

Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph

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From the Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will *Day Seventeen*

Lesson of the Queen of Heaven: Now, My child, listen to Me: I continued My life in the temple and My little escapes up there to My Celestial Fatherland. I had My rights as daughter to make My little visits to My Divine Family which, more than Father, belonged to Me. But what was not My surprise when in one of these visits the Divine Persons made known to Me that it was Their Will for Me to leave the temple; first, to unite Myself in bond of marriage, according to the manner of those times, to a holy man called Joseph; and then, to withdraw together with him to live in the house of Nazareth.

My child, in this step of My life it apparently seemed that God wanted to put Me to the test. I had never loved anyone in the world, and since the Divine Will extended through My whole being, My human will never had one act of life; therefore, the seed of human love was missing in Me. How could I love a man in the human order, though he might be a great saint? It is true that I loved everyone, and that My love for all was so great that My love of Mother kept them inscribed in My maternal Heart, one by one, with indelible characters of fire; but this was all in the Divine order. Human love, compared to the Divine, can be called shadows, shadings - atoms of love. Yet, My child, what apparently seemed to be a trial and as though foreign to the sanctity of My life, was admirably used by God to fulfill His designs, and to grant Me the grace for which I so much longed - that is, the descent of the Word upon earth. God gave Me the safeguard, the defense, the help, such that no one could talk about Me - about My honesty. Saint Joseph was to be the cooperator - the tutor, who was to take care of that bit of the human which We needed - as well as the shadow of the celestial Paternity, in which our little celestial family on earth was to be formed.

So, in spite of My surprise, immediately I said: "Fiat", knowing that the Divine Will would not harm me, or prejudice My sanctity. Oh, had I wanted to put in one act of My human will, even in the aspect of not wanting to know man, I would have sent to ruin the plans of the coming of the Word upon earth! Therefore, it is not the diversity of states that prejudices sanctity, but the lack of Divine Will, and of the fulfillment of one's own duties to which God calls the creature. All states are holy, marriage too, provided that the Divine Will is present, as well as the exact sacrifice of one's own duties. But the great part are indolent and lazy, and not only do they not become saints, but of their own state, some make a purgatory, and some a hell.

So, as I learned I was to leave the temple, I did not say a word to anyone, waiting for God Himself to move the external circumstances to make Me fulfill His adorable Will, as in fact happened. The superiors of the temple called Me and let Me know that it was their will, and also the custom of those times, that I prepare Myself for marriage. I accepted. Miraculously, among many, the choice fell upon Saint Joseph; so the marriage was made and I left the temple.

Therefore, I beg you, child of My Heart, that in all circumstances you take to heart the Divine Will alone, if you want the Divine Designs to be accomplished over you.

FIAT!!!