

God Made You To Love Him

My child, God made you to love Him. You must begin to love God as soon as you know Him, and must continue to do so all your life time; for if you do not love Him in this world you will never see Him nor be able to love Him in Heaven.

The Little Boy And The Rich Lady

A little boy was once sitting at the doorstep of a splendid mansion in one of our great cities; he was cold and hungry, and his clothes were only rags. He was an orphan, for both his parents were dead, and he was wandering over the country without friends to love him or a home to shelter him. He was glad when anyone offered him a crust of bread, or allowed him to sleep under the shelter of a stable or on a little straw.

As he was sitting there tired and weary, and tears running down his cheeks, the door opened and the lady of the house appeared. At first she was on the point of saying angry words to him, and of telling him to go away; but when she saw his sad face, and heard his sorrowful tale, she had compassion on him, took him into her house, and gave him some food.

While she stood watching him, a thought suddenly came into her mind. "Would you like to stay with me?" she said. "I think you would be happier here than wandering about without a home."

The little boy looked up to the face of the good lady; he could not imagine that he had heard rightly what she had said.

So, when she asked him a second time, he threw himself on the ground at her feet, and for some moments could not speak, so great was his joy.

The lady was pleased with the boy, and in a short time adopted him as her child, and made him the heir of her great

wealth; and the boy, in gratitude to his benefactress, loved her with the tenderest affection as long as she lived.

But God has done more for you than that. He created you and made you His child in this world, and has made you also the heir of eternal treasures in Heaven. Is He, then, not worthy of all your love?

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

The Greatest Sorrow of Jesus

"What profit is there in my blood, whilst I go down to corruption?" -- Ps.. xxix. 10.

Rejection of Jesus's Graces:

Jesus Christ revealed to the Venerable Agatha of the Cross that whilst He was in His Mother's womb, that which afflicted Him more than any other sorrow was the hardness of the hearts of men, who should, after His Redemption, despise the graces which He came into the world to distribute.

Extreme Sacrifice Also Rejected:

And He had expressed this sentiment before, by the mouth of David, in the words just quoted, which are generally thus understood by the holy Fathers: *What profit is there in my blood, whilst I go down, to corruption?* St. Isidore explains *whilst I descend into corruption*, "whilst I descend to take the nature of man, so corrupted by vices and sins;" as if He had said, "O my Father, I am indeed going to clothe Myself with human flesh, in order to shed My blood for men; but what profit is there in My blood?" the greater part of the world will

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.

set no value on My blood, and will go on offending Me, as if I had done nothing for the love of them."

Passion and Love Despised! :

This sorrow was the bitter chalice which Jesus begged the Eternal Father to remove from Him, saying: *Let this chalice pass from Me*" (Matt. xxvi. 39) What chalice? The sight of the contempt with which His love was treated. This made Him exclaim again on the cross: *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?* (Matt. xxvii. 46) Our Lord revealed to St. Catherine of Sienna, that this was the abandonment of which He complained -- the knowledge, namely, that His Father would have to suffer that His Passion and His love should be despised by so many men for whom He died.

Suffering from the Womb:

And this same sorrow tormented the Infant Jesus in the womb of Mary, the foresight of such a prodigality of sorrows, of ignominy, of blood-shedding, and of so cruel and ignominious a death, and all to so little purpose.

The Holy Child saw, even there, what the Apostle says, that many (indeed the greater number) should trample underfoot His blood, and despise His grace, which this Blood would obtain for them: *Treading underfoot the Son of God, and offering an affront to the Spirit of grace.* (Heb. x. 29)

But if we have been of the number of these ungrateful men, let us not despair; Jesus, at His birth, came to offer peace to men of good-will, as He made the angels sing: *And on earth peace to men of good-will.* (Luke, ii. 14) Let us, then, change our will, repent of our sins, and resolve to love this Good God, and we shall find peace, that is, the Divine Friendship.

Affections and Prayers

Contrition:

O my most amiable Jesus, how much have I also caused Thee to suffer during Thy lifetime! Thou hast shed Thy blood for me with so much sorrow and love.

Aspirations:

My Redeemer, I will no longer afflict Thee; I hope that in the future Thy Passion will produce fruit in me by Thy grace, which I feel is already assisting me. I will love Thee above every other good.

Trust in Jesus:

Eternal Father, Thy Son has told me, that whatever grace I ask of Thee in His name Thou wilt grant it to me: *If ye shall ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it you.* (John, xvi. 23)

Resolutions:

I offer Thee, therefore, the merits of Jesus Christ, and in His name I ask of Thee first a general pardon of all my sins; I ask holy perseverance even unto death; I ask of Thee, above all, the gift of Thy holy love, that it may make me always live according to Thy divine will.

As to my own will, I am resolved to choose a thousand deaths sooner than offend Thee, and to love Thee with my whole heart, and to do everything that I possibly can to please Thee.

Prayer:

But in order to do all this, I beg of Thee, and hope to receive from Thee, grace to execute what I purpose.

Invoking Mary my Mother:

My Mother Mary, if thou wilt pray for me, I am safe. Oh, pray for me, pray; and cease not to pray till thou seest that I am changed, and made what God wishes me to be.

The Incarnation, Birth And Infancy Of Jesus Christ
by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

On The Love That Jesus Christ Bears Us

Consider the love with which Jesus Christ our Lord has suffered so much in this world, especially in the Garden of Olives and on Mount Calvary. This love is for you.

By all these pains and sufferings He obtained of God the Father these good resolutions and protestations for your heart.

By the same means He also obtained whatever remains necessary to maintain, nourish, strengthen, and fulfill these resolutions.

O resolution, how precious art thou, for thou art the daughter of such a mother as is my Savior's Passion!

Oh, how tenderly ought my soul to cherish thee, since thou hast been so dear to my Jesus!

Alas! O Savior of my soul, Thou didst die to purchase these resolutions for me! Ah, grant me the grace to die rather than to lose them!

Behold, my dear friend in Christ, it is certain that the Heart of our dear Jesus beheld your heart from the tree of the Cross and loved it.

By the love that He bore it, He obtained for it every good that you shall ever have, and among others your resolutions.

Yes, O my dear soul, we may all say with the prophet Jeremias, "O Lord, before I was Thou didst behold me, and called me by my name." For the divine goodness did actually in His love and mercy prepare for us all the general and particular means of salvation, and consequently our good resolutions. Yes, this is certain.

Introduction to Devote Life by St. Francis de Sales