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You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart

The truth about the human person the Ten Commandments reveal disrupt each of our thought: man is a limited and not absolute being, finite and not infinite. He is a person in relation, not isolated. His life is from others and not from himself. Finitude, limitedness, relation, being from others and for others, too, are constitutive notes of the human person. If he remains in his constitution according to which he was made, man is. If he moves away, he is no longer. He does not fulfil himself. He does not make himself. He moves toward a process of death not only of himself, but also of those who are infected by his will of not making himself according to his limited, finite, in relation being.

Loving the Lord is obeying to each of his Word. It is listening to his voice. The Word, the voice of God, says the greatest good for us. If it is observed, it leads to life. Instead, if it is not observed, it leads to death. Obedience is always generative of every grace. Disobedience deprives us of every grace and it deprives all those who must receive grace for our obedience. The obedience to Jesus produced grace of salvation

for the world. The disobedience of Adam generated the death for all human genre. There is no Commandment that does not deal with man, since life, every life, is generated from the obedience to them. The creation, too, receives life from our obedience. While, because of our disobedience, it precipitates into death, as well.

In the Chapter IV of Deuteronomy, one referred to the people that one does not add and one does not take away from Law. It must

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be observed as it came out of the heart of God. In the Chapter V, the entire Law of Covenant is remembered. In the Chapter VI, one asks the people to listen to the Law, to the entire Law, with all heart, all mind, all strengths. The entire

man must be intent on observing the Law. Wisdom, intelligence, heart, desires, will must all be committed to obey the voice of the Lord. The voice of the Father must rule every thought, desire, decision, purpose, work. If love is obedience, there will not be love when man says to love in the transgression of the Word. May the Mother of Jesus help us to understand this great mystery.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The pure heart sees God

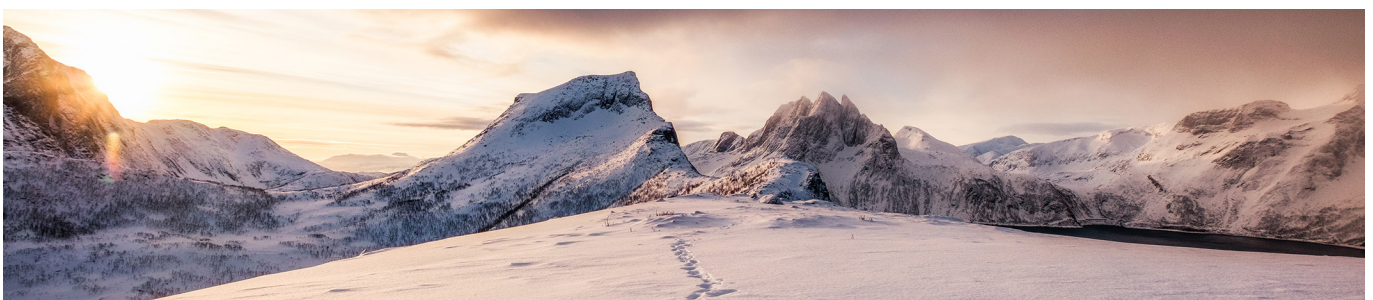
A heart is pure when these purposes of evil are absent from it, both in a serious way and in a light way: murder, adultery, impurities, thefts, false witnesses, calumnies, greed, wickedness, deceit, dissoluteness, envy, arrogance, foolishness. The Pharisees and the scribes, who were of impure heart, did not only see God in Christ Jesus, they also decided to kill him and this is why they did nothing but setting traps of death on his path. When heart is impure, it can come up with committing every sin, even the sin against the Holy Spirit that will not be forgiven. When heart is corrupted – and every transgression to the Commandments corrupts it – then it remains in the corruption. No man can turn an impure heart into a pure heart. This is only work of the Lord our God. He turns the impure heart into pure heart through the work of his Holy Spirit, that is together fruit of Christ Jesus and his body that is the Church. The Holy Spirit never creates the pure heart out of the Law of Christ Jesus. He operates in our conversion and in our will of being true body of Christ, true Church of the living God, true community of the regenerated and of the sanctified in the water of the Baptism and conformed to Christ

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the Lord every day through the grace arising from the sacraments of salvation. If the Church no longer proclaims Christ Jesus, it does not ask for the conversion to Him, so that one becomes his true disciples, if it does not administer the sacraments starting from the Baptism, hearts will always remain impure. The purity of heart fulfils itself in the respect and in the obedience to the entire Word of Jesus the Lord, without leaving an iota of it.

Today, the Christian decided to leave man in his impure heart. From one side, one asks to pray so that the other becomes of pure heart and, from the other, one affirms, one teaches, one preaches that Christ Jesus must not be proclaimed according to the most pure truth contained in his Word. This falsity is true condemnation of man to remain with the impure heart eternally. If this heart produces its fruits of death, we raise prayers of complain and disdain to the Lord, and we invoke Him so that He descends in the history and operates without us. Operating without us means acting without the body of Christ Jesus, without his Church, constituted by the Lord himself Sacrament of salvation and of redemption for the human

genre. If one word against Christ Jesus comes out of the heart, it is a word of foolishness and it attests that our heart is impure. We, too, are Pharisees and scribes of the modern times. It is sufficient to listen to one only word coming out of the mouth of a man and one suddenly knows if his heart is pure or impure. When words of foolishness come out of the heart of a man, his heart is impure. When false oracle come out of it, his heart is impure. One false oracle is enough to destroy even the most beautiful things operated by the Lord. One only false oracle uttered by Satan to the first woman was enough and the entire humanity precipitated in the death. What will it be of our humanity, if today the false oracles, the false prophecies are the breath of every man and particularly of every disciple of Jesus? Let no one be surprised of the evils of the past or simply of yesterday. The evils we are producing with our false oracles are really capable of destroying the entire humanity. For every false oracle, one pronounces about Christ there is a piece of the Church that is shattered. Truth never to forget. Truth always to remember.



IF YOU LISTEN...

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness

The Lord made the Virgin Mary in a very special way. He made Her always "workable" "shapeable" "formable". She is clay in his hands with no resistance. This is the lowliness of the Virgin Mary: God can always intervene in her life and ask Her for a new obedience and She is always ready to put herself entirely in the hands of her God, handing all herself over Him. There has never been one only will of God manifested to Her that was not immediately turned into most pure obedience by Her. God sees that He can transform the Virgin Mary according to what his divine and eternal wisdom suggests Him and He feels a great joy in giving Her higher and more sublime shapes. The heart of Mary was filled with grace and her soul was bursting with holiness. Sin alone sets obstacles and resistance to God. The less sins dwell into heart and the less strong the resistance will be. One removes every sin and there is no resistance any longer. If today there is a great resistance to the truth of Christ Jesus, even coming up with denying his divinity

and his incarnation, it is sign that not only sin dwells in us, but that we are devoured, consumed, burned by it.

In the Virgin Mary, sin has never entered, grace has always dwelled, growing Her from grace to grace and from wisdom to wisdom. This uninterrupted growth makes Her a clay always ready to every work, always very meek and very sensible in the hands of Her God and Lord. Instead, because of the sin that is more than a blast furnace for us, day after day, we become as fired, very hard clay, impossible to be worked, shaped. If we have been fired in the blast furnace of sin, only for grace of God we may gain our nature of meek clay again. But not without our conversion and the will manifested to the Lord of putting ourselves in his hands again, by dwelling in his Word. Sin is more than a blast furnace for us. The blast furnaces destroy the truth of our humanity. They create a totally false one, as they make it no longer "workable" by the Lord our Creator and God. The true humanity is constituted by

dwelling, we, in the blast furnace of grace, of truth, of holiness, of obedience. Our blast furnace is only Christ Jesus, his heart, in the same way as the blast furnace of the Virgin Mary was the heart of the Father and his fire the Holy Spirit. A humanity leaving the heart of Christ Jesus, a humanity who is not invited to enter the heart of his Redeemer and Saviour is condemned to the great inhumanity. May the Mother of God help us be free of every sin.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

If we want to make humanity grow and develop, we must always begin with the obedience to every Word of Jesus the Lord. Since we eliminated the obedience to the Word from our life, we are edifying an inhuman humanity today. No one should think of eliminating the inhumanity ruling the humanity with his laws of sin and diplomatic compromises. The sin of the world is a power overcoming the powers of the earth put together. Whoever wants to build a truly human society will necessarily have to start with the obedience to the Word of Christ Jesus. By living the Word, we will know the mystery of Christ in which every other mystery is enclosed. By becoming mystery of Christ, we will work like Him: we will remove the sin of the world and the inhumanity the sin produces.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Jesus declares the persecuted for righteousness blessed. What is righteousness according to Christ the Lord? Can we say that our vocation is being martyrs for righteousness?

The justice according to Christ Jesus is full, lasting, uninterrupted obedience to every Word that came, comes, will come out of the mouth of our God. The Ten Commandments that are at the foundation of the Ancient Covenant are the initial justice given to us by God so that we observe it. The Lord our God did not stop at those Laws. The justice of the Christian, that will be justice for every man, is the ready and immediate obedience to every Word that came out of the mouth of Christ Jesus. The Christian Justice is also the obedience to the truth always fuller and more perfect to which the Spirit of the Lord leads day after day. Persecuted for the righteousness is the one who hands himself over insults, to scourges, to every other torture of the body and of the spirit, coming to the martyrdom with the pouring of his blood in order to remain faithful to the Word of Jesus. To no one, neither pope, nor bishop, neither teachers, nor learned, neither professors, nor prophets, nor catechists, nor whoever gives the Word of the Gospel to the others – has the Lord given the right or the power to modify or alter the Word of the Lord.

Here is the serious, heavy warning of Paul and his declaration of excommunication: I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking the one who called you by (the) grace (of Christ) for a different gospel (not that there is another). But there are some who are disturbing you

and wish to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach (to you) a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, and now I say again, if anyone preaches to you a gospel other than the one that you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now currying favor with human beings or God? Or am I seeking to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ." (Gal 1,6-10) In the Old Covenant there was a curse for those who altered or distorted or modified the Law of the Lord: Cursed be he who fails to fulfill any of the provisions of this law! And all the people shall answer, 'Amen!' (Dt 27,26) The Apostle Paul excommunicates those who modify the Gospel of Christ the Lord: If anyone preaches to you a gospel other than the one that you received, let that one be accursed! Everyone is called to be a martyr for the truth of the Gospel, martyr of the world and also for his brothers of faith, brothers who stopped believing in Christ because they decided to worship a Christ created by them in the same way as the children of Israel in the desert, who made a calf as God, extracting it by the melted gold.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Beware of the scribes

Walking into evangelic truth

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name

Many are the men who trample the conscience of their brothers. What are the true reasons why this occurs? How to preserve ourselves from this very serious sin?

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