John 10: 31-42

“GOD WILL PREVAIL.”

Good will always prevail for those who hang or hold on to God because God is our protector and strength. This is the message of Prophet Jeremiah to us today. Even if other people, even his friends, wished him misfortunes and death, Jeremiah hold on to God as he said: “the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.”<sup>1</sup> A great reminder for all of us that if we are with God, we must not be worried of anything or to anybody. God and His goodness will always prevail. Despite of many obstacles, oppositions, and negative attitude, if we are doing good, follow what the Lord commanded us to do, we will never stumble, and our strength is God Himself. “Jeremiah has confidence in his God and his attackers will not prevail. ‘The Lord is at my side... my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure...’ For his God is a God of justice and truth. A God who is on the side of the needy. ‘Praise Yahweh, for he has delivered the soul of one in need.’ The needy one, or the poor, is used in a religious sense: ill-treated by people but confident in God, looking to Yahweh for support. By Jeremiah’s time, the term ‘poor/needy’ had become virtually synonymous with ‘righteous’, someone whose total trust and dependence is on God.”<sup>2</sup>

The mission of Jesus is to make known God the Father. He obeyed His Father even if danger, opposition, and death happen to Him. He trusted His Father because He knew that the Father will never abandon Him, His Father’s work and intention will prevail, and the Son of Man will be glorified. Let us therefore ask the Lord that good will prevail in our lives and in the world. Let us trust our Lord amidst conflicts and war, suffering and death. As Jeremiah said: “Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers”<sup>3</sup> may we also hopeful and believe that God and good people will always be victorious and succeed.

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<sup>1</sup> Jeremiah 20: 11 Holy Bible NRSVCE Canadian Bible Society

<sup>2</sup> [livingspace.sacredspace.ie](http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie)

<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah 20: 13 Holy Bible NRSVCE Canadian Bible Society