

## Scripture Readings

*The second reading from Hebrew Scripture is received from **Isaiah** chapter **64**, verses **1-9**, which can be found on page **899** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>1</sup> Why didst thou not rend the heavens and come down, and make the mountains shudder before thee <sup>2</sup> as when fire blazes up in brushwood or fire makes water boil? then would thy name be known to thy enemies and nations tremble at thy coming. <sup>3</sup> When thou didst terrible things that we did not look for, the mountains shuddered before thee. <sup>4</sup> Never has ear heard or eye seen any other god taking the part of those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> Thou dost welcome him who rejoices to do what is right, who remembers thee in thy ways. Though thou wast angry, yet we sinned, in spite of it we have done evil from of old, <sup>6</sup> we all became like a man who is unclean and all our righteous deeds like a filthy rag; we have all withered like leaves and our iniquities sweep us away like the wind. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who invokes thee by name or rouses himself to cling to thee; for thou hast hidden thy face from us and abandoned us to our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, thou the potter, and all of us are thy handiwork. <sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever; look on us all, look on thy people.

*The reading from New Testament Scripture is received from **Mark** chapter **12**, verses **41-44**, which can be found on page **61** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>41</sup> Once he was standing opposite the temple treasury, watching as people dropped their money into the chest. Many rich people were giving large sums. <sup>42</sup> Presently there came a poor widow who dropped in two tiny coins, together worth a farthing. <sup>43</sup> He called his disciples to him. 'I tell you this,' he said: 'this poor widow has given more than any of the others; <sup>44</sup> for those others who have given had more than enough, but she, with less than enough, has given all that she had to live on.'

*May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.*