

comparing the silent gentle majesty of the Host with His blaze of glory at the Great Assize; and we will be beforehand with the terrors of His judicial royalty, by making peace now with His sacramental meekness.

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❖ Before the Tabernacle. ❖



The prayers and acts of love that rise from our hearts before the tabernacle, ascend not unassisted to the throne of the Almighty. God receives them united to those of Jesus Christ; our prayer, imperfect and weak though it be, is intimately associated with the prayer of God; human prayer shares in the limitless power and merits of His own. No matter how unworthy we may personally be, we need not fear for we are clad, as it were, in the garment of the infinite holiness of God Who prays and adores with us. There at the foot of the tabernacle, if there be a single spark of Faith within us, and if our heart be not entirely of stone, how can we help but be most profoundly penetrated with sentiments of lowly adoration, gratitude and love?

Is it conceivable that we should not open wide the shutters of our soul to Him Who seeks but to fill it? Is it conceivable that we still retain any wilful liking or what is sinful, not only for what might separate us from God, but even for what might be displeasing to Him or offend Him? Is it possible that we should value the empty vanities of the world and not rather consider them a menacing danger? Is it possible that we should not endeavor to become virtuous, to practice humility, purity, patience, and the spirit of prayer? That we should place