

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19.

We should show others the forbearance which God shows to us.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27.

When we are weak and inarticulate, the Spirit prays in us.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30.

God is patient with our weakness.



Points for Reflection

With the use of the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus tells us that the world is home not only to those who are good, but also to those who harbour evil in their breasts. It may even be said that there is no good man: everybody lives the mystery of evil and goodness in his heart. For wheat to grow and bear fruit needs much time. The good shines in the presence of evil and God triumphs because he knows how to wait: he is not bound by time, deadline, or expectation. We learn best about patient waiting not as regards others but ourselves. We wish to be good, and are often baffled by our own mistakes and sins. We even believe that we are exempt from the failings of others. Paradoxically, big mistakes and failings could lead us to the first real step to holiness. We recognize that we are also fields on which the enemy has sown weed. Having learned about our own imperfections, we accept the need to wait patiently as we learn to walk the path to righteousness.

God is the author of all goodness, the wheat sown in our hearts can act only after we recognize that we have to put our trust in him---indeed, to trust God more than any human being, even us. Christian growth actually starts with a feeling of helplessness when faced with our own limitations and sinfulness. We focus neither on the good we are capable of nor on the sins we have committed but on the power of God who alone can protect us from our presumptions to self-righteousness.

When we learn to be patient with ourselves, we can also be patient with others. We refrain from making judgments. We look and observe others without comparing ourselves with them. Confronted with faults and shortcomings, we do not get easily scandalized. We pray for those who err instead of gossiping about their perceived infractions. We wait patiently, imitating God in his compassionate waiting, secure in the knowledge that the great harvest will come at the prescribed time.

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Kids' Corner

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