

Dacci oggi il nostro pane

English version - Free distribution for private use ~ No 48 - Year II ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2021

SEVENTH DAY

I Sunday of Advent
Year C

Be on your guard

Jesus says to us to be on our guard, to be vigilant so that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life. What is the reason of such invitation? Because He knows the heart of the Father. He knows that He is rich in mercy and that in Him justice is perfect and eternal. Of what does the perfect and eternal justice of the Father consist? In respecting every decision of his creature. In not using violence toward his will. If a man chooses to follow the thought of the world and his sin and he does not recede, but he consumes his days and dies, his Father will have to respect it eternally. He has made an eternal decision dying in the final unrepentance and his Father might never abolish his decision. He decided to live and to die without the Father. He made his eternal decision. This decision will remain eternally. Instead, if a man, despite having chosen to abandon the Lord, repents later, humbly asks for forgiveness, comes back into obedience to the Word of his Father, his Father in his eternal and divine justice will always respect this will of return to Him and will receive him in his

house.

The ministries of the Word are obliged to make the Word of the Lord sound in the same way it has been handed over to them, without adding anything and without taking away anything. If they add or take away, man will lose himself because of their choice, but they are responsible of this eternal perdition. Because of their unfaithfulness to the received mandate, they have let a man perish in the eternal death. Jesus has given the Word that He received from the Father to us as He received it. This is why He invites us to be on our guard. Falling into drowsiness deriving from our heart handed over to the vanities of this world may end

If a man chooses to follow the thought of the world and his sin and he does not recede his Father might never abolish his decision

up with our eternal death, if we do not convert. He warned us. He is not responsible of our perdition. If the ministries of his Word do not warn each man, reminding the Word handed over to him in simplicity and in purity of truth, the responsibility of each person losing himself because of their unfaithfulness to the mission is entirely theirs, it is entirely in their omission. Faithful Virgin, make every ministry of the Word faithful to every Word given by Jesus.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The moths in the Gospel

The Church is uninterruptedly called to take away the numerous falsities that nestle in its womb because of minds and of hearts either not sufficiently shaped and formed by the Holy Spirit or also often totally handed over to the spirit of falsity and to the lie. The Holy Spirit, filling some disciples of Jesus with wisdom, intelligence, fortitude beyond measure, has always rejected every assault of lie and of falsity. The cost of his victory, however, has been and is very high: the loss of the body itself that is the Church. Today the powers of hell have decided to strike a battle so harsh and violent to the body of Christ, but also so subtle and hidden, invisible to every eye not powerfully and daily enlightened by the Holy Spirit, that one does not know another one that is equal in the entire history of two thousand years. Satan has refined his strategy. He has experimented his techniques. He has invented a modality of universal destruction. He turned into a moth of falsity and lie and he has hidden in the Word of Christ Jesus with highest care. As the moth devours the wood inside, and, when one realises it, nothing has remained of the wood, so the technique and the strategy of Satan has been and

still is. He devoured, one after one, piece after piece, table after table, every truth of the Holy Scripture, of Tradition, of Magisterium.

We must confess that his technique is really satanic, devilish, hellish. His moths are no longer the enemies of the body of Christ inside it. They are precisely the children of the Church, his own members. However, they are not the member of very humble condition. They would have no strength of devouring and therefore the truth from the Scripture, from the Tradition, from the Magisterium. Satan wants and make these moths

The crisis the Church is called to face consists of using the Word, in reading it, in commenting it, but giving it the falsities of Satan instead of the truth of the Holy Spirit

be the noblest children of the Church: his doctors, professors, teachers, prophets, scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodian, shepherds. Namely, he wants that they are all those whose mandate received by the Holy Spirit is precisely that of consecrating their life to the defense of the truth of the Scripture, of Tradition, of Magisterium. If, in an army, a soldier of infantry or of another military body becomes deserter or betrayer, the damages are derisory. Instead, if general, colonel, majors, captains of the army of a nation, then the capitulation to the enemy is total. Satan has managed

to conquer the heart of many generals, colonels, majors, captain, sergeants and also caporals and turned them into moths of his army, but invisible, rather camouflaged in excellent soldiers of Christ. They work at the service of Satan, while they apparently seem to work for the defense of the truth that is the substance, the breathe of supernatural life of the body of Christ. Today, this is the most serious crisis the Church is called to face. Of what does this crisis consist? Of using the Word, in reading it, in commenting it, but giving it the falsities of Satan instead of the truth of the Holy Spirit. This crisis saves no truth and no Word of the Lord. Today, for many people, the Gospel is the thought of Satan and no longer that of Christ Jesus. This is the true problem the Spirit of the Lord is called to solve. How He will solve it, it is not due to us to know it. To us, it is due the obligation of revealing the wiles of Satan and highlight them so that every disciple of Jesus knows what the devilish wiles and strategies for his perdition are.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Remembering his mercy

When the Virgin Mary reveals that the Lord remembered his mercy, the Holy Spirit wishes to say to us one only Word through her mouth: God promised the redemption of man through his Christ and He fulfilled this promise. Why can the Holy Spirit give this revelation? Because the Woman through whom the Messiah would have been conceived is the mouth through which He is speaking. The difference between the Word of the promise pronounced by the Holy Spirit through his human instruments of the past, prophets and wise men of Israel, and the Word uttered today through the mouth of the Virgin Mary is very high. The prophets and the wise men say a truth that will happen in time. Mary says a truth that has already happened. She is already the Mother of the Lord, the Mother of the Messiah. The mercy of God is Christ Jesus. If we exclude Jesus the Lord from mercy, no mercy might ever be given. This eternal identity between the mercy of the Father and Christ the Lord, the only name in which it is set that we may be saved and therefore

enter the mystery of redemption, of justification, of eternal life, will never have to be forgotten. On the contrary, this is what is happening nowadays. We have separated the mercy of Christ the Lord.

This is the greatest heresy ever happened within the Church of God. It could not be but this way, since one separated the mercy from its sacramental source that is the Church one, saint, Catholic, Apostolic. Separated the mercy from the sacramental source, it has been easy, as well, to separate it from its eternal source that is only Christ the Lord. But if one separates the mercy from Christ Jesus, who is eternal mercy given to us by the Father, one separates it from the Father and from the Holy Spirit, as well. One makes mercy a juridical act instead of a true anthropological act. As juridical act, mercy would be an act of non-consideration of sin. Have you sinned? It is as if your sin did not exist. Enter my paradise. Instead, as anthropological act, mercy is the participation of man of the divine nature and the change

of his nature according to Adam in nature according to Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Lord has truly fulfilled his mercy in the gift of Christ Jesus, giver of grace, of truth, of light, of eternal life so that man is turned into truth, light, grace, eternal life in his body, in his soul, in his spirit. The mystery of the divine mercy is extremely great. May the Virgin Mary help us to receive it in his divine beauty and omnipotence.

If one separates the mercy from Christ Jesus, who is eternal mercy given to us by the Father, one makes mercy a juridical act instead of a true anthropological act

FROM JACOB'S WELL

Jesus taught the necessary rules to live as true children of the kingdom of God. To the truth, to the light, to the Word, to the teaching, He also added his grace. He is not like Moses who only gives the Law, He has come to give the grace and he truth. One becomes good trees for the acceptance of the truth and of the grace of Christ Jesus. One remains good trees if we nourish ourselves of Christ truth and grace perennially. If we separate from these divine and eternal nourishments, little by little, the supernatural armor protecting our good tree cedes and the old nature, the evil tree we were, comes back with arrogance in us. We no longer produce good fruits. We lost our good nature. We produce evil fruits as we have come back to the evil nature.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

What is holiness and why is there urgent need of it? Why does it become impossible to live the Gospel without a rich cloak of holiness?

There is an urgent need of holiness not only for reason of moral and spiritual order. There is a need, above all of theological and Christological order and consequently also of anthropological order. Of theological order because man has been made to image and likeness of his God. The God man has created is most pure invisible spirit. Man is invisible soul and visible body. He has been created to show every other man and the entire creation the beauty, the majesty, the omnipotence, the truth, the lordship of his Creator, Lord and God. If man does not show God with his life, it means that he does not live according to the truth of his created nature and he does not fulfil the goal for which he has been created. We may affirm that man is a created "God". He is a "God" created who can live at image of his God only if he listens to his Word and obey his will. Man is from God for creation and for will. If he is not from God for will, he is not and he might never be for creation and will. If man goes out of the obedience to the will of the Lord, he also goes out of the truth of his nature that is of life and he enters the falsity of his nature, becoming nature of death.

But, yet, there is the Christological motivation that must be highlighted. Man, every man, is called to show,

through his life, the beauty, the holiness, the majesty, the lordship, the grace, the truth of Christ Jesus, in the image of which, through the work of the Holy Spirit, he has been created and redeemed. Holiness is the conformation of our created nature, to fulfil the image and the likeness with God moment after moment. This is the holiness of theological order. But this holiness has been irremediably compromised by sin. To be able to fulfil this holiness, it is necessary that one passes through

Holiness is the conformation of our created nature, to fulfil the image and the likeness with God moment after moment

the holiness of Christological order. This holiness is created in us in the water of Baptism through the work of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of the Church. We are like clay or like a block of marble. Every day, the Holy Spirit must shape and work us so that we fulfil in our nature – holiness is transformation of nature, this is why it is anthropological holiness – the image of Christ Jesus, true image of our heavenly Father. For the Christian, holiness is true ontological transformation of our nature

that becomes nature of Christ in us, nature of God in us. In fact, we are saint because we are made participant of the divine nature. May the Mother of God hold our hand and lead us in the fullness of the mystery.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The word of God came to John

The visible and invisible temptations

A decree went out from Caesar Augustus

One often hears that faithfulness is multiple. What does it mean? Is faithfulness only to the Word given by us to the Lord or is it another thing

Parish magazine. Free distribution. Reflections upon the writings of Mgr. Costantino Di Bruno.

