

I think that today's Reading, Psalm and Gospel very much encourage us to ask the question, 'What sort of legacy will I leave? From the Reading, the answer comes plainly. "Let us praise illustrious men, our ancestors in their successive generations. While others have left no memory, and disappeared as though they had not existed, they are now as though they had never been, and so too their children after them. Those who do good works are not forgotten and, in their descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of them. Their descendants stand by the covenants and, thanks to them, so do their children's children."

What of the fig tree in the Gospel? The tree, like our hearts are not always in the season of fruiting. As a result, our lives become withered. Jesus wants us to understand and live out his priorities for our lives. He wants HIS house to be, 'A House of prayer for all the people.' Those selling their wares in the temple are like those, and sometimes we, who leave no memory on earth because they, and again, sometimes we, are 'out of season,' failing to acknowledge God or follow his ways. Jesus, therefore, reminds Peter and all his followers to have faith in God. In doing so, they have the power to move mountains! That, "Anything we ask and pray for, we have only to believe that we have it already and it will be ours.

What sort of legacy do we want to leave? "Forgive whatever you have against anybody, so that your Father in Heaven may forgive your failings too." Our belief and our desire to forgive and be forgiven will ensure an illustrious life. 'Our good works will not be forgotten, and our descendants will remain a rich inheritance.'