

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 30:18-21

The LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 119:33-40 *Said in unison*

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.