

April 4, 2017

NM 21:4-9 & JN 8:21-30

Hi, how are you? This is a very common greeting. There are some people that I would rather not ask this question. They will tell you how they are; or more likely they will complain about their lives, their friends, family, health, job, etc. Do you really want to hear how they are? Imagine how God must feel. Most prayers probably speak to him about our perceived needs. Look at the Israelites in the first reading. They wanted food and water. This seems pretty reasonable to us, but God punished them with serpents. Imagine if God punished us for our complaints! Thank you, Lord, for listening!

Jesus says that we will die in our sins. He has also promised that we are forgiven. He promises us eternal life in heaven. Maybe we should spend a little more time offering thanks to God this Lent and a little less time complaining. God knows our needs. He created us out of love. He will give us what we need. Father God, we thank you for our lives. We thank you for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. We ask for your forgiveness.

**Reflection questions:**

Do you have any special needs today?

Do you have any reason to thank God today?

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