



Seeds Again

When Jesus spoke in parables, He used images that everyone could understand and identify with. Last week in the Gospel we heard the parable of the seed and the sower. This week's Gospel continues the theme of the seed and applies it to the growth of God's Kingdom. The seeds are planted in the hearts of people and it is up to them to do something about it. The Kingdom of God here on earth is our Church as well as all of us who have been put here by the Lord.

In the Gospel today, Jesus points out that there are evil forces in the world that will try to thwart God's plans, but in the end, goodness and holiness will prevail. It would be good for us to ask ourselves how much we are contributing to the growth of God's Kingdom here on earth. What have we done to bring the Gospel to other people? Have we done enough to make the Gospel first a reality in our own lives, then going out to others and sharing that joy and enthusiasm with our brothers and sisters?

The harvest that Jesus talks about refers to the end of the world. Many modern day "prophets" would lead us to believe that they know the exact day or year when that will be. Our faith tells us, however, that no one except God has that information. In the meantime, instead of living our lives in fear and trepidation wondering when this will happen, let us spend each and every day doing what we can to live fully the Gospel values Jesus speaks about. Let us make our world a good place in which to live. We await the Second Coming of Christ, but in the meantime we must live good and holy lives, treasuring each and every day as a gift from God.

Father David