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Suggestions For Sunday 14th June by Revd John Elliott

Passages from Scripture

Psalm 105:1-11

Deuteronomy 1:9-18

Matthew 9:35 – 10:15

and/or Luke 10:1-12

Teachings of the New Church

Faith is an inward acceptance of truth

1 At the present day faith is taken to mean nothing else than people's believing something is so because that is what the church teaches them and because it does not lie open to human understanding; for they are told, Believe and do not doubt. If anyone replies, This I do not at all understand, they are then told, That is why it is necessary to believe it. So faith at the present day consists in people believing what they do not know and may be termed blind faith; and because it

is one person's say-so present in another it is historical faith. And this is not spiritual faith, as will be seen in what follows.

2 Real faith is nothing other than an acceptance that something is so because it is true, for the thought and utterance of people who possess real faith is, This is true, therefore I believe it. For faith is a belief in what is true, and what is true is the substance of faith. Also, if these people do not understand some truth they say, I do not know whether it is true, therefore I cannot as yet believe it. How am I to believe what I do not understand? It may even be a falsity.

The first two paragraphs of [Teaching concerning Faith](#) pub 2019 tr John Elliott
For the spiritual meaning, in Luke 10:1, of the *seventy* disciples sent out by Him,
see paragraph 9404 of [Arcana Caelestia](#)

Hymns

360 Spirit divine, inspire our prayers *tune* Beatitudo or University CM
259 Lord of the living harvest *tune* Cruger 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6

Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, who patiently taught your disciples, and whom the people gladly heard: may your words so master our hearts and minds that we too may teach with skill and authority, and be heard with joy and understanding, for your name's sake.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith](#)

O Lord, support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.

[\(Cardinal\) Henry Newman](#)

Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for Your gift of unselfish love and honest service to other people. We rejoice that so many accept Your gift and work in Your name. To You we give praise for every deed of unselfish love, for all joy in true service. Grant us to know these eternal things amid the changing things of the world, and to accept the joy of Your life in all our doings.

[Book of Worship](#) pub 1971 slightly altered