**Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 28 (Mk 4, 21-25)**

The true nature of the human being is to reason. As a tree by nature produces its fruits, so too the man by his nature must produce the fruits of his reasoning. If he does not reason, the corruption of his nature occurs and he only sins, and we know that corruption is the fruit of sin. The more one sins, the more nature is corrupted. That’s the man as it has been created by his Lord and God: “*The LORD from the earth created man, and in his own image he made him. Limited days of life he gives him and makes him return to earth again. He endows man with a strength of his own, and with power over all things else on earth. He puts the fear of him in all flesh, and gives him rule over beasts and birds. He forms men's tongues and eyes and ears, and imparts to them an understanding heart. With wisdom and knowledge he fills them; good and evil he shows them. He looks with favor upon their hearts, and shows them his glorious works, That they may describe the wonders of his deeds and praise his holy name. He has set before them knowledge, a law of life as their inheritance; An everlasting covenant he has made with them, his commandments he has revealed to them. His majestic glory their eyes beheld, his glorious voice their ears heard. He says to them, "Avoid all evil"; each of them he gives precepts about his fellow men.”* (Sir 17,1-14).

The Book of Wisdom calls natural fools those who do not make by reasoning the confession about the beauty and magnificence of their Creator by the contemplation of His works: *“For all men were by nature foolish who were in ignorance of God, and who from the good things seen did not succeed in knowing him who is, and from studying the works did not discern the artisan; But either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven, the governors of the world, they considered gods. Now if out of joy in their beauty they thought them gods, let them know how far more excellent is the Lord than these; for the original source of beauty fashioned them. Or if they were struck by their might and energy, let them from these things realize how much more powerful is he who made them. For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen. But yet, for these the blame is less; For they indeed have gone astray perhaps, though they seek God and wish to find him. For they search busily among his works, but are distracted by what they see, because the things seen are fair. But again, not even these are pardonable. For if they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its LORD?” (Wis 13,1-9).* Foolishness is the fruit of sin which corrupts nature.

*He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear." He also told them, "Take care what you hear. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you. To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."*

What does Jesus want every man to hear? There are two truths to listen to and they are two truths of nature. Whoever lights a lamp lights it up to give light and for this reason it must be placed high up. Jesus lit the light of the Gospel. This light must not be hidden. It should be placed where it can illuminate the whole house. Second truth: the harvest is to the extent of what is sown. Little is sown, little is harvested. Much is sown, much is harvested. Whoever sows poorly the word of the Lord will reap few conversions. Whoever sows a lot of it will reap many of conversions. Third truth: whoever sows charity and justice will reap much more than what he sowed. Those who do not sow lose what they think they can keep. These truths are the essence of man's life.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us understand every Word of Jesus.