

June 26, 2008
Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

2 Kings 24:8-17

Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9

Matthew 7:21-29

...but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Last summer at lunch with some of my grandchildren, one of them said that she would like to have the opportunity to ask God to share with her his plan for the world. I find that it intriguing that we continue to ask that same question as adults. I think that we continue to ask the question because we make it too narrow: What is God's plan for me? Once again, in a very subtle way, out of desire to please and follow, we make it all about me when it is really all about us: What do we need to learn and change so that we can love each other?

It is all about union and communion, it seems, which means that it is also about forgiveness, letting go, service and lives of patience and simplicity. Who can doubt that this is the sum and substance of Jesus' teaching?

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