

Paul tells us, in today's Reading, that we are 'servants' of God. As such we are to be good stewards. Each one should be worthy of his trust. We are to live as God asks us to. This means listening to his word as revealed in scripture and in the example of Jesus the supreme servant who gave his life for us that we might have eternal life. It is only God who truly knows how faithful we are and have been as his servants. We are not to make any premature judgements about ourselves or others. It is only when He comes that we will, "Receive the praise we deserve, or not as the case may be! For then he will, "Light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts."

We are reminded of this is the responsorial psalm. "The salvation of the just comes from the Lord. If you trust in the Lord and do good, you will live in the land and be secure..."

In the Gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees, scribes (and us) that, in order to serve, we are to learn from the old, which is good, but that they and we are called to a new life of loving service through him. It is not 'our' place to judge, but to live in his presence and follow his ways.