**THURSDAY AUGUST 25 – XXI WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**

**The Word of the Lord always warns every man so that he refrains from evil generating death and hands himself over to the good giving life. Blessing and malediction, life and death, perdition and salvation, paradise and hell are in man’s hands, in his will. In the listening of the Word of the Lord is life, blessing, paradise, the salvation in time and in eternity. In disobedience is death, malediction, hell, the perdition today and after time. When man does not believe in the Word of the Lord, foolishness conquers him, ignorance governs him, understanding is darkened in him, wisdom becomes devilish and cries that doing the good and doing the evil are the same thing. Both the Old Testament and the New warn against this foolishness and place the righteous and true Word of the Lord on the lampstand. We know that the one who falls in the great sin of hypocrisy does not believe in the Law of the Lord. He does not accept the Word of God in his life. Here is what the hypocrite does: when the master is present, he covers himself with a mask of obedience and pretends to do the will of his master. When the master is away, he takes of the mask of obedience and shows himself in all his wickedness and evil. Our God is visibly absent from the life of his servants. He is present but invisibly. The servant who does not believe in his Word become so blind, foolish, unreasonable, ignorant to forget this truth: my Lord is always present in my life. Forgetting this truth, one takes off every mask and acts from the wickedness and from the evil of his heart. He commits every transgression of every command the Lord has given him for keeping his house that is entirely placed in his hands. Since the master is away, he acts from his evil and wicked heart. Here is the behaviour of the hypocrite servant: “and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards.”**

**Here is what the hypocrite Christian does today: against every Word of God – Word revealed that is essence, substance, truth of the Holy Scripture – he teaches an eschatology that is fruit of his mind. This eschatology has cancelled both the judgement and the eternal condemnation. After death one immediately moves in the eternal beatitude. The eternal punishment, one states, is inappropriate for our heavenly Father who is only mercy, only goodness, only compassion, only piety, only forgiveness. There is not a greater heresy than this one. God, our God, is not what we say He is. Our God is the God who has said who He is and what he does in history and in eternity. Believing in God as He has revealed himself and believing in God as we depict Him, or imagine or think He is, is a totally different thing. It is a greater distance than the one being between light and darkness. It is right that everyone knows that the Revelation is not subject to a private interpretation. It is not my heart that should not interpret the Canonical Scriptures, but the Holy Spirit. Now, no interpretation of the Holy Spirit can deny the revealed God. He can assist us to find out in it the truth at the highest of its beauty, but He cannot deny what He himself has revealed. For instance, I can understand well and better the mystery of Incarnation, but I cannot ignore it as one does today to please men. I can enter a more powerful light that helps me understand the faithfulness of God to each of his Word, but I cannot deny the Word in what it says. Today this is precisely the misdeed that is fulfilled: one thinks God with no longer his Word. The Scripture can never be cancelled. It must always be announced in his most pure truth of revelation and of understanding in the Holy Spirit. Cancelling the Scripture is cancelling the truth of God and of man, of Christ and of the Holy Spirit, of time and of eternity, of charity and of righteousness, of mercy and of forgiveness.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 24,42-51**

**Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.**

**Since no one knows when he leaves this world to enter the eternity, we are all warned. Who is found in the righteousness at the moment of death will enter the eternal life. Instead, who is clothed with unrighteousness will be thrown in the pool of fire. It is truth. Since today one preaches and teaches that in the end the mercy of the Lord will triumph and everyone will go in paradise, not only one can lock the Scripture, but all the Churches can be locked. They are not useful for the salvation. It is given to everyone. We will be all accepted in the eternal dwelling of God. Mother of God, Angels and Saints, give us a pure faith in the Word of the Lord.**