

Our Father God is patient and merciful!

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The readings of the Book of Wisdom and of the Gospel speak to us of a very valuable theme concerning the story of salvation: the patience of God and His great mercy for human beings!

Through other readings we know that the Lord our God, is an Omnipotent God and full of justice. This we should never forget!

But throughout the Old Testament and in most of the New Testament, the preaching of Jesus and the letters of Saint Paul, speak to us of the great mercy and of abundant patience of our Father God!

Patience because He is not in a hurry for anything, He is eternal and lives in eternity, for Him all is present, nothing escapes him, He has all below his watch and under His power...therefore in the Parable of Discard, the sower wants to wait until the time of the harvest, in order to separate the discord of the wheat and to be sure that only the discord will be collected first and thrown to the fire. God does not want to be hurried and perhaps by doing so, to commit an injustice by collecting wheat with discord and punishing the just with injustice...And so it was when He wanted to punish Sodom and Gomorrah, He had patience with Abraham and in the end He saved his nephew Lot and his family that were the only just ones in those cities!

Thus Jesus when he has compassion with the crowds and publicans, centurions of the Roman army, members of the Sanhedrin as Joseph of Arimathea, and along the modern history, with kings and rulers, businessmen and important people besides preferably favoring and being dedicated to the poor and marginalized.

That is to say that our Father God and our Savior Jesus do not exclude anyone from the call to salvation and they have all the patience in the world toward each one of all of us. Knowing that at the end of each life, and at the end of all time, in the great final judgment, all will be patient, all will be known and nobody will be able to deceive God, nobody will be able to blame God for his own final and definitive luck!

In the meantime, as Christians, we should walk a life with fear and trembling, with humility and confidence, in the hands of the Lord, knowing that He takes care of us and has so much mercy to forgive and will always give new opportunities...!!!

We think nowadays in how we treat others, since with the same stick that we measure we will be measured... let us not forget it! If we know forgiveness and think well of the others and are always ready to help a neighbor and to delay in condemning or slow in thinking badly of the neighbor, I believe that we are doing the correct thing!

Some time ago I heard a holy male tell that it is preferable to leave freely a delinquent than to condemn an innocent one! Or that it is preferable to give aid to a liar, than to stop doing good for a person that urgently needs it!

Finally, we reflect on a saying of San Ignacio of Loyola, which said: if in the love of God we forget ourselves, than the fear of the flames of hell will help us to live a humble and straight life in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the hands of our Father God, that has given us the Holy Spirit in order to guide our steps along the way of goodness and in love from God. So it is. Amen. Alleluia!