

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES

By the Faithful Fathers. Preached in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fifty-ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, New York.

There are some other sinful practices forbidden in the words which we have been considering these last two Sundays, beside fortune-telling and the observing of charms and amulets. These are the use of charms, and the consulting of spirits, or seeking of the truth from the dead.

First, then, with regard to charms, amulets and the like. Christians are unfortunately to be found, even at the present day, who use in a superstitious way, and it may be for sinful purposes, things which can have no natural power to accomplish the end desired, but must derive any efficacy which they can be supposed to have, from the devil, whose aid is, therefore, implicitly invoked by those who possess such things. Let every one then understand that the use of these charms and amulets, though it might be even for a good object, as the preservation of one's life, is a great sin, and will bring a curse instead of a blessing on any one who perseveres in it.

Secondly, with regard to fortune-telling and the observing of charms and amulets. These are the use of charms, and the consulting of spirits, or seeking of the truth from the dead.

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Step! step! step! How her heart throbbed for an instant! So much like him, and yet she knew that he slept beneath the willow. Not once, but a dozen times a day she felt her heart stop its beating as the echo of a footstep caught her ear.

Step! step! step! All listened as they kept their eyes fixed upon the dying woman's face. Step! step! The echo brought the old wifely smile to her face.

Step! step! step! But it was that he might guide her safely through the valley of the shadow.

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