**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Those who hear the word of God and act on it**

Jesus was told*, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you."* Jesus’s reply is immediate*:, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”* Here is Jesus’s method: He always shifts the discourse from the natural to the supernatural level. He has no relation with the people but from the supernatural and with supernatural one means one only thing: *seeing every person and every reality that one lives on earth with the eyes of his Father, loving it with the heart of his Father, working so that every other person may also see with the eyes of the Father and love with the eyes of the Father*. His work is always carried out under the mighty light of the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Mary, in her Magnificat, also sees everything from the heart of the Father and loves everything with the heart of the Father, always moved and led by the Holy Spirit: *“And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." (Lk 1,46-55)*.

Even the Apostles of the Lord and the Evangelists write and speak as if they saw the mystery not only of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, but also of the man who lives in the abyss of slavery and of death. It is as if they were truly seated at the right hand of Christ Jesus in the blessed heaven. Might Paul ever write what he has written to the Ephesians if he did not contemplate the mystery with the eyes of the Holy Spirit? It is as if he had reached the extreme limits of eternity: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1.3-14)*.

What to say of the Apostle John? He was granted with the grace of contemplating the entire mystery of Christ Jesus, Mystery seen in the eternity before the Incarnation, mystery seen in eternity after his glorious Resurrection until the descent from Heaven of the New Jerusalem. The vision He has of Christ Jesus, before time, in time, after time, is most perfect. One can add nothing to is except a higher acknowledge through the work of the Holy Spirit. Here is the mystery of Jesus before the Incarnation and after the Incarnation: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, ut came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. (Jn 1,1-18)*. The Apostles always write and speak from the supernatural as if they were the amanuensis of the Holy Spirit, or the finger the Spirit uses to write what is necessary to be known of the mystery of Christ Jesus.

*Then his mother and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd.* *He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are* *those who hear the word of God and act on it." (Lk 8,19-21).*

To speak from above one must come from above. Or also have risen above. Here is what Jesus reveals: *“The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven (is above all). He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him.” (Jn 3,31-35)*. Instead, here is what the Apostle Paul to the Colossians: *“If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming (upon the disobedient). By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.” (Col 3,1-11)*.

Here is what the Apostle Peter writes regarding the false teachers and the false scholars: *“There were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will introduce destructive heresies and even deny the Master who ransomed them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their licentious ways, and because of them the way of truth will be reviled. In their greed they will exploit you with fabrications, but from of old their condemnation has not been idle and their destruction does not sleep. For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but condemned them to the chains of Tartarus and handed them over to be kept for judgment; and if he did not spare the ancient world, even though he preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, together with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the godless world; and if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (to destruction), reducing them to ashes, making them an example for the godless (people) of what is coming; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man oppressed by the licentious conduct of unprincipled people (for day after day that righteous man living among them was tormented in his righteous soul at the lawless deeds that he saw and heard), then the Lord knows how to rescue the devout from trial and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who follow the flesh with its depraved desire and show contempt for lordship.*

*Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to revile glorious beings, whereas angels, despite their superior strength and power, do not bring a reviling judgment against them from the Lord. But these people, like irrational animals born by nature for capture and destruction, revile things that they do not understand, and in their destruction they will also be destroyed, suffering wrong as payment for wrongdoing. Thinking daytime revelry a delight, they are stains and defilements as they revel in their deceits while carousing with you. Their eyes are full of adultery and insatiable for sin. They seduce unstable people, and their hearts are trained in greed. Accursed children! Abandoning the straight road, they have gone astray, following the road of Balaam, the son of Bosor, who loved payment for wrongdoing, but he received a rebuke for his own crime: a mute beast spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet's madness. These people are waterless springs and mists driven by a gale; for them the gloom of darkness has been reserved. For, talking empty bombast, they seduce with licentious desires of the flesh those who have barely escaped from people who live in error. They promise them freedom, though they themselves are slaves of corruption, for a person is a slave of whatever overcomes him. For if they, having escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of (our) Lord and savior Jesus Christ, again become entangled and overcome by them, their last condition is worse than their first. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment handed down to them. What is expressed in the true proverb has happened to them, "The dog returns to its own vomit," and "A bathed sow returns to wallowing in the mire." (2Pt 2,1-22).*

Instead, today in the Church of God, one must report the greatest misdeed accomplished against the mist pure faith. Instead of imitating Christ Jesus that enlightens every natural event with the divine light of the supernatural, instead of following the Virgin Mary who proclaims her Magnificat with the mouth of the Holy Spirit, instead of listening the Apostles and the Evangelists that teach everything and write from the supernatural, as if they were the finger and the eyes and the heart of the Holy Spirit, on the contrary we are cancelling the entire supernatural and we are substituting it with the natural. We have substituted transcendence with immanence. However, it is not about intact and pure immanence. Instead, it is about immanence of sin, of perversion, of wickedness, of every misdeed and crime. It is immanence from sin and through sin. It is immanence that is codifying the nature as it pleases every man. We have removed from our faith the eyes and the heart of the Father and, in their turn, we have placed our heart of sin and our eyes of darkness. Here is why today sin is no longer feared. We have *“divinized, sanctified, deified,* we have made it connatural to man*”.* Here is why the supernatural is completely disappearing. We have “humanized and naturalized.” So far sin is the support structure not only of man, but also of the Christian. May the Mother of God and our Mother come to our rescue. May She obtain for us the grace of always speaking and writing from the supernatural. **17 December 2023**