



Lent

A Chapter from "Let Me Tell You" by Msgr. Hugh Marren

The word Lent has its origin in the word Lencten, meaning Spring (Lenctentid – Springtide). This was the Saxon name for the month of March because it is the month in which the days noticeably begin to lengthen. The great fast took its name from this, falling as it largely does in March.

During Lent, we are asked to make it a special time of prayer and fasting. On Ash Wednesday, we started this season by remembering our humble beginnings *"Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return."*

We conclude this season by remembering how wonderfully we are made and the glory to which we are called. *"I am the Resurrection and Life, the one who believes in Me even though he dies shall live."*

It is in the light of our humble beginnings and our glorious call to final destiny that we take these forty days and use them as God's special gift to us. They offer each of us the opportunity to look at life and ask and answer the questions: What am I doing with my life? Where is this journey of life leading me? I am given one more opportunity to take time and make God an important part of my everyday life. The season of Lent helps me to realize that prayer ought to be an essential part of my life and not just an added extra, or something to be fitted in when I get the time.

Though formed out of the dust, we are destined to live forever, but not on planet earth. Let us then, during the season of Lent, take good care that we are not living our lives here on earth as if it was our final camping ground.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us during this season of Lent to remember that it may be good to be important, but it is more important to be good.

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