

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2017

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; Matthew 5:1-12

JESUS IS DECLARING WAR

And Jesus opened his mouth and said,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

With those words and more Jesus declared WAR!

THE LOSS IN THE GARDEN

- intimacy with the Father..., “sound of God walking...”
- authority over creation..., “Adam named every living creature.”
- innocence and safety..., “they were naked and unashamed.”
- Breath of life..., “God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life

WHAT WAS THE CURSE OF ADAM?

“cursed is the ground because of you;

By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread”

WHO WOULDN'T CHOOSE JESUS?

Some didn't. Why? Blessings work differently than Curses. HOW?

- Anger is a different kind of murder. Forgive your brother...
- Don't hate your enemies. Pray for them.
- eye for an eye? There can never be equality in retaliation!

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ON THIS ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY

We stop for:

- Remembrance and Thanksgiving for saints who received Glory this last year.
- Encouragement for saints who are struggling.
- Direction for saints in process.
- Baptism for saints in waiting.

THE PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *AMEN.*