**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 07 – XXIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.**

**What Jesus proclaims to the entire world today must be understood well with all the might of light and of truth in the Holy Spirit. Do you poor want to be blessed? Do you want to have the kingdom of God? You must live the poorness bringing it into the Gospel, observing every Word of it. If you do not bring your poorness in the Gospel, you are not blessed. You are only poor. You who are hungry, do you want to be blessed? You too must bring your hunger in the Gospel. If you do not bring your hunger in the Gospel and you do not live it according to the Law of the Gospel, you are only hungry, but you are not blessed in the kingdom of God, and not satisfied in the kingdom of God either. You who are weeping now, do you want to be blessed for the kingdom? You too must bring your weeping in the Gospel, living it according to the rules of the Gospel. Otherwise, you shall not laugh in the kingdom of God. You have not brought your weeping in the Gospel and you have not lived it according to the Gospel.**

**The same thing is worthy those who are rich, those who are satisfied, those who are laughing now. You, rich man, want your richness to turn itself into beatitude, to bring it into the Gospel. Live it according to the Law of the Gospel. It will no longer be a reason of eternal poorness for you, but of blessing and consolation, today and in the blessed eternity. You are satisfied now, do you want your satisfaction not to turn itself into eternal condemnation? Bring it into the Gospel. Live it according to the Law of the Gospel and it will be turned for you into eternal satisfaction. You are laughing now, do you want your laugh to last eternally and not to be turned into weeping and eternal mourning? You too, bring your laugh in the Gospel. Live each of your moment according to the Law of the Gospel and then you will be in joy forever. You will never know the weeping of perdition. In the Holy Scripture, woe is always a word of mercy from the Lord, so that he is converted and turns back in the full obedience to his Covenant, according to the Law on which it was stipulated. Here are other woes announced by Christ Jesus one must be converted from, otherwise there cannot be salvation: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves. "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.' Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.' You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it; one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. (But) these you should have done, without neglecting the others. Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.” (Mt 23,13-28). Woe in the Holy Scripture says to you that you persevere on that way, there is only the eternal perdition for you. This is true for a person who is proclaimed blessed: if you want to remain blessed forever, you must be very careful never to leave the truth that is in the Word of the Lord. If you leave the truth of the Word, you lose the condition of beatitude and enter the condition of woe.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 6,20-26**

**And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.**

**One only example is enough so that we all be convinced that it is possible to turn the woe into beatitude: “Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” (1Tm 6,17-19). May the Virgin Mary help us understand the Word of Jesus according to truth.**