

A Reading from the Book of Sirach:

Now will I praise those godly men,

our ancestors, in his own time:

These were godly men

whose virtues have not been forgotten;

Their wealth remains in their families,

their heritage with their descendants.

Through God's covenant with them their family endures,

their posterity for their sake.

And for all time their progeny will endure,

their glory will never be blotted out;

Their bodies are peacefully laid away,

but their name lives on and on.

At gatherings their wisdom is retold,

and the assembly proclaims their praise.

The Word of the Lord