

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 9/22/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

EZ 18:25-28

PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (Remember your mercies, O Lord)

PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

MT 21:28-32

GOSPEL:

- Parable of the two sons. The man in the parable asks both sons to go work in his vineyard.
 - Notice that working in a vineyard was also in last week's gospel
- One refuses initially to go, but then regrets and does go; the other says he will go, but does not.
- Who did the will of the Father? - they all have no problem answering the question.
- In what is doing the father's will shown?
 - How do words and actions compare in this sense?
- Why would the prostitutes and tax collectors get to heaven ahead of the priests and elders he was talking to? Why does he use these two classes of persons as examples?
- Their minds were set against the preaching of John (the Baptist). What was that preaching?
 - What is it that they did not do that the prostitutes and tax collectors (and all those of the same category) did?
- What does that say to us about what he is calling us to do?

FIRST READING:

- How often might we think that the Lord's way is not fair?
 - What is the unfair way that the prophet speaks about? What way might we point out (to ourselves, other, or GOD) that is really not fair? Why would it not be fair?
- Turning away from sin has a powerful effect.
- Staying in sin will bring death (what type of death?). Repentance will allow preservation of life.
- How does one turn away from sin? What is Jesus saying to do? Does this connect to the Gospel?

SECOND READING:

- Paul pleads for unity of minds and love in the community. Encouragement, solace, participation in the Spirit, compassion, and mercy. These flow from the unity of mind he is asking.
- It is a hard thing to look to others' interests over our own. How many times when we do for others are we in some way also looking towards our own interests?
- What follows is the great hymn: though he was in the form of God
 - He calls us to have same attitude as Jesus did - humble, obedient.
- The attitude of Jesus leads to his glorification - and to ours.
- Jesus Christ is Lord "to the glory of God the Father" - what does he mean?

—Closing Prayer