**WEDNESDAY 02 JUNE – IX WEEK O.T. [B]**

**Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God?**

**The Sadducees are very particular people: they have a mind sealed with lead and a heart cast in bronze. Nothing might ever enter neither into mind nor into heart. They have hermetically enclosed heart and mind in lead and in bronze and they have thrown away the key so that no truth from outside may ever enter them. Everything must be from their will, the only that must decide what is true and what is false.**

**What is true and what is false for them? False is everything that does not coincide with their mind. True is every thought of their heart. Their will has decided that there is no resurrection and for them there is no resurrection. Christ Jesus is truly risen. But even if they had to see Him after resurrection, they would always find a reason, fruit of their mind that will deny this supernatural and divine event.**

**The Sadducees do not belong only to the religion that one lived at the time of Jesus. Even in the religion of Christ Jesus they are a very numerous army and they are with a mind even more sealed with lead and with a heart even more cast in bronze so that no supernatural and divine truth may enter them.**

**Even if the Lord personally descended from heaven and ripped the earth apart, performing a greater miracle that that done through the means of Moses, they would be like the army of the Pharaoh. They would cast themselves in the middle of the rip to attest that nothing happened and that the Lord has done nothing. Here is the motto of the Sadducees: nothing beyond our mind. What our mind says to be true is true. What our mind says to be false is false. There is what our mind says it exists. There is not what our mind says it does not exist.**

**Can we hope, with the testimony of our life to breach such minds sealed with lead and such hearts cast in bronze? There is no hope. The closure is hermetic and not even the Lord might ever rip this wall. If we cannot hope, then why should we bear testimony to truth?**

**We must bear testimony to truth because tomorrow when there is the eternal Judgement of the Lord our God, they might not say: “No one has spoken to us clearly. No one has proven our falsity and our mistake. No one, with history and the Scripture, has proven that our thoughts were false and our reasonings deceitful.”**

**We do not bear testimony to convince the Sadducees. They will never be convinced. Their nature and their thoughts have become one only thing by now. We bear testimony to give justice to the truth of history and the truth of the Scripture. We bear testimony to make our God righteous in all his works and wise in each of his Word.**

**After Jesus has spoken and revealed their non-knowledge of the mystery, beginning from a Biblical text they considered inspired by God, they have no possibility to make amend before the divine Judge tomorrow who will question every word come out from their mouth. They have listened to the truth directly from God and they have not accepted it. So hermetically sealed and spliced is their mind together with their heart. So great is the corruption of their nature.**

**We can apply to the Sadducees what the Lord says to Ezekiel, when He sends him as his prophet among his people: “Son of man, stand up! I wish to speak with you. As he spoke to me, spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist - for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them.**

**But as for you, son of man, fear neither them nor their words when they contradict you and reject you, and when you sit on scorpions. Neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. (But speak my words to them, whether they heed or resist, for they are rebellious.) As for you, son of man, obey me when I speak to you: be not rebellious like this house of rebellion, but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you. It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me, in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me. It was covered with writing front and back, and written on it was: Lamentation and wailing and woe! (Ez 2,1-10).**

**Here is another truth concerning the Sadducees: as they are hermetically enclosed to truth, so they are greatly open to accept every falsity. The lead of their mind and the bronze of their heart, while enclosing to truth, will always allow falsity and lie to enter them. As there is naturally the aversion and the fight against truth, so there is naturally the acceptance of falsity, of lie, of every alteration of the historical and scriptural truth. This all happens through corrupted nature.**

**LET US READ THE TEXT OF Mk 12,18-27**

**Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise. And the seven left no descendants. Last of all the woman also died. At the resurrection (when they arise) whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her."** **Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, 'I am the God of Abraham, (the) God of Isaac, and (the) God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."**

**The Scripture of the Old Testament has some texts in which the resurrection is clearly affirmed. However, the Sadducees refused these texts as principle and foundation of their faith. Jesus, after having stated that in resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage – their entire sophisticated reasoning thus falls – attests through the Book of Exodus that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living ones. Abraham is not dead. Isaac is not dead. Neither Jacob is dead before the Lord. Their bodies lie in the tomb waiting for the resurrection. Their souls are with God. They are not dead, for the soul is immortal.**

**Are the Sadducees persuaded? Not at all. they know that they cannot argue with Jesus. But they also know that with the people, simple and with no science of the things of God, they can continue to sow their perverse doctrines into hearts. However, now they have listened to the divine science of the Lord and tomorrow, before the eternal Judge, there are no longer reasons to justify their mistakes and their falsity and deceits at the expense of the souls.**

**Until one does not face the truth of history and of revelation, we can even invoke every pretext before the Lord. After that, it will not be possible anymore. We have listened to history. We have listened to truth. We remained in our lead of falsity and in our bronze of lie. We are not justifiable before the Lord anymore. Truth has knocked on our heart and we have locked the gate. We are responsible in eternity.**

**Mother of God, help us melt our lead and our bronze. Only thus it will be possible to let truth enter us to be saved. Amen.**