

Old Testament Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted. . . .

^{2:1} I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to
me,
and what I will answer concerning my
complaint.

² And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not
upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God according to the promise of the life that is
in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ances-
tors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you
constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I
remember your tears, I long to see you, that I
may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your
sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and
now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this
reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift

of God, which is in you through the laying on
of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of
fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony
about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but
share in suffering for the gospel by the power
of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy
calling, not because of our works but because of
his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in
Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which
now has been manifested through the appear-
ing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished
death and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed
a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is
why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for
I know whom I have believed, and I am con-
vinced that he is able to guard until that Day
what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the
pattern of the sound words that you have heard
from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1–10

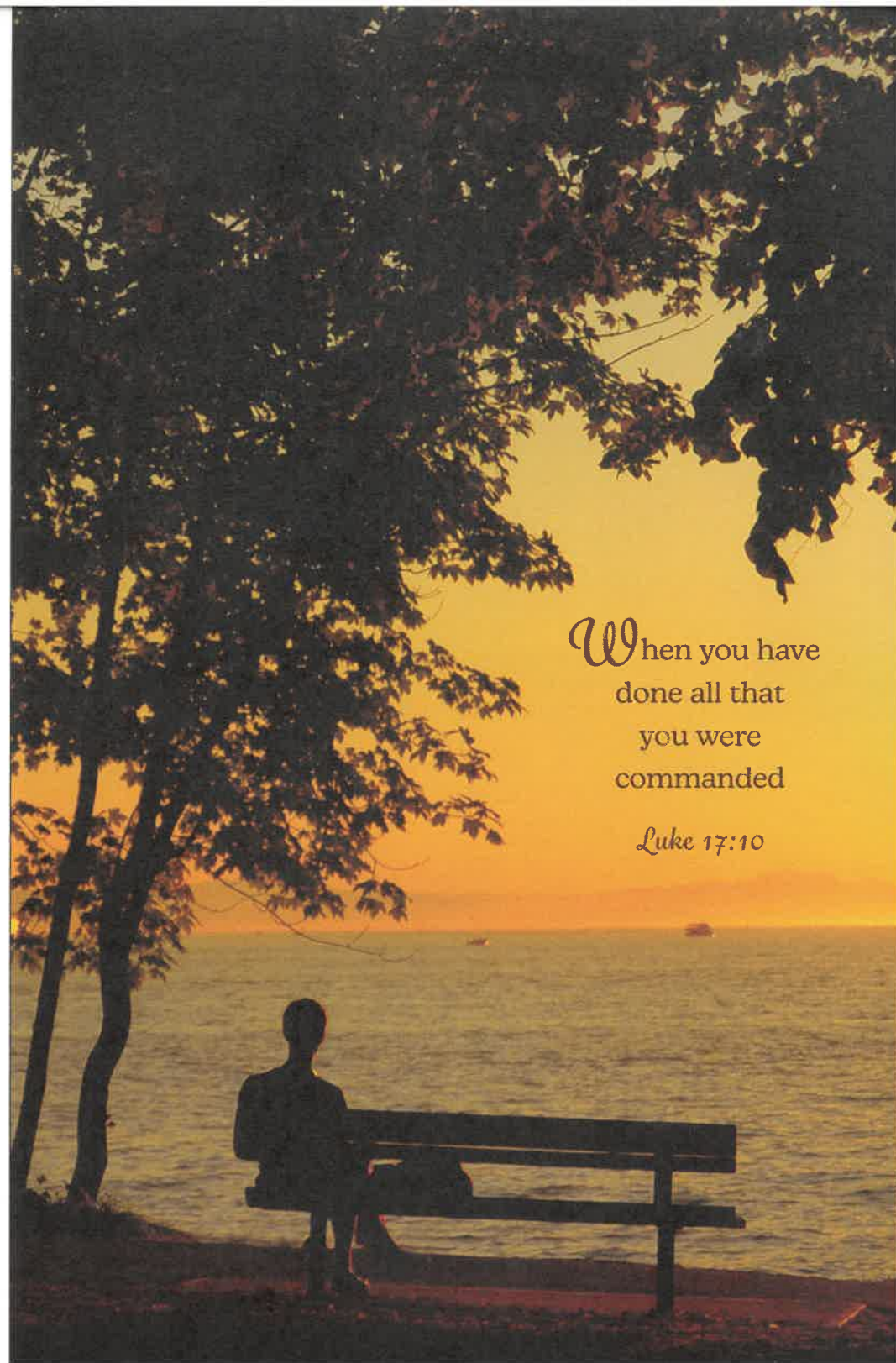
¹ [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations
to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one
through whom they come! ² It would be better
for him if a millstone were hung around his
neck and he were cast into the sea than that
he should cause one of these little ones to sin.
³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother
sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive
him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in
the day, and turns to you seven times, saying,
‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our
faith!” ⁶ And the Lord said, “If you had faith like
a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this
mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the
sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Will any one of you who has a servant
plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he
has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and
recline at table’? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him,
‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and
serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward
you will eat and drink’? ⁹ Does he thank the
servant because he did what was commanded?

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you
were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy ser-
vants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

About the Cover: At the end of the day, our service to the Lord can never repay Him for our salvation, let alone accomplish it. It is merely our duty to serve and obey Him. Our vocations are the arenas where the Lord works through us to accomplish His purposes. So when we think about all that we have done when the sun sets each day, all the glory goes to God, who has given us the work and, above all, has saved us by Jesus’ redemptive work.



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Luke 17:10