

03.01.2020 Gathering #778  
series: **Meet My Needs**  
sermon: **Don't Fault My Religion**

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**What is Lent?**

**James 1:27** p. 847

There is such a things as religion that is  
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**Why orphans and widows?**

**When Mother Teresa spoke truth to power.**

**Just visit?**

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# LENT AT EMMAUS



Lent is a fast that prepares us for a feast. Each week, during this 40 day season leading to Easter, we'll embrace a specific fast. You're invited to join in. Each week's teaching will lay the foundation for a specific, week-long experience of recognizing true needs - both our own needs and the needs of others.

## THIS WEEK'S FAST:

This week, let's fast sound. Turn off all unnecessary noise. Drive in silence. Keep the TV and sterio off at home. Resist the need to have "something on in the background." Then, allow the silence to help you listen. What are you listening for? The quiet voice of God and the cries of the poor and vulnerable.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

- M: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
- T: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- W: Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
- Th: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
- F: Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
- Sat: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

- . Share a comment or question from today's sermon.
- . Make a list of problems for which "religion" has been blamed.
- . Read and discuss the following: Isaiah 58:1-11, Galatians 2:1-10, and James 1:27.
- . Why is it so difficult to criticize Mother Teresa?
- . Review the reasons "visiting" is so powerful. What reasons would you add to the list?
- . Who will you visit this week?
- . Give an update on your Lenten fast.

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