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Let Us Communicate a Message with Our Attitudes

Jesus defines the Kingdom of Heaven that is already present in the world in many ways; in today's Gospel, we hear about the way that a seed grows from within to mature and bear its fruit.

The parable of the good seed that a man sowed in his field, the same field where the enemy sowed weeds, shows us in a general way that God trusts that we, the good seed, will remain firm until the time of the harvest, the individual or final judgement. It is also understood that the time of maturation for the good and the bad seed, for the good and the wicked, is our earthly life. It is also a time of mercy in which God hopes for change in the wicked, a change that could come about if we, the citizens of the Kingdom, are able, with the kindness of our behavior, to transmit it to them. Here is a simple answer for whoever asks himself, "Why does God permit evil in the world?" Because it always gives the opportunity for man to reconsider and be converted.

The good seed is not a theoretical message; it is about concrete attitudes that authenticate a value higher than our humanity: our being in God.

How good it would be if when we encounter outdated or worn out messages in the world—theoretical, political, or simply messages devoid of value—we could

communicate a transcendental, true message, a message of life and hope, with concrete actions and with an attitude of full adherence to the eternal realities of the Kingdom of God!

This message of attitudes leads us:

1-To be more human

To be sensitive to human misery, to our necessity for God and for His help and protection. If God, as master, mitigates the force of his judgment with mercy and governs us with tenderness, we should be understanding with others, resisting the sometimes insupportable tension of enduring contradiction or wickedness from someone who does not understand kindness, truth, and goodness.

Not only are we more human when we judge bad people with mercy, we are also human when we recognize our own limitations in the sense that we are not gods, and when we allow the plan of God that goes beyond us to be accomplished in the time that only God, in His infinite providence, knows.

2-To work

In a community that was not very committed, the apostle Paul understands the weakness of the Christian, that he is lost in a confusing world in which the realities of God are not always clear; Paul encourages them to listen to the inspirations of the Spirit of God, who knows what we most need.

On the other hand, while the reign of God is coming in fullness, the community should be actively waiting, working for the Kingdom, moved by the Spirit of God, and communicating hope with their conduct.

3-To grow together

Good and bad, we are destined to grow together, but from within. The three seeds that are mentioned in the Gospel—the weed, the mustard, and the wheat—are seeds that grow from within, straining to give the best of themselves, of that for which they are made.

We are called to grow in the same way, from within, until we reach maturity, secure in the code of goodness in which we were conceived by God, discovering at each step of our life the hidden reality of the Kingdom of God.

In our daily life we should understand that there is a universal enemy who will always sow the bad seed while we are not living in commitment to others; we need to accept that the evil cannot be removed without damaging the good and that there is no immediate judgment, and less by our own hand.

Today we have a great opportunity to enjoy the power that we carry within, the potential of good that by concrete and efficacious actions and testimony is capable of reshaping both the individual and the social images of our historical realities. The reign of God is not imposed but stands in constant antagonism to the world so that the partisans of evil may find God.

With what actions and attitudes are we being citizens of the Kingdom?