

Presentation Ministries

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Friday, June 17, 2022,

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20

Psalm 132:11-14, 17-18

Matthew 6:19-23

View Readings

OPPRESSED NO MORE

"All the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, now that Athaliah had been slain with the sword at the royal palace." —2 Kings 11:20

**Athaliah, the queen mother, violently oppressed God's people for seven years. They were freed from her oppressive, idolatrous regime by:
the courage of Jehosheba, who risked her life to save the life of baby Joash, the future king (2 Kgs 11:2),
the wise and strong leadership of Jehoiada, the priest (2 Kgs 11:4ff), and
the submission of the captains and the guards to Jehoiada's authority (2 Kgs 11:4ff).**

The Church today throughout much of the world is oppressed. The Church is often decimated, impoverished, marginalized, and insulted. We can throw off this oppression if we have:

the courage to fast and pray (see Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul II, 100; cf Mk 9:29, RSV-CE),

the love and unselfishness to lay down our lives in leadership, and

the humility to submit to God-given authority.

When our own obedience is complete, we have the power to bring down the strongholds, sophistries, and proud pretensions that raise themselves "against the knowledge of God; we likewise bring every thought into captivity to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor

10:5). A disobedient people are oppressed and oppressive. An obedient people are free. Obey the Lord.

Prayer: Father, may I obey my way into freedom.

Promise: "Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also." —Mt 6:21

Praise: The Holy Spirit prompted Therese to share her faith with a woman who eventually became a state representative and sponsored pro-life legislation.

Rescript: In accord with the "Code of Canon Law", I hereby grant the "Nihil Obstat" ("Permission to Publish") for "One Bread, One Body."

"In accord with the Code of Canon Law, I hereby grant the Nihil Obstat for the publication One Bread, One Body covering the time period from June 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022. Reverend Steve J. Angi, Chancellor, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio November 18, 2021"

The Nihil Obstat ("Permission to Publish") is a declaration that a book or pamphlet is considered to be free of doctrinal or moral error. It is not implied that those who have granted the Nihil Obstat agree with the contents, opinions, or statements expressed.

You can find One Bread, One Body archives, the letter to readers, OBOB eBook edition, and an online donation form at <http://www.presentationministries.com/series/obob>

Copyright © Presentation Ministries

To add your e-mail address to this list go to
<https://www.presentationministries.com/subscribe/email>

To remove your e-mail address from this list, [click here..](#)