

Gospel Reading for October 3, 2016

with Truths of the Divine Will

Saint Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back."

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Chapter Two "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Jesus said to his disciples: "Love one another even as I have loved you."1

2196 In response to the question about the first of the commandments, Jesus says: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."²

The apostle St. Paul reminds us of this: "He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."³

From the Book of Heaven

V2 - March 13, 1899 - "This is all I want: love God and your neighbor for love of Me..."

V2 - May 7, 1899 - "...Much love of neighbor enters My Heart, but it must be so united to mine as to form one single love, in such a way that one cannot be distinguished from the other. But as for the other love of neighbor which is not transformed into My Love - I do not look at it as something that belongs to Me."

V2 - July 30, 1899 - "The surest means to be upright with one's neighbor is to not look at all at what they are doing, because looking, thinking and judging is all the same. Besides, by looking at his neighbor, one comes to defraud his own soul; therefore it happens that he is not upright either with himself, or with his neighbor, or with God."

V2 - August 12, 1899 - "Do not fear, I Myself will teach you the way you must keep in speaking with your neighbor. First: when you are told something about your neighbor, cast a gaze upon yourself and observe whether you are guilty of that same defect, for in that case wanting to correct is wanting to make Me indignant and to scandalize your neighbor. Second: if you see yourself free of that defect, rise then, and try to speak as I would have; in this way you will speak with my own tongue. By doing so, you will never fail in charity with your neighbor; on the contrary, with your words, you will do good to yourself and to your neighbor - and to Me you will give honor and glory."

V4 – September 18, 1900 - *"My daughter, one who harms his neighbor harms himself, and by killing his neighbor he kills his soul; and since charity predisposes the soul for all virtues, because charity is missing, the soul is predisposed to commit all sorts of vices."*

V4 – November 20, 1900 - *"...Therefore, from you I want:*

1. *Perfect conformity to My Will, because you will only be able to love Me perfectly if you love Me with My Own Will. Even more, I tell you that by loving Me with my own Will, you will arrive at loving Me, and your neighbor, with My same way of Loving..."*

V4 – November 1, 1902 - *"True seriousness is found in religion, and true religion consists in looking at one's neighbor in God, and at God in one's neighbor."*

V6 – November 8, 1903 - *As I was in my usual state, I was praying for certain needs of others, and blessed Jesus, moving in my interior, told me: "For what purpose are you praying for these people?" And I: 'Lord, and You, for what purpose did You Love us?' And He: "I Love you because you are My Own thing, and when an object is one's own, one feels compelled to love it – it is like a necessity." And I: 'Lord, I am praying for these people because they are Your Own thing, otherwise I would not have interested myself.' And He, placing His Hand on my forehead, almost pressing it, added: "Ah, it is because they are My Own thing! This is how the love of neighbor is all right."*

V6 – March 4, 1904 - *"...And she also penetrates the necessities of her neighbor, nor is she afraid to descend into their midst and do good to them; and if needed, she lays down her life. Through the purity of her sight, she makes the Love of God and the love of neighbor from two to one, rectifying everything for God. So must the soul be if she wants to please Me."*

V6 – September 8, 1905 - *"My daughter, True Charity is when, in doing good to his neighbor, one does it because he is My image."*

V6 – October 10, 1905 - *"The sign that the soul is perfectly clasped and united with Me, is that she is united with all neighbors. Just as no clashing or disordered*

notes must exist with those who are visible on earth, so can no clashing note of disunion exist with the Invisible God."

V7 – September 18, 1906 - "My daughter, peace is light for the soul, light for her neighbor, and light for God. Therefore, a soul who is at peace is always light, and being light, she is always United to the Eternal Light from which she draws ever New Light so as to be able to give Light to others also. So, if you want ever New Light, be at peace."

V11 – August 20, 1913 - "...Therefore, trust in giving; simplicity in communicating herself to all; disinterest for herself, to be able to live completely for Me and for her neighbor are necessary for the soul who Lives in My Will. Such am I."

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