

**Daily Bible Readings for March 7, 2010—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**(Today's Date: February 28, 2010)**

**Monday—Read Isaiah 55:1-9**

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways. What in this passage would support the view that the Lord is pleading for the exiles to return to Him? Why might they feel alienated from and even hostile to the Lord? (Compare their present situation with the promises in 2 Samuel 7:4-17.)

**Tuesday—Read Psalm 63:1-8**

Why is David in the wilderness (or desert)? See 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 23-25. What dangers wait there (Ps. 63:6-7, 10)? What memories keep David going (vv. 2-5)? What wilderness experiences have you gone through that have caused you to seek God?

**Wednesday— Read 2 Chronicles 20:1–22**

This rather long reading is one “assigned” in the daily readings for “Year C”, found on page 1145 at the very back of the ELW (worship book). In this prayer, King Jehoshaphat began with adoration of God, reminded God of his promises, set forth a problem, and asked for help. Confident, Jehoshaphat thanked God for the answer before it came! How can your prayers model the king's prayer?

**Thursday—Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

In 10:1-5, to what event in the past does Paul refer? Connect the numbered items with their lettered citations, all from Exodus:

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| 1. cloud                  | A. 17:6     |
| 2. spiritual food         | B. 13:21-22 |
| 3. spiritual drink        | C. 14:22    |
| 4. passed through the sea | D. 16:4, 31 |

What does Paul hope the Corinthians will learn from their exodus ancestors, vv. 6-10? What encouragement does Paul offer in 13b?

**Friday—Read Luke 13:1-9**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience. When have you felt “tested” by God? How do you understand the idea that with the testing, God will provide a way out? What role has repentance played in your Lenten disciplines?

**Prayer throughout the week**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.