

THE FIRST LESSON

1 KINGS 19:19-21

Elijah set out from Horeb, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 6 *Said in unison*

- 1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.
- 2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; *
heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.
- 3 My spirit shakes with terror; *
how long, O LORD, how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; *
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?
- 6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed
and flood my couch with tears.
- 7 My eyes are wasted with grief *
and worn away because of all my enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all evildoers, *
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my supplication; *
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; *
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.