

## **Sixth Sunday Year A. He allows us to grow together for a purpose.**

We continued reading from the Gospel of Mathew 13, in which we heard about good soil, last Sunday we read how God planted his word in different soils. Today is another parable of the same Sower who planted wheat, but an enemy came and planted weeds alongside the wheat.

The workers opted to do the needful by asking if they should remove the weeds and allow the wheat to grow up, but the master said no. Let them grow together until harvest time.

Like the wheat and the weeds that grows together, God has a reason for allowing human beings to live together; he makes no mistakes. If an opportunity is given to us today to be the sower, we would have no option than to ask the worker to take off the weeds so that the grains may have enough space to grow.

The simple lesson today for everyone is to accept to leave with people from different backgrounds; the good, bad and the ugly. To be patient with one another, and to be tolerant toward those who make life difficult for us. Yes, there are people whom we may think they don't deserve to live because of their way of life, among which we have those who killed our loved ones, those who frustrated our effort, and those who denied us opportunities to make it in life; even those who have not offended us, but we have a natural hatred for them. Jesus is teaching us to leave together until the end of time, he is the judge of every humanity.

In our first reading today, the author presented God as one who judged with Clemency and governed with lenience. If we think we are good and without any errors, then we have the responsibility to be kind toward other people and be an example for others. As a child of God, you must stop hatred and hold to mercy. If not for the mercy of God, we wouldn't have been alive, which is why the psalmist proclaimed, "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Jesus's parable of the kingdom of heaven is a call to cherish our heavenly Abode. Yes, there is a final judgment, but it is not our duty; it's reserved to Jesus. Ours is to center our life on doing what is good and loving God and humanity. If we insist on pulling out the weeds, we never know how it will affect us, after all we are all weak; we do not even know how to do anything; the spirit helps us. Brothers and Sisters, no amount of love for God is credible unless we love those whom we encounter.

May the blessing of God be upon us, teach us to love him above all and to live together with others. Amen.

Peace,

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