

Romans 4: 1-8

Luke 12: 1-7

The question seems to be, ‘What is it that points us out as being righteous? The salary we get for doing the work we are paid to do? Or our faith and dependency on God, and the desire to live a sinless life under his direction? I would suggest the latter. For Paul writes, “Happy those whose crimes are forgiven, whose sins are blotted out; happy the man whom the Lord considers sinless.” The Psalm pronounces, “Happy the man whose sins are forgiven, whose sin is remitted.”

” Our human nature leads us to sin, perhaps often. So how can we be sinless? Precisely through the desire to seek forgiveness. Again, the Psalm proclaims, “But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: ‘I will confess my offence to the Lord.’

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us, ” “Fear him who, after he has killed; has the power to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.” He says, “ Every hair on your head has been counted.” and that, “There is no need to be afraid: you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.” In today’s terminology, Jesus has our backs. If we are sinless, we can count on his protection. No matter what confronts us, we can rely on his saving help.