

"He Is There"

A little English boy heard that Jesus was present in the holy tabernacle, and that He listened to the prayers of those who went there to speak to Him. One day he went to the church to pray for the conversion of his father. Going into the sanctuary, he climbed upon the altar, and sitting there, near the door of the tabernacle, knocked at it with his little hand, saying: "Are you there, Jesus?"

But there was no answer. He knocked again, saying the same words: "Are you there, Jesus? They told me at Sunday-school that you were here."

He listened for an answer, but still no answer came. "Perhaps the dear Jesus is asleep; I will quietly awake Him." "O my dear little Jesus," he said gently, "I believe in Thee and I love Thee; answer me, I beseech Thee."

Jesus could not refuse to answer the simple and humble prayer of the child, said with so much confidence. A voice came forth from the tabernacle saying: "Yes, My dear child, I am here. My love for you makes Me stay here always. What do you want of Me to-day, My dear little brother?"

The child answered in a voice broken by sobs: "My father is not a good man; O my Jesus, make him good, and he will serve Thee and love Thee!"

"Go, my dearest child; I will grant your prayer."

The child went home all radiant with joy for Jesus had told him that his prayer would be granted. On the following day his father, of his own accord, went to the church, made a good confession, and became a fervent Christian.

My child, that same Jesus is present on the altar in your own church. He is there because He loves you, and because He desires to bestow on you great graces. Oh, then, when you go into the church, kneel reverently and lovingly before the altar, and say to Him: "My dearest Jesus, I firmly believe that Thou art really present on this altar, and I love Thee with my whole heart."

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

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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

Jesus delights to be With Us

And My delights were to be with the children of men. (Prov. viii. 31)

Behold our Jesus, who, not satisfied with dying on earth for our love, is pleased even after His death to dwell with us in the Most Holy Sacrament, declaring that He finds His delights among men.

"O men," exclaims St. Teresa, "how can you offend a God who declares that it is with you that He finds His delights!" Jesus finds His delights with us; and shall we not find ours with Jesus?

Such Privilege!

And we especially who have had the honor to dwell in His palace? How greatly do those vassals esteem themselves honored to whom the king assigns an abode in his own residence! Behold the palace of the King; it is this house in which we dwell with Jesus Christ. Let us, then, learn to thank Him for it, and to avail ourselves of conversing with Jesus Christ.

My Treasure:

Behold me, then, O my Lord and God, before this altar, on which Thou dost reside night and

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.

day for my sake. Thou art the source of every good; Thou art the healer of every ill; Thou art the treasure of every poor creature.

Mercy:

Behold now at Thy feet a sinner, who is of all the poorest and most infirm, and who asks Thy mercy; have pity upon me!

Now that I see Thee in this Sacrament, come down from heaven upon earth only to do me good; I will not be disheartened at the sight of my misery.

I praise Thee, I thank Thee, I love Thee; and if Thou wilt that I should ask Thee for an alms, I will ask for this. O my Lord, I desire never more to offend Thee; and I desire that Thou shouldst give me light and grace to love Thee with all my strength.

holy desires:

Lord, I love Thee with my whole soul; I love Thee with all my affections. Do Thou grant that I may thus speak with truth; and that I may speak in the same way during life and for all eternity.

Most holy Virgin Mary, my holy patron saints, ye angels and all ye blessed spirits of paradise, help me to love my most amiable God.

Ejaculatory Prayer. O Good Shepherd, true bread, Jesus, have mercy on us: do Thou feed us; do Thou guard us; do Thou show us good things in the land of the living!

Visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Her bands are a healthful binding. (Ecclus. vi. 35) The devout Pelbart says that devotion to Mary is a chain of predestination.

Let us beseech our sovereign Lady to bind us always more closely by the chains of love to confidence in her protection.

Ejaculatory Prayer. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Benefits:

Oh, were you to visit Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament only for a quarter of an hour each day,

from how many **trials and hardships** would you be delivered,

from how many **accidents, misfortunes, temptations and attacks of the devil** would you be preserved;

how **few sins** would you commit,

and how much **more consolation and peace of heart** would you enjoy!

My Employment Much Reduced:

"How true it is," you would exclaim, "what Jesus Christ has said: 'Seek first the Kingdom of God, and the rest will be added unto you.'"

"Ah," you would say, "since I have been in the habit of going to church every day, I labor only half as much as before, and yet I have more success than when I used to labor day and night by the sweat of my brow."

Spend time with Our Lord:

Instead, then, of spending your time in idle, useless talk, in games and amusements, go to church and pray there for a while, in order to draw down the blessing of heaven upon you and your whole family.

Increased Happiness:

Rest assured, that you will experience what so many holy souls have experienced whilst before the Blessed Sacrament, namely, that you will feel a thousand times happier in the company of Jesus Christ than in the most delightful company of men.

Blessings Poured Out:

Men can only afford you vain consolations, but Jesus Christ has His hands full of lasting consolations and divine graces, which He is ready to pour out upon your soul, if you present yourself before Him.

One day as Frederic IV., King of Prussia, was passing through the Rhenish Province, a certain cow-herd approached the Royal carriage, and commenced playing as artistically as he could on his rude horn. The King, admiring the simplicity and token of honor of the cow-herd, presented him with a piece of money, to repay him for the loyalty he had exhibited towards his Sovereign. Now, if this earthly Prince so readily rewarded this slight act of honor, how much more readily will our Lord pour out His graces upon all those who come to honor Him in the Blessed Sacrament, for ever so short a time.

Miracle of the Blessed Sacrament

Maximilian I., Emperor of Austria, having ascended the steep mountains in the neighborhood of Insbruck to so great a height that he could neither venture to descend again, nor could anyone come to his aid, cried out to the people below to bring the Blessed Sacrament as near to him as possible, in order (as in his great peril he was unable to receive It) that he might at least honor It as well as he could by adoring It and recommending himself to Jesus Christ from the rock above.

Accordingly, the Blessed Sacrament is carried thither; the Emperor adores It with most profound respect and great devotion, and implores Jesus Christ to help him.

What happens? No sooner had the Emperor commenced to pray to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, than he saw a beautiful youth behind him, probably his guardian angel, who led him safely down among the most frightfully steep rocks, by a path hitherto unperceived, and when the Emperor was about to reward him, he suddenly disappeared.

The Blessed Sacrament by Fr. Michael Müller, C.S.S.R.