

Virtue which most Exalts God is Humility

Gospel Reading for March 14, 2017

With Divine Will Truths

Matthew 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

III. God's Spirit and Word in the Time of the Promises (CCC)

Expectation of the Messiah and his Spirit

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From the Book of Heaven

V4 – Jul. 30, 1901 - *"My daughter, how pride has ruined the world – it has reached the point of destroying that small light of reason which all carry with them at birth. Know, however, that the Virtue which most Exalts God is Humility, and the Virtue which most Exalts the creature before God and men, is Humility."*

V4 – Jan. 14, 1902 - *"What do these words mean: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly? That the soul, destroying herself completely, fills all of herself with God, and as she loves God with God Himself, God exalts the soul to an Eternal Love. This is the True and Greatest Exaltation, and also True Humility." Then He continued: "The True Sign to Know whether one Possesses this Love is that the soul cares about nothing but Loving God, making Him Known, and making everyone Love Him."*

V4 – Jul. 7, 1902 - *This morning, since Blessed Jesus was not coming, I felt all confused and humiliated. Then, after I struggled very much, He made Himself seen for just a little, telling me: "Luisa, always humiliated with Christ."*

And I, pleased and yearning to be humiliated with Christ, said: 'Always, Oh Lord!' And He repeated: "And the always of the humiliation with Christ, will give Rise to the always of the Exaltation with Christ."

So I understood that as many humiliations as the soul undergoes with Christ and for Love of Christ, if they are continuous, so many times will the Lord Exalt her; and He will make this Exaltation continuously before the Whole Celestial Court, before men, and finally, even before demons themselves."

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