

"Honor your father and mother" ...  
Where this commandment is accepted and faithfully observed, there is little danger that older people will be regarded as a useless and troublesome burden.

*St. John Paul II*



**SCRIPTURE**  
*of the DAY*

Amos 7: 12-15  
Psalm 84: 9-14  
Ephesians 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10  
Mark 6: 7-13

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Amos had prophesized the destruction of the shrines and sanctuaries in the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the annihilation of King Jeroboam's line because they were practicing idolatry. So Amaziah, the priest of the Temple of Bethel, told him to go back to Judah where he came from and do his prophesying there. Prophets were generally not the most popular of people, but they were the chosen ones. Amos then told Amaziah that what he was doing was not his choice but chosen to do God's will to prophesy to the people of Israel.

In the second reading, we are reminded that even before the world was created, **God had chosen and blessed us because it is what He desired.** It is in His salvific plan for us to be holy and unblemished and to live through love in Christ. He would unite everything in heaven and on earth with Christ as the head. That is our inheritance which sets us free to glorify Him in our lives.

What do we call ourselves, an apostle or a disciple? An apostle is one sent on a mission. A disciple is a student or learner. We are both. The Gospel tells us that Jesus chose twelve apostles from among His disciples who had been following Him around during His ministry. They were sent out to spread the Good News and were given the authority to cast out devils and to heal the sick, which was what they did. Jesus told them to take nothing with them. Why? Could it be that they would have to depend solely on God's grace to provide for them or that they should leave all their burdens or fears behind and just go forth, trusting in the Lord?

If they met with rejection, they were told to just let go and continue on their mission. Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing us. Help us to have the faith of the apostles and to go forth with your message of love for everyone.✚

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**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).**

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**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK**

## Chosen and Blessed for Mission

All of us are called to mission according to the will of God. We are chosen, redeemed and sealed with the Holy Spirit and sent to bring God's predestined message of love for all humanity.

