**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 03 – XXII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."**

**The Sirach calls the divine teachings: “Law of life and of understanding.” They were given by the Lord to Moses, written on to tables of stone with the finger of God: “ABRAHAM, father of many peoples, kept his glory without stain: He observed the precepts of the Most High, and entered into an agreement with him; In his own flesh he incised the ordinance, and when tested he was found loyal. For this reason, God promised him with an oath that in his descendants the nations would be blessed, That he would make him numerous as the grains of dust, and exalt his posterity like the stars; That he would give them an inheritance from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. And for ISAAC he renewed the same promise because of Abraham, his father. The covenant with all his forebears was confirmed, and the blessing rested upon the head of JACOB. God acknowledged him as the first-born, and gave him his inheritance. He fixed the boundaries for his tribes, and their division into twelve. From him was to spring the man who won the favor of all: Dear to God and men, MOSES, whose memory is held in benediction. God's honor devolved upon him, and the Lord strengthened him with fearful powers; God wrought swift miracles at his words and sustained him in the king's presence. He gave him the commandments for his people, and revealed to him his glory. For his trustworthiness and meekness God selected him from all mankind; He permitted him to hear his voice, and led him into the cloud, Where, face to face, he gave him the commandments, the law of life and understanding, That he might teach his precepts to Jacob, his judgments and decrees to Israel.” (Sir 44,19-45,5).**

**In the Deuteronomy, it is attested that no nation on earth has righteous laws and statutes as the entire law given by God to his people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. You have seen with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal-peor: the LORD, your God, destroyed from your midst everyone that followed the Baal of Peor; but you, who clung to the LORD, your God, are all alive today. Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?” (Dt 4,1-8). If the Commandments of the Lord are laws of life and of understanding, if they are the most righteous and holiest laws and statutes of the entire earth, can they ever lead a life to the death by lack of food on a Sabbath day because they prevent a man from being able to pick the heads of grain in order to muffle the feeling of hunger and take the forces to continue to live? If they are laws of death, it is sign that they have been turned by man into laws of foolishness and of ignorance. The sin always turns the laws of understanding and of life into laws of death and foolishness. This happens because the Holy Spirit no longer governs the mind nor the hart because of the sin that has taken possess of the heart and of the darkness that it generates in mind.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 6,1-5**

**While he was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them. Some Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you not read what David did when he and those (who were) with him were hungry? (How) he went into the house of God, took the bread of offering, which only the priests could lawfully eat, ate of it, and shared it with his companions." Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."**

**Not only is Jesus with no sin. Moreover, He daily grows in wisdom and in grace. With wisdom governing his spirit and with the understanding that always moves Him, He gives every commandment its truth of origin. They are for man’s life, not for his death. It could not be but this way, since they come from the heart of the Father, who is the God of life. Here is why He can say: "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." He gives the truth to the Sabbath, according to the truth that is in the heart of the Father. Not only is Jesus the truth of the Sabbath, but of each other Word that his Father has granted to men. Lord of the Sabbath, lord of the Word of the Father, is only Christ Jesus. None of his disciple – neither pope, nor bishop, neither presbyter, nor deacon, neither baptised, nor teacher, neither doctor nor prophet – is lord of the Word of God and of Christ Jesus. Instead, today the disciple has turned himself into the lord of the entire Holy Scripture. But if he has made himself lord, he has turned himself into an unfaithful servant. He is a servant of death, for he is servant of idolatry and of great immorality. He is servant of the prince of the world and no longer of Jesus the Lord. May the Mother of God come to our rescue. May She not let the Christian to set himself as a lord of the Word of Christ Jesus.**