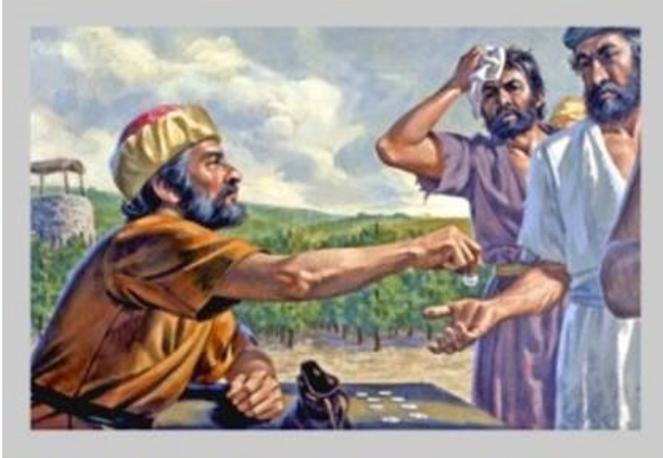




ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY September 24 & BEYOND

Justice, But Whose Perspective



Isaiah quotes God saying “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.” There’s probably no sincere believer who would claim to understand God. But we should still ask ourselves how often we expect God to act on our agenda and obey our rules.

The fact that God doesn’t meet human expectations lies underneath many of

the attempts to prove that a good God does not exist. Although it may be unconscious, the person who denies God’s existence based on a particular set of circumstances is working from their own definition of God and their perception of how God should act.

A more honest statement than “God cannot exist” would be “I can’t imagine how God could exist under these circumstances.” To that Isaiah would respond, “You got it! God’s thoughts are not your thoughts.”

Remember, Jesus used stories to throw the listeners off balance. The parables were specifically designed to help folks like you and me trip over their own righteousness, to remind them of God’s sovereign freedom. The question lurking underneath this parable is “What is just?” The disgruntled workers, who were fortunate enough to spend the whole day employed and certain that they and their families would eat that day ended up thinking that they deserved more than others. It never occurred to them that they had already gotten it. Apparently, the lord thought that justice had more to do with someone who needs to survive than with the luck of landing a good job. That is quite a different perspective than one which, for whatever reason, asserts “I deserve more than those others!”

God ways are not our ways. Think about it. Isaiah got it right.

Always in Christ,
Father Sanders+

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church)

10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: 9:00a Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel (Temporarily Cancelled)

9:30a Mass - St. Mary's Chapel (Temporarily Cancelled)

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)