



Daily Mass Readings Monday, March 23rd, 2020

Readings: IS 65:17-21

Gospel: JN 4:43-54

Reflections from Father Blessing

These are the basic events of today's gospel:

The royal official came and asked Jesus to heal his son. After a dialogue, Jesus assured him that his son would be healed. The official believed Jesus and returned home. On his way home he received the news of the recovery of his son. He then related to his household his encounter with Jesus and they came to believe.

As I reflect on the scriptures today, I have one primary thought, "It is going to be ok." The royal official thought his world was crumbling around him, for his son was extremely ill. Yet Jesus assured him it was going to be ok. I know it is easy to have faith when the exact thing that you want becomes reality. It sure seemed to work out nicely for the royal official. His prayer was answered exactly as he had hoped. I wonder how he did though in the years to come when his prayer did not get answered exactly as he had hoped. I am betting that his reflection on this event allowed him to trust God, even when the circumstances were not what he desired.

I wonder what experiences we can go back to in our lives to help us realize that God is going to make it ok. Can you remember times when God answered prayers exactly as you had hoped? I know that I can, for they are too many to count. When we reflect on those accounts in our lives, can we trust that God is taking care of us?

What the world needs now is hope and we as disciples can provide that hope. In the first reading Isaiah states that God created Jerusalem, the people of faith, to be a joy and its people to be a delight. May our faith keeps us in a state of joy and may that joy be reflected onto those we encounter!

