



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 • Amos 8:4-7 and
Psalm 113 • 1 Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 16:1-13

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there
no physician there? Why then has
the health of my poor people not
been restored?

Jeremiah 8:22



The herb "Balm of Gilead" -- from "Jerusalem: A Medical Diagnosis Exhibition", Israel

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name; deliver
us, and forgive our sins, for your
name's sake.

Psalm 79:9

Veteran's
Prayer for
Eternal
Peace

Des Moines,
Iowa



Hear this, you that trample on the
needy ... buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals ..."

Amos 8:4a, 6a



Mexican Workers During Miners' Strike, 1906, Cananea, Mexico

Praise the LORD! ... He raises the
poor from the dust, and lifts the
needy from the ash heap ...

Psalm 113:1a, 7

Praise the Lord – Manna
from Heaven

Harriet Powers
Pictorial Quilt, section
c. 1895
Museum of Fine Arts
Boston, MA



... I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for ... all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1a, 2



Prayer Sculpture, Kipun (Joyful) Methodist Church, Pyeongtaek, South Korea

Then Jesus said to the disciples,
"There was a rich man who had a
manager, and charges were
brought to him that this man was
squandering his property.

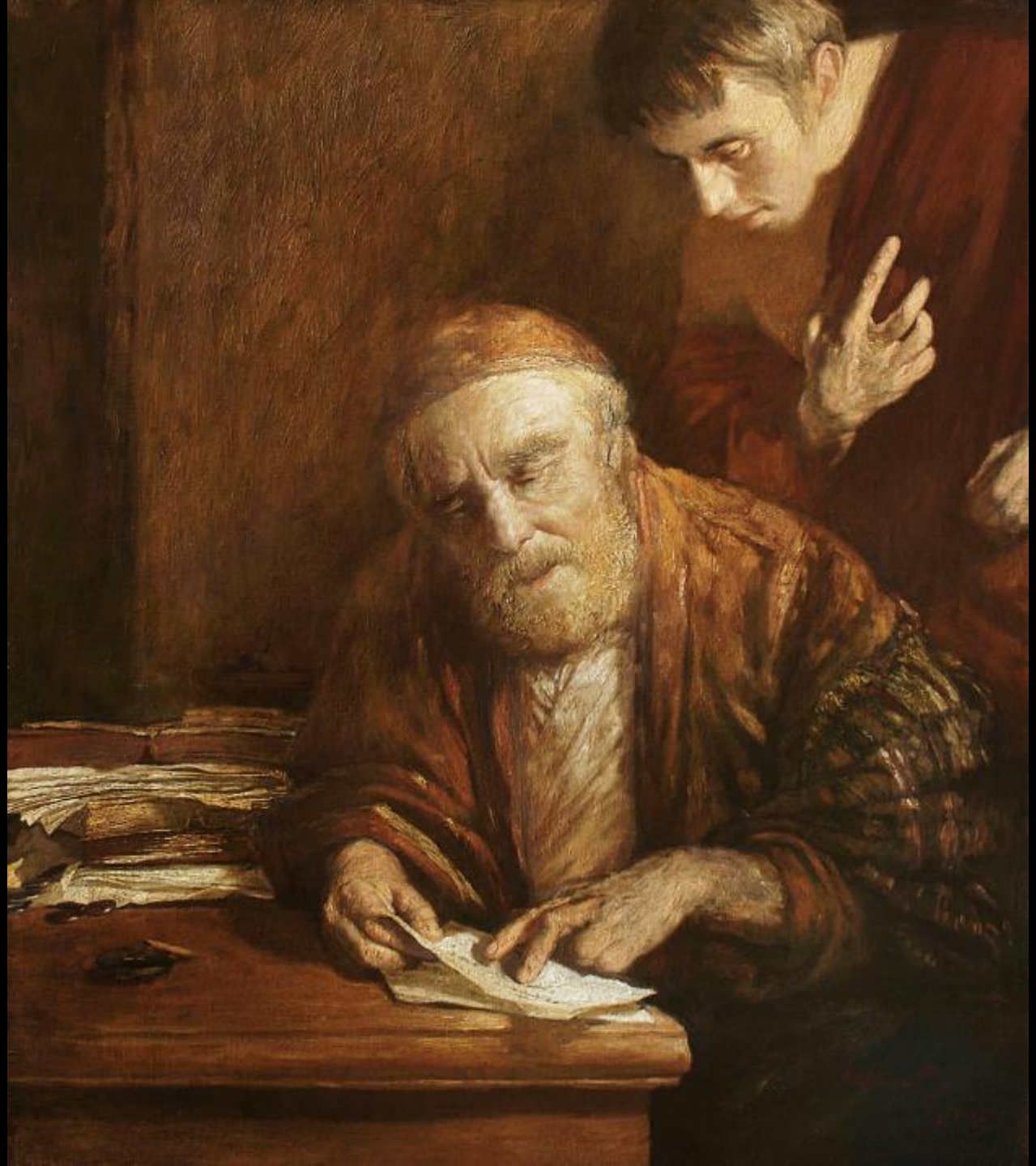
Luke 16:1

So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management ...

Luke 16:2a

Parable of the
Unjust Steward

Andrey Mironov
Oil painting,
2012



"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

Luke 16:10



Ruth Stays with Naomi -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 1991



Always Faithful -- Mural, Oakland, CA

You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:13b



Mill Children in Macon, Georgia -- Lewis Hine, 1909, Library of Congress, Washington, DC

[Money Bags]

Tom Otterness
New York Subway Station
New York, NY



Helping Hand

David Flores
Portland, OR



Helping Hands

Nelson Mandela Gardens
Leeds, England



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