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And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us

If we wish to speak of Jesus the Lord according to truth, we must always put together all the Words of the Scripture through which the Holy Spirit, by the means of his hagiographers, reveals the most pure truth of the Saviour and of the Redeemer of man. If we remove even one only Word of what the Holy Spirit has revealed, we have a partial and no longer full truth of Him. One only Word removed, or denied or altered or subtracted or modified to Him, and the Saviour is no longer the true Saviour and the Redeemer is not the true Redeemer, either. Since the beginning, it is needed to affirm that the Eternal Word who has made himself flesh is the heart of the truth of the Father, of the Holy Spirit, of man, of the Church, of time and of eternity, of the past and for the present, as well. Consequently, every accidental or substantial modification we create in the truth of the incarnated Word becomes accidental or substantial modification even in the Father, in the Holy Spirit, in man, in the Church, in time, in eternity, in present, in past, in future.

Having we deprived today the Word who has made himself

flesh of his truth, substantially the Father is no longer the Father, the Holy Spirit is no longer the Holy Spirit, man is no longer man, the Church is no longer the Church, eternity is no longer eternity, time is no longer time, things are no longer things, either. Everything has been modified, altered, transformed, substantially mutated. Even the sacraments are no longer sacraments, and not even the ministries of the Lord are the ministries of the Lord. A man substantially transformed, since he has transformed the truth of the Word who has made himself flesh will necessarily speak by his substantial transformation. Here it is explained why by now one is at the service of falsity and no longer of truth, of darkness and no longer of light, of lie and no longer of sincerity, of a Holy Scripture turned, it too, into falsity, as it is deprived of the truth of Jesus the lord. However, we should know that in Him there is no shadow of variation: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hb 13, 8) Satan, too, is deprived of his truth of tempter and deceiver of man. May the Mother of God help us understand the mystery.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Eighth Commandment

The eighth Commandment deals with the holiness of the name of each single person, be it into old age or just conceived, of female or male genre, young or adult, mature, in good health or in poor health or seriously ill, born intact in his body or with serious genetic pathologies. The name of the other is holy as holy is the name of God. If the name is holy, no one can smear it, not even with a word apparently harmless. In its literal value, this Commandment thus states: "Thou shalt not bear false testimony against thy neighbour." Sometimes, a false testimony is enough and the life of a man suffers very serious consequences. It demands that one judges each person on the foundation of his faults and of his personal responsibilities. Condemning a person for a hearsay, for belonging, to do a favour to this or that person, for friendship, for connivance in evil, for subordination of every genre, it is very serious sin against the Lord. Condemning a person unjustly is the Most Holy Trinity who is very seriously offended as the image of God, of Christ Jesus, of the Holy Spirit is besmirched, humiliated, mocked, scorned, despised and even killed, if not in his body, always in his spirit.

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Because of unjust judgements and iniquitous condemnations, there is an army of martyrs praying the Lord silently, so that He intervenes first to give strength to live these invisible martyrdoms, but also so that the perpetrators of the soul and of the spirit convert, if they want not to end up into the darkness of hell. We know that God will treat us according to the measure of our mercy. If we have been merciless with summary and iniquitous judgements, the Lord, too, will treat us according to the measure of our iniquity. This is his word: the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. This is why it is needed that we act with every wisdom, intelligence, vigilance. No one, because of our arrogance, our foolishness, our wickedness, our evil, our psychological subordination, our spiritual slavery toward other people, will have to suffer an unjust condemnation, and the condemnation is always unjust when the punishment is not the fruit of the work carried out by the person one wants to condemn. In history, we can act according to our wickedness, but we must always give account to the Lord, today and in eternity.

We must always remind that the

punishment will never have to be vindicative, but always medicative. The punishment is medicative when it is given for the healing of the one who sinned. Instead, it is vindicative when we care nothing about the "guilty" neither if he lives or if he dies. We only care about justice. A justice without man is the worst injustice. A Christian is not worthy having this name if he carries out the justice without caring about the destiny of the guilty. If the Lord our God has given his Crucified Son for our eternal redemption - and this is his supreme, divine justice - we must also give ourselves for the redemption and the salvation of the ones who have sinned or are sinning either against the body of humanity or against the body of Christ Jesus. However, here we enter the most pure truth of our holy faith and of that revelation in which every disciple of Jesus must always dwell. Of one thing should we convince ourselves: our words are more destructive than ten thousands nuclear bombs. One only word of our can ruin the entire world.



IF YOU LISTEN...

And you yourself a sword will pierce

The words Simeon addresses to the Virgin Mary are true prophecy of martyrdom, not bloody but bloodless: And you yourself a sword will pierce. To understand what this sword piercing the soul of the Mother of God is, we must know that the Lord has asked Her to offer Jesus to Him, her Only Begotten Son, as a sacrifice, on the mountain. Even in this most sacred moment, She has replied: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. I shall obey making your will mine." She has obeyed with all the intensity of love which her heart was filled with and in the fullness of holiness adorning her soul. She offers the Son of the Father to his Father in the great forgiveness and in a prayer that breaks the heart of the Father for the repentance of every man. Not only does She offer her Son, in this sacrifice She offers all herself by most pure motion of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, She lets herself be given by the Son to the disciple to begin, since that moment, a continuous deed of love to lead, together with the disciple, each other son to the Father and make a sacrifice

for the redemption of humanity. Great is the mystery of the sorrow of the Mother of the Lord. There is no perfect sorrow as Hers, as there is no holy offer as Hers. She has made her offer by offering herself with most pure heart in the Holy Spirit.

The Church has always applied a passage of Lamentation to the Mother of the Lord: "Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering." (Lam 1, 12) The sorrow of the Virgin Mary is extremely great. In one moment, in her spirit, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, She sees all the outrages, the betrayals, the refusal, the oppositions, the martyrdoms and the confessors of faith that the sin of man would have carried out against Christ Jesus and his body. This is his great sorrow lived at the feet of the cross. It is as if all the sins of the world had fallen upon her soul and had pierced it. Simeon says that to Her, to the Mother of Jesus, to the Mother of the body of Christ. That of the Virgin Mary

is not a little sorrow. To this sorrow, She adds her prayer for the sinners, so that the Father grants them the grace of conversion and of eternal salvation. For her prayer and for her martyrdom united to the prayer and to the martyrdom of Christ the Lord, She can obtain to generate many other children to God today and ever. May the heavenly Mother help us understand her great sorrow and live ours upon her model and example. With Her in the heart, one can live every sorrow in holiness, offering it to the Father for the redemption and the salvation of many hearts.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The true life of our heart, of our soul, of our body, of our will is the fruit of our remaining, dwelling in the commandments of Christ Jesus. Dwelling in the commandments of the Lord, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us and he will become life of our heart, of our soul, of our will, of all our body. If we leave the commandments, the Holy Spirit immediately comes out from us and we pass from life into death. Our mind becomes as iron and our heart as bronze. A bronzed heart is unable to understand and is stubborn in falsity, in deceive, in rumours, in theological gossip, things we sell to incautious people as true goods of high theology. May the Mother of God obtain for us the grace of remaining in the Word eternally

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

What does a disciple of Jesus have to do today if he wants to observe the second Commandment? How does one take the name of our God and Lord in vain?

Our God's name is holy, as He is holy. Since holiness is his name, it must be treated with supreme holiness. How does one treat the name of the Lord our God with holiness? Each Word of God is holy as it is fruit of the heart of God that is Holy. If the Word is holy, it must be treated with holiness. How does one treat the Word of God with holiness? Believing in its truth, confessing that it is entirely holy, that there is no deceit in it. It is most pure light revealing us the path so that we, too, can progress from light to light until the reaching of the eternal light. One adds nothing and removes nothing to the Word of God. It must never be modified, never altered, never changed, never substituted with our words, never eluded. One respects the holiness of the Word of the Lord by never saying one word as Word of God, if God has not said this Word. What is of man must be of man.

But there is one even greater offence against the Holy name of the Lord our God. This offence deals with Christ Jesus, his Only Begotten Son, made himself flesh and given to us as unique and sole Redeemer, Saviour, Universal Lord of heaven and earth, Judge of living and dead. Every modification, alteration, change, transformation we carry out in this most holy Gift is a

serious offence to the Holy name of the Lord our God, as it is most serious to his most holy will. If the Father has given us his Son and has established by eternal decree that everything happens in us for Him, with Him, if we modify, alter, elude his eternal decree, we make the cross of his Son vain. We declare such a great sacrifice useless. No one, neither in much nor in little, will have to modify the eternal decree of the Father, not even in a jota. If one modifies it, he will be excluded from the goods of the eternal salvation. And, nevertheless, today this decree has been cancelled from our most pure faith. Today we are passing to another religion. It is a religion without Gospel, without the objective truth of Christ Jesus, without the eternal decree of the Father, with no need to convert to the Word of Jesus and with no obedience to Commandments. Destroying Christ, gift of the Father, destroying the Gospel, gift of Christ, destroying the truth of Christ, of the Gospel, of the Father, is most serious sin against the Holy name of God.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased
A grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies
Filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him.
Why can neither a law of man nor a law of God erase
from man's heart the Law of sin ruling him and making
him a slave? What is the Law of sin?

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