

## Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent Cycle A.

In today's 1st reading we hear that the people did not listen to the voice of the Lord or take correction despite of the many prophets sent by God.

In today's Gospel Our Lord casts out a demon and yet He was accused of doing it by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons.

While the passage from Jeremiah presents human life in terms of a simple, obedient response to God's will, Christ's words in Luke's Gospel recognize a violent struggle between devils and angel raging within us.

Jeremiah asked for a heart responsive to God's will, obedient to His laws of kindness and Compassion. He asked that we must not be stiff-necked; that we ought to be faithful, listening attentively and responsively.

Finally, Christ replied equivalently to His detractors: "If it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you

So let us pray for the grace to give Christ a chance to cast out the demons from our hearts, so

That, "if today we hear His voice we would not harden our hearts."

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