**THURSDAY AUGUST 04 – XVIII WEEK O. T. [C]**

**Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."**

**Jesus walked, moved, acted, spoke, did, dialogued, always having as a purpose the fulfilment of every thought and will of the Father. When Peter hears that Jesus must go to Jerusalem and he will be put to death there – he does not even listen that Jesus will rise after three days – he takes Him aside and begins to rebuke him. On that occasion, Jesus shows how great the fortitude of the Holy Spirit in Him is. His words of response to Peter are a divine fire: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." In the Gospel there are no other strong and clear words like these ones. Peter is a true Satan for Christ, a true tempter, one who wants to distract Him from the fulfilment of his mission of salvation and of redemption for the entire human genre. Peter wants Jesus as a man of this world at the service of this world as every other man of this world. Peter does not know the mystery of Jesus.**

**Today something of dreadfully serious is happening. Today the Christian who does not walk with the thoughts and with the divine will in mind and in heart is the one who says to the other Christian: "Get behind me, Satan, since you are thinking not as men do, but as God.” Of course, one does not say it in such an explicit way. On the contrary, one says: “Get behind me as you are a fundamentalist. You are a traditionalist. You have a Gospel depriving man of the joy. You are a person who remained in the Old Testament. You have the God of Moses, the God of the scribes and of the Pharisees. You do not have the God of Christ Jesus.” Today a moth is devouring the roots of our most pure faith and is reducing the entire Word of the Lord to a lie. This moth has one only name: “love.” Why is “love” a moth that is reducing the entire Word of the Gospel to a lie? Because today one is teaching that “love” is that feeling of heart that creates the good and the evil. From the love that is most pure obedience to the Word of God and of Christ Jesus, one has moved to the “love” that is creator, with no reference to the Word, of the good and of the evil. What I call “love” is always lawful. What I do not call “love” is never lawful. But what do I call “love” and what do I not call “love”? What my hearts suggests me from time to time. If then someone had to dare to say that loving is obeying every Word that has come out of the mouth of God, the reply is immediate: “You are still in the Old Testament. You still think that love is linked to obedience. Do you not know that Christ Jesus has rehabilitated love from obedience?” One simply forgets to say that the Christ one speaks of is neither the Christ of the Old and nor the Christ of the New Testament, but a Christ imagined by man. If the Christ one speaks of is an invention, also the ways to serve Him are inventions.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 16,13-23**

**When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."**

**Unfortunately, today this imagined Christ is eliminating the true Christ, the Christ gift of the Father to every man from the hearts. But also the Gospel that is quoted in support of this “love” is a Gospel imagined by man. It is only a mirror of its thoughts. Then, in the name of this Christ and of this Gospel as pure imagination of the hearts and of the minds all those who still endure to believe and to love the Christ gift of the Father according to the most pure Word of his Gospel are publicly crucified. In the name of this imagined Christ and of this Gospel, one tramples the consciences and one issues sentences, always in the name of this Gospel and of its worshippers, against the truth of the Christ of the Father and of the Gospel of the true Christ and of our true Redeemer and Saviour. One even gets to say: “Get behind, since you are a devil for me, a Lucifer fallen from heaven.” In the elimination of God from our earth, from the cancellation of Christ Jesus as unique and only Mediator of salvation, redemption, revelation, the new humanity might never arise.**