

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR -C-2025.**

### **A NEW SET OF VALUES:**

We have very challenging readings, yet they were help us to refocus on our relationship with God. They are reminding us we are people set aside for a special purpose. They will be my people and I will be their God. The readings are helping us to remember this relationship yet we violets and go against it in pursuits of the worldly pleasure which can only satisfy us for a time.

Jeremia(17:5-8) God is constantly calling the people of Israel to go back to him, the prophet is reminding them their only **hope is in God**. They **ignored, hated and punished** the prophet for preaching this the result was destruction of the Judah, Jerusalem, the temple and people taken to captivity. Don't we have such prophets in our present day warning us on so many things in our society and the world which are contrary to Gods commandment's and human values? He is telling us there are only two ways to live our lives, **trusting in him and be faithful**. We need to reflect whether we adhere to what the prophet is saying.

In the gospel(Lk.6:17,20-26) we have dramatic and challenging words of Jesus on the **beatitude or Blessings**. Jesus is just quoting on what has been there in the Old Testament spreading all over in the scriptures. Mathew gospel speak of the sermon on the mountain where Jesus talked of the Beatitude on the mountain but St. Luke is saying Jesus is on a level plain, about the sermon on the plain, **a crossroad mingling with the people, where all *can reach him without difficult in climbing the mountain***. He was among all the people, apostles, disciples, non-apostles, the rich, the poor, the

**sorrows and the those at happier levels too.** They were there **the sick and also the healthy.** All were there without exception hence he took an opportunity **to give a set of new values in life not only for his followers but for all people of all the time.** He stops looks at the people and without warning he began, **Blessed are you who are poor, you who are hungry, you who are weeping, when they speak against you because of me.** He didn't stop at that at all he continues in an alarming way, **woe to you who are rich, satisfied, joyful and when they speak well of you** all were confused and started assessing themselves.

The fact of being poor, hungry, doesn't mean those burdened by life have an *ideal life but rather they trust in the Lord and bank on him in everything* whereas those who have **material prosperity, happiness in life may be tempted to bank on their materialism, thus forgetting God.** We all should be like that tree the prophet is talking about planted beside the water and the roots goes inside the water. This must be our relationship with God. In this we will have **spiritual strength, inner healing and eternal life.** Material prosperity doesn't guarantee happiness at all, let's not deceive ourselves with material prosperity alone these will give us **illusion and can** evaporate any time but when we face **poverty, grief unpopularity we tend to trust and depend on the lord.**

Through these Blessings and the woes, the Lord is inviting us to find our **identity and purpose in life.**