

The Crown Of Perseverance: The Kingdom Of Heaven

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." Who are these Saints of whom the Holy Ghost speaks to us in these words? They are all the children of God who have received from Jesus Christ the sentence of the elect, not only the innocent who have never sinned, but also those who had committed sin, but had repented of them and done penance for them.

O my child, may God one day number you also among the Saints!

*"My Soul, Thy Home Is
Above, Not Here!"*

St. Macarius of Alexandria lived more in Heaven than on earth during the days of his exile. In Heaven were all his thoughts; on Heaven where all his desires fixed.

Whenever he was through necessity occupied with any worldly things, he would say to himself: "Now, O my soul, pay attention; thy home is above, not here. See, then, that thou dost not attach thyself to these earthly things. There above is thy true country; here on earth thou art only a stranger. It is in Heaven where thou shalt possess that light which never fades; it is there where thou shalt find truth and repose and true life which never ends."

*Lord, It Is Good For Us
To Be Here.*

St. Augustine, meditating on these words of St. Peter to Our Divine Lord on Mount Tabor, "Lord, it is good for us to be here,"

said: "St. Peter had seen only a little glimpse of the glory of Heaven, yet he was so much enraptured on beholding it that all the glory of this world seemed to him at that moment to have faded away."

How great, therefore, must be the delight of the Saints in Heaven who enjoy to its full extent the felicity which God has bestowed on them in the Kingdom of His glory!

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

*Love is a Light that Enlightens
the Soul*

Ruled by Passion:

One of the greatest evils that the sin of Adam has produced in us, is that **darkening of our reason by means of the passions** which cloud our mind. Oh, how miserable is that soul that allows itself to be ruled by any passion!

Passion, is as it were, a vapor, a veil which prevents us from seeing the truth.

How can he fly from evil, who does not know what is evil?

Besides, this obscurity increases in proportion as our sins increase.

Most Blessed Light:

But the Holy Spirit, who is called "Most Blessed Light," is He Who not only

- 1) **inflames our hearts to love Him,** through His divine splendor,
- 2) **but also dispels our darkness,** and
- 3) **shows us:**
 - a) **the vanity of earthly things,**
 - b) **the value of eternal goods,**

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.

- c) the importance of salvation,
- d) the price of grace,
- e) the goodness of God,
- f) the infinite love which He deserves,
- and
- g) the immense love which he bears us.

Attachment to Earthly Pleasures:

The sensual man perceiveth not those things that are of the Spirit of God. (1 Cor. ii. 14)

A man who is absorbed in the pleasures of earth knows little of these truths, and therefore, unfortunate that he is, he loves what he ought to hate, and hates what he ought to love.

Saints Examples:

St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi exclaimed: "O love not known! O love not loved!"

And therefore St. Teresa said that God is not loved because He is not known.

Hence the saints were always seeking light from God:

Send forth Thy light; (Ps. xlii. 3)

illuminate my darkness; (Ps. xvii. 29)

open Thou my eyes. (Ps. cxviii. 18)

Yes: because without light we cannot avoid precipices, nor can we find God.

Affections and Prayers

One God United:

O holy and divine Spirit, I believe that Thou art really God, but one only God with the Father and the Son.

Inspiration to Love:

I adore Thee, and acknowledge Thee as the giver of all those lights by which Thou hast made known to me the evil which I have committed in offending Thee, and the obligation which I am under of loving Thee.

Contrition:

I thank Thee for them, and I repent with my whole heart of having offended Thee.

I have deserved that Thou shouldst abandon me in my darkness; but I see that Thou hast not yet forsaken me.

Continue, O eternal Spirit, to enlighten me, and to make me know more and more Thy infinite goodness; and give me strength to love Thee for the future with my whole heart.

Resolve and Holy Desire:

Add grace to grace; so that I may be sweetly overcome, and constrained to love none other but Thee.

I implore this of Thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ.

I love Thee, my sovereign good; I love Thee more than myself. I desire to be entirely Thine; do Thou accept me, and suffer me not to be separated from Thee any more.

O Mary, my Mother, do thou always assist me by thy intercession!

Novena to the Holy Spirit (day 2)-- The Holy Eucharist by St. Alphonsus di Liguori

Unite to God

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. (John 4:16.)

The purpose of all virtue is to lead us to union with God, in which alone is to be found all the happiness possible in this world. Now, in what precisely does this union consist? In nothing else than the perfect conformity and similarity of our will with the will of God. These two wills are to be in complete conformity with one another, so that there is nothing in one which is repugnant to the other; whatever one desires and loves; whatever one likes or dislikes, the other likes or dislikes also.

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