

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 12:54-59

It seems to me that today we are being given a lesson in awareness! In the Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus uses the weather and a conflict between two people as examples. He asks the crowds (and us) a question. “You know how to interpret the face of the earth and sky. How is it that you do not know how to interpret these times?” Then he uses a practical example of conflict in stressing the need for good judgement. Basically, he tells them. ‘Try to settle with your opponent on the way to court or you will end up in far worse trouble.’

If we are to grow in the awareness that Jesus wants for us, we need to turn to the Word of God for direction. There are many examples in today’s readings alone.

Paul says. “Bear with one another charitably. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.”

And then the Psalm... “Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.” “Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.”

In a world of constant upheaval and uncertainty, we need awareness. And, when Jesus says. “Why not judge for yourselves?” we can, by reading the Word of God.