



It is easy and sweet to entertain oneself with God

IF it be a great mistake, to be full of diffidence when conversing with God ; it would be a still greater error to think that to converse with God is tedious and bitter. No, it is not so. Ask those who really love Him, and they will tell you, that in all the pains and trials of life, they can nowhere find greater or more solid consolation than in conversing lovingly with God.

This does not require of you a continual application of the mind, so as to neglect your employments, and omit your recreations. No nothing more is required than without relinquishing your occupations, you act towards God as you do on certain occasions towards those who love you, and whom you love.

Your God is always nigh to you, even within you : In Him we live, and move, and be. There is no need to wait at the door when we wish to speak to Him : on the contrary, He delights in our treating Him with confidence. Speak to Him of your affairs, of your plans, of your pains, of your fears and of whatever concerns you. Do so, above all, as I have said, with confidence, with an open heart ; because God does not usually speak to the soul that does not speak to Him ; since, not being accustomed to treat with Him, she will hardly understand His voice when He speaks to her. And of this our Lord complains : " Our sister is little... what shall we do to our sister in the day when she is to be spoken to ? Cant. 8. 8. God will have us regard Him as our Lord, almighty and most terrible when we despise His grace ; but on the contrary, when we love Him, He wishes that we treat with Him as with a most loving friend, and that we converse with Him frequently, in a familiar manner, and without restraint.

God by His immensity is everywhere ; but there are two places in which more especially He takes up His