

Reflection on the gospel of the 25th week in ordinary time [Year A]

In the gospel of today Jesus reflect on the fact, that we spend much of our lives calculating what we deserve. We measure our efforts against those of others and expect our rewards to reflect the difference.

We all visualise the Kingdom of Heaven in our own ways, but overall it must have something to do with denying our own presumed claims in life in order to see the less fortunate shine their humanity in equal opportunities.

In this parable, Jesus teaches us how to include the unfortunate as equals in our longing to be close to God in the Kingdom of Heaven. The landowner does not diminish the worth of those who have worked all day. He simply refuses to diminish the worth of those who have worked for only an hour.

In fact God can only give of Himself wholly, He does not give of Himself in percentages. God's generosity is not a calculation. It is a gift. Perhaps the challenge of this parable is not simply to accept what God gives us, but to rejoice in what he gives others.

The Kingdom of Heaven is certainly not a competition in which somebody else's good fortune comes at our expense. Even in this world there is enough grace for everyone if we change our attitude in true compassion with the needy.

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