



Scripture Readings October 4th

Deuteronomy 11:13-17

If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving the Lord you God and serving Him with all your heart and soul, I will grant the rain for your land in season, the early rain and the late. You shall gather in your new grain and wine and oil – I will also provide grass in the fields for your cattle – and thus you shall eat your fill. Take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. For the Lord's anger will flare up against you, and He will shut up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce; and you will soon perish from the good land that the Lord is assigning to you.

Hosea 4:1-3

Hear the word of the Lord, O Israelites,
for the Lord has a brief
against the dwellers of the land.
For there is no truth and there is no trust
and there is no knowledge of the Lord in the land.
Falsely swear and murder
and steal and commit adultery.
They burst bonds – and blood spills upon blood.
Therefore the land does languish,
and all those dwelling within it are bleak
With the beasts of the field and the fowl of the heavens
and with the fish of the sea, too – they shall perish.

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.