

"Ah, yes," he replied; "it was granted to me once, and that only for an instant, to look upon Him. To see Him again, even for one short instant, I would be willing to suffer till the Day of Judgment all the pains of Hell."

These last words, spoken in a tone of despair, so overcame the priest that he fainted. When he recovered, he again spoke to the wicked spirit:

"Since you have already seen God, I conjure you to give me some idea of His beauty and greatness."

The evil one answered: "That is quite impossible! No mind can conceive it, much less can any tongue express it."

"But give me some comparison," urged the Father.

"Imagine, then, if you can, that all the beauty of Heaven and earth, all the richest and most beautiful of all created things, were put together; then think that you saw all the stars of the firmament shining as so many suns, that the sun itself shone with the brightness of all these stars and that all this made but one that magnificent object would be greater than any human mind could ever comprehend. But all this, in comparison with the infinite beauty of God, is less than nothing; it is as if you compared the thickest darkness of the most obscure night with the glowing light of the brightest noonday sun."

Oh, my child, how beautiful must our good Father in Heaven be! How carefully you should live that you may one day see Him in all His glory. That wicked spirit can never see God, but you can; it is for this you were made. You are in this world for one thing only to prepare yourself to see Him, and be happy with Him forever in heaven.

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Each month, a Mass is offered for deceased members listed in the monthly letter as above; and another Mass is offered for all past deceased members.

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Marie Miller

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

The Love of God

We are Created to Love God: God has created us for the sole purpose to love Him and to serve Him. Why did God plant into our hearts a craving for something so great and so magnificent that nothing created can satisfy it? So that we might thereby be induced to cling firmly to Him, and to love Him, because He alone can satisfy us.

Seeking Happiness: If man possessed the whole world, he would still not be content; there would always be something wanting for our complete happiness, and yet we are so convinced that we are created to be happy, that we never in our life cease to seek happiness, and to do everything that we possibly can to attain it.

God Alone is Our Happiness: What is the reason, then, that regardless of all our endeavors, our pains, and our labors, we can never feel content? It is because we do not direct our attention and our mind toward that object which alone is capable of fulfilling our desires, toward God. Believe me, dear friends, seek the friendship of God, and then you will have found happiness. And in order that you may feel urgently impelled to love

Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

so good a God, Who is so worthy of being loved, and so able to satisfy perfectly all the desires of our hearts, let us briefly consider what our God has done for us, let us follow the course of His life until His death.

Life of Jesus -- Proof of His Love: Consider Him, dear brethren, from the moment of His Incarnation until His thirtieth year. Are there not the greatest proofs of His love for us?

At **His Incarnation** He became man like us and for us.

By **His birth** He has exalted us to the highest dignity to which a mere creature can be raised. He made us His brothers! O what love of us! Have we ever rightly understood it?

At **His presentation** in the Temple He offered Himself up to His Father to redeem us all.

Later, in the home of St. Joseph, He became a **model of the love and respect** which we should have for our parents and superiors.

Love in All His Actions: In His active life, everything that He did was done for us: His prayers, His tears, His nightly vigils, His fasts, His sermons, His journeys, His conversations, His miracles -- He did all these things for our salvation.

God Constantly Seeks After Us: Observe, with what zeal He sought us in the person of the **Samaritan woman**; behold, with what fervent love He receives sinners in the person of the **Prodigal son**; see with what meekness He condones the justice of His Father who would punish us in the person of the **Adulteress**.

A Life of Suffering: In His life of suffering, what abuses, what torments did He endure? He is bound, and struck in the face with clenched fists, accused, condemned, and finally crucified for us. And did He not die for us, under the most cruel and most indescribable sufferings?

Jesus Suffered for Love of Us: Ah, my dear brethren, who can understand what He has done for us? Jesus Christ could have made satisfaction for our sins to the justice of the Father by one drop of His Blood, by one tear, but that which could satisfy justice could not satisfy the fervent love of His Heart for us. It is His love of us again which caused Him to anticipate the sufferings which He was to undergo upon the cross. O abyss of tenderness, of a God-love for His creatures!

Love Through His Passion: Let us go still further, dear friends. This divine Redeemer wishes to **shed the last drop of His precious blood** for us, to cleanse us from all our misdeeds.

After atoning for our pride by **His crowning with thorns**,

for our countless sins of the tongue by the **gall and vinegar**,

the sins of impurity by the **cruel and painful scourging**,

all our wicked actions by the **wounds of His hands and His feet**,

He wished to expiate all our evil desires by the **wound of His divine Heart**,

because it is in the heart that all our sins have their source. **O miracle of the love of a God for His creatures!**

Eucharist -- Sacrament of Love: But His love goes still further. When He saw that He would soon be separated from us by death, He worked a great miracle so as to remain always with us: He instituted the great **Sacrament of love**, wherein He left us **His most adorable flesh** and **His most precious blood**, so as never more to forsake us until the end of the world. What love for us, my dear brethren!

A God wishes to feed our soul with His own Being! In this great and adorable Sacrament He offers Himself daily to the justice of God, makes satisfaction again for our sins, and obtains all kinds of graces for us.

Sermons of the Curé of Ars (St. John Vianney)

Abandon Yourself Completely to God

"Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." (Ps. liv. 23) Cast your hearts, your aspirations, your anxieties, and your affections upon the paternal bosom of God, and He will guide you. He will carry you wherever His love would have you go.

Then we shall be all steeped, as it were, in sweetness and gentleness towards our neighbors in general, for we shall look upon all these souls as resting in the Heart of our Savior.

Alas! they who regard their neighbor in any other way run the risk of not loving him with purity, constancy, or and with impartiality.

But beholding him in that Divine Resting Place, who would not love him, bear with him, and be patient with his imperfections? Who would find him irritating or troublesome?

Well, your neighbor is there, in the Heart of the Savior, there, as so beloved and so lovable that the divine Lover dies of love for him!

Spiritual Conferences (adjusted) by St. Francis de Sales

God Is Infinitely Beautiful

God is infinitely beautiful. The greatest joy of the blessed in Heaven is to see God face to face, and look upon Him in His glory.

What He Would Give To See God

Father Jourdain, a religious of the Order of **St. Dominic**, was casting out an evil spirit from the body of a young man, as we read that Our Blessed Lord sometimes did.

When he had been cast out, the good Father asked him to tell him in what place he would desire to be forever.

"In Heaven," answered the evil one.

And why would you wish to be there?"

"Would you, who are lost, wish again to see God?" he asked.