

Food of the Divine Will
Gospel Reading for May 1, 2017
With Divine Will Truths

John 6: 22-29

After Jesus had fed the five thousand, his disciples saw him walking on the water. Next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side saw that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that the disciples had set off by themselves. Other boats, however, had put in from Tiberias, near the place where the bread had been eaten. When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’

Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for Food that cannot last, but work for Food that endures to eternal life, the kind of Food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’

PROLOGUE (CCC)

“FATHER, . . . this is Eternal Life, that they may Know You, the only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent.”¹ “God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the Knowledge of the Truth.”² “There is no other Name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved”³ than the Name of Jesus.

IV. “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

The Eucharist is our daily bread. The power belonging to this Divine Food makes it a bond of union. Its effect is then understood as unity, so that, gathered into his Body and made members of him, we may become what we receive.... This also is our daily bread: the readings you hear each day in church and the hymns you hear and sing. All these are necessities for our pilgrimage.¹³¹ The Father in heaven urges us, as children of heaven, to ask for the bread of heaven. [Christ] himself is the bread who, sown in the Virgin, raised up in the flesh, kneaded in the

Passion, baked in the oven of the tomb, reserved in churches, brought to altars, furnishes the faithful each day with Food from heaven.132

From the Book of Heaven

V18 – Oct. 17, 1925 - *“My daughter, My Will is more than Food. Food gives strength to the body, it warms it, it increases the blood, it enlivens the intelligence if it is dim, it puts liveliness in all the members, and pushes the creature to new works and sacrifices. On the other hand, one who is on an empty stomach, not giving the necessary Food to her body, is weak, cold, lacking in blood, her intelligence dim, exhausted in all of her members; and this leads her to melancholy and pushes her to do nothing, with no desire to sacrifice herself in anything. Poor one, she feels life missing in all of her person; and this is so true that, when an illness is mortal for a creature, she abandons Food, and by abandoning Food, she disposes herself to death.*

Now, since the Eternal Wisdom has established that the soul too should have Food, she was assigned the Supreme Will as delicious Food. So, one who takes this Food is strong in doing good; she is as though soaked with love for her God. This Food increases the Divine Blood in order to form the growth of the Life of God within her. Like sun, it is reflected in her intelligence, to make her know her Creator and be formed in His likeness. It puts liveliness in the whole soul, in order to put all virtues in force, and it pushes her to new works and to sacrifices unheard-of. The Food of My Will gives itself in every instant, at each breath, at night, during the day, in each thing, and as many times as one wants; nor is there any danger, as with corporal Food, that in taking too much of it, it may do harm and even produce illnesses - no, no; rather, the more one takes of it, the more it fortifies and raises the soul to the likeness of her Creator. One can remain with one’s mouth always opened, in the act of taking this Celestial Food. All the opposite for one who does not take this Food of My Will. For one who does not take it at all, it can be said that she disposes herself to die eternally. As for one who seldom feeds herself, she is weak and inconstant in good, she is cold in love, she is lacking in divine blood, in such a way that the Divine Life grows as though anemic within her. The light of her intelligence is so dim, that she knows little or nothing of her Creator; and not knowing Him, His likeness is so far away from her, for as much as she is far away from the Food of His Will. She is without liveliness in doing good, because she does not have sufficient Food; and now patience escapes her, now charity, now detachment from everything; so, the poor virtues live as though strangled, without

enough Food of My Will. Ah! if one could see a soul without this Celestial Food, one would weep over her, so many are the miseries and the rubbish with which she is covered. However, there is more for one to compassionate if one sees a creature starved of corporal Food, because many times she lacks the means in order to buy it; but the Food of My Will is given out for free, therefore one who does not take it deserves condemnation; and the condemnation is formed by herself, because she has rejected the Food which gave her life.”

Then, afterwards, I heard that various people had suffered contrasts, humiliations and other things; and my sweet Jesus resumed His speaking: “My daughter, just as the body contains bad blood which infects the good one, and it is necessary to apply vesicants, leeches, bloodlettings, in order to draw out the bad blood, otherwise one is in danger of remaining paralyzed for the rest of one’s life; in the same way, the soul who lacks the continuous Food of My Will, contains many bad humors, and it is necessary to apply the vesicants of humiliations, in order to draw out the bad humor of self-esteem; the bites of leeches, in order to extract the infected humor of the vainglory of one’s own self; immediate bloodlettings, to block and draw out the bad blood of the little attachments which she keeps forming in her heart toward the people whom she approaches in doing good. Otherwise, those humors would grow so much as to infect everything she does, in such a way as to remain paralyzed in good for the rest of her life. Punctures always do good; they are the sentries of the heart which maintain the blood pure – that is, the intention of the soul upright in doing good. Therefore, if all did good only in order to fulfill My Will, punctures would not be necessary, because My Will is the safeguard against all bad humors. So, punctures are also the penalties for those who do not take enough Food of My Will.”