

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### The word of God came to John

**H**istory changes when the Word of the Lord descends on earth. However, it is not enough that it descends. It is necessary that it is accepted by a heart and proclaimed with every power, wisdom, fortitude of Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is an excellent soil. The Lord fills him with Holy Spirit when he is still in the womb of his mother. He makes him grow in desert places. He always watches over him so that no human thought rules his mind and this is why, day after day, he reinforces him with his Holy Spirit. He takes him away from the consortium of men and He makes him live in desert regions until the day of the beginning of his mission in Israel. Thus, well planted by the Holy Spirit, he can be his perfect instrument. Now, only one thing is lacking: that the Word of God comes upon him. As soon as it comes, he might go among his people to prepare the way to the Lord, who is about to show himself, as well, first as a great prophet and then as the Christ of God.

With the Word of God upon Him, the Holy Spirit who perennially leads him, he can fulfil the mission for which he has been conceived,

was born, has grown, always under the guide and the leading of the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing in John is fruit of his heart, of his desires, of his will. Instead, everything is work of the Holy Spirit in Him. The crowds feel the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in his Words and in his life and flock there to submit to his baptism of repentance for the remission of the sins. Thus, the Spirit who is in John attracts the crowds to Him and the Spirit speaks to them through the mouth

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of his prophet. This is the true secret of every mission of salvation. The Spirit that is in us attracts to Him. Attracted the crowds to Him, through our mouth, He shows the way of the true conversion and of the true salvation.

The same mighty deed happens on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit placing himself upon the Apostles attracts people from all over the world before the Cenacle. The Spirit that is in Peter speaks to the crowds. The Spirit that speaks in Peter, through the word of Peter enters the hearts and pierces them. They ask the Spirit what they have to do and the Spirit indicates the way of the true conversion and salvation. Truly divine mission.

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### The visible and invisible temptations

Temptation are visible and invisible. The visible temptations are all those demanding to transgress the Word of the Lord, that written by the Hagiographers through the work of the Holy Spirit, under his motion and inspiration. It is sufficient to know the Sermon of the Mountain and we will always know what temptations are for us: not living the Word. Living it badly. Escaping from it. Walking by our will, by our thoughts, by our desires, by the instincts of sin. Today for many Christians transgressing the Law of the Lord, not observing his Commandments, disobeying his Statutes is not sin and therefore it is not even a temptation. One has passed from the written and codified, handed over to the stone, to the papyrus, to the stroll, to the book, to a word of God imagined, word that not only declares everything as good, it says much more: it states that God does not even want man to observe that Law. That was for yesterday. Today this Law is of no use. If it is of no use, nothing is temptation and nothing is sin for us. Where there is no Law, there is no transgression, there is no sin. We have come to live a religion without objective and universal Law. But is

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the objective and universal Law is lacking, so also the objective and universal Law is lacking. As everyone can make his personal will of God, so everyone can make his your personal God. Today we are in the era of the multiform God. Actually, this is the unique God: a multiform God, a multi-face God, a God to whom everyone gives his particular coloration according to the instincts of the moment. He is no longer of the objective and universal Law. Instead, He is of the subjective and objective law. This transformation of the religion, that is arbitrary and despotism, can even reach tyranny.

In fact, the one who is placed above can impose his God, his law, his religion as instrument of oppression, of slavery, of submission. Since there is no longer a universal and objective Law, the one who is below can suffer any oppression in the name of God and of the law of the one who is above. However, this is the death of the true religion.

The invisible temptations are those linked to the disobedience to our charisma, ministry, mission and vocation. Charisma, ministry, mission, vocation are given by the Holy Spirit and they must always be

lived by the will of the Holy Spirit. This means that the disciple of Jesus must live of deep and perennial communion in the Holy Spirit and one lives of this communion when the Holy Spirit dwells in our soul, in our spirit, in our body and it is enlivened, so that his power of light and of truth grows in us until occupying each atom of our soul, of our spirit, of our body. Without this perfect communion it is always possible to live by our will what, on the contrary, must always be lived by the will of the Holy Spirit. Today the invisible temptations are ruining the entire ecclesial body. We are all becoming by the will of men and of their material needs, instead of being only and exclusively by the will of the Holy Spirit so that charisma, ministries, vocations, missions are always lived by his will and never by ours or of that of our brothers. Everyone is obliged to be vigilant so that he never falls in neither one of these invisible temptations. Whoever falls lives the mystery of salvation badly.



## IF YOU LISTEN...

### A decree went out from Caesar Augustus

**A**s the Word of God written and handed over to the Holy Spirit needs the Holy Spirit to be saintly interpreted, so also the Word of God that is our history needs the Holy Spirit to be read according to most pure truth. Joseph, in the Holy Spirit, knows that one must give the decree of Caesar Augustus every obedience. Knowing this, he asks Mary, his spouse, that She, too, obeys the Word of God contained in the decree of the Emperor. Joseph obeys God. Mary obeys Joseph. For this double obedience, the prophecy of the Lord given by the means of the prophet Micah will be fulfilled. The ways through which every prophecy is fulfilled are most pure mystery. One thing remains stable in eternity, though: every prophecy is fulfilled for our obedience, as well. Mary says yes to the Word of the Angel and the Word becomes flesh in her womb. Joseph says yes to the Word of the Angel and takes Mary as his spouse. Joseph says yes to the word the Lord makes reach him through the mouth of the Emperor of Rome and the Messiah was born

in Bethlehem, according to the old prophecy. Everything is from obedience.

For the faith in the Word of the Angel, the Virgin Mary has conceived the Word of life. For the faith in the Word of the Angel, Joseph has taken Mary as his spouse. For the faith in the Word of God, come to his ear by decree of the Emperor, Joseph goes to Bethlehem. For the faith in the Word of Joseph, Mary moves with Him to the town of David. For this faith, the prophecies are fulfilled. But Jesus, too, fulfils the mystery of the Redemption for the faith in the Word of his Father. Everything is from faith and faith is of each single person. God does not act for collective faith, but for personal faith. The person is the way through which every mystery is fulfilled. It is fulfilled for the obedience to every Word the Lord leads to our ear. If the mystery is fulfilled in the history for my faith, then it is necessary that I obey every Word the Lord leads to my ear. How can I know the most pure truth of each Word? Through the wisdom, the intelligence, the

knowledge, gift of the Holy Spirit to my heart and to my mind. If I separate from the Holy Spirit, I also separate from the truth of his Word. Even if I obey the Word, I will obey in a not true and not holy way. The mystery of salvation will never be fulfilled for me. I am not in the most pure obedience to the truth of the Holy Spirit contained in his Word.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Church is our Mother. Whoever loves the Church must love its children, too. How does one love its children? Certainly, by correcting their mistakes and horrible crimes. However, every correction must happen so that one creates no damages to the Church scattering the misdeeds of its children to the four winds. Making the sins of the children of the Church, who are our brothers, public on the Mass Media, because of vengeance, of wicked and evil hate, of foolishness, of ignorance, is a very serious sin of offence. Whoever receives an irreversible damage is not only the person one wishes to attack. The entire Church is attacked. Who will ever believe in a Church, universal and particular, in which every day his children publicly denigrate each other? From evil, never will one only fruit of good arise.

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### 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?

**F**aithfulness is multiple since every man is called to be faithful to his truth of nature, first of all. Then, to each Word that has come out the mouth of God and that is codified in the Holy Scripture. Finally, he is obliged to the faithfulness to every motion, inspiration, charisma, ministry, mission, particular vocations given to us by the Holy Spirit. It is sufficient not to be faithful to one only inspiration or motion of the Spirit and one is already out of the path for the realization in us of the entire mystery of salvation. Not following one only motion of the Spirit of the Lord might produce a most serious evil not only to us, but to every other man living on God's earth. The Holy Spirit gives a person an inspiration, a particular light for the salvation of humanity. If one does not listen to this inspiration, this light, the entire humanity remains in the darkness. The Lord had given the command to man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, otherwise he would have died. Man did not follow this command. What was the fruit? The death of his person and of his entire offspring.

Today many disciples of Jesus do not even question the fact. Having we separated our life from the written Law

of the Lord, can we think of living motions, inspirations, charisma, missions and ministries by the will of the Spirit of God? This is impossible. It would be equal to think that a tree may be planted in the air. As a tree must be planted in the good soil so that it can bear good fruits, so the disciple of Jesus must let himself be planted in the written Word of God, in his Gospel, in his

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objective and universal Law, if he wants to bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Here is why faithfulness is multiple. It is not to one only Word, but to all Words. It is not to one only inspiration, but to all inspirations. It is not for one only moment, but for every moment of our life. One must perennially be from the Word and the Holy Spirit, from all Words and from each little desire of the Spirit of the Lord. Our history can change in one moment. In every change of our history, one must always be faithful to the truth, and truth is multiple. If we leave faithfulness, we no longer work for the edification of the kingdom of God in us and in the others. Faithful Virgin, teach

us to live in fullness of faithfulness to the Word of God, of Christ Jesus and to the Holy Spirit.

#### IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

The true conversion

I proclaim to you good news of great joy

Why for the Christian is it not sufficient to do good works to be saved, but a true conversion to the supernatural charity is urgent for him? What is the supernatural charity?

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