

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 11/10/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (Blessed are those who fear the Lord)

1 THES 5:1-6

MT 25:14-30

GOSPEL:

- Man going on a journey - one of other such parables where a leader figure goes away and is due to return.
- There is the man, the stewards, and the talents.
 - Who is the man who goes away due to return, who are the stewards?
 - What is asked of them? How does that relate to us in our time?
 - What are the talents? What could these possibly be?
- How do the stewards make a return on the treasure entrusted to them? How do we?
- The last steward - knew the what the master would want, but did not do it?
 - His fear made him powerless. He does less than the minimum and makes no profit.
- What does his fate say to us? What is this a parable about the Kingdom?

FIRST READING:

- The worthy wife. How can this relate to the marital imagery in the Bible concerning God and the Church? What can it say about our personal relationship with Jesus?
- What does the worthy wife do that makes her so valuable?
- What is the husband's attitude towards her? How does this relate to us?
- She does many things: works with loving hands, reaches out to the poor (and poor can be lacking in many different ways), she meets the needy.
- She will receive a reward.

SECOND READING:

- The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. What does this mean? What is Paul using this imagery to convey?
- Just when we think it is all secure - then something can happen. When we think we are secure we can get lax. What is he talking about here?
- We are children of the light - not of the darkness.
- He is calling for vigilance, and staying in the light. What is he getting at?
 - What is the potential darkness in which we could stray? How do we stay in the light?

—Closing Prayer