

Reflection Monday Week 3 2023

Let us join with the psalmist and *Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders!* Why then do we not seem to believe this. The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that Jesus **took away all our sins**, those of the past, those of the present and those of the future, so that we would be free of them. Do we not really believe this? Or do we not *want* to believe this? If we believe that Jesus has set us free, then we will yearn to do what he asks of us.

Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees, before he was crucified and rose again, *I tell you solemnly, all people's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies.*

Maybe one of our fears is losing control of our lives because we misunderstand our freedom.

Anthony de Mello tells the following story:

A sheep found a hole in the fence and got out through it, happy to find itself, at last, set free. It walked for a long time and lost the way back home. Only then did it see that a hungry wolf was following it close behind. The sheep ran and the wolf ran even harder ... until the shepherd arrived in time and saved the animal, and took it home very tenderly.

And against the advice of his friends who saw what happened, the shepherd refused to mend the hole in the fence through which the sheep had fled,

'Because' he said, 'it must be guaranteed its freedom!'

An American and a Russian are arguing about which country has more freedom.

The American says, *"I can walk right up to the White House and shout 'Down with Joe Biden!' and nothing bad will happen to me."*

The Russian replies, *"Guess what? I can walk in front of Kremlin and shout 'Down with Joe Biden!' and nothing will happen to me either."*