

believe in His real presence in the consecrated Host, He would be left in utter abandonment on the altar, wearied and grieved by a thousand irreverences, and would even be received sacrilegiously into many a heart stained by hideous crimes. And yet in the midst of all this darkness, our good Jesus did not withdraw the bright light of this His excessive love and undaunted patience: *He shall entertain and feed and give drink to the unthankful; and moreover He shall hear bitter words.*—Now if Jesus has chosen to submit in the Blessed Sacrament to so many and so great insults, and all for our sake He certainly wishes us for His greater glory to bear willingly and cheerfully with what is distasteful to us. We should endeavor, as far as it lies in our power, to make Him some little compensation for the coarse ingratitude He meets with at the hands of the greater part of mankind by oft-repeated visits and acts of adoration, which will cost us only a few steps and a few moments, humbling our souls in His presence and bending our knees to honor Him and offer Him our tribute of adoration by interior and exterior acts of worship.

The final object Jesus has in view in abiding with us in the Blessed Sacrament is to perpetuate in our behalf all the advantages which His visible presence on earth brought with it; to instruct and enlighten our minds, to heal our ailings, to encourage and strengthen us in the attainment of virtue. His first office then is to instruct and enlighten us from the tabernacle, as from His professor's chair. *He will not cause thy teacher to flee away from thee any more.*—And, pray what wholesome truth is there that we need which Jesus does not teach us as He sends forth from the Sacred Host bright rays of light to enlighten our minds and silently speaks to our hearts? St. Thomas Aquinas learned more by devoutly remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament than by reading the most learned books. *They that approach to His feet shall receive of His doctrine.*

Oh how fortunate we are to be able at any hour to hearken to the teaching of so great a master! But to what extent do we frequent this school? How anxious are we to learn His heavenly doctrine? We must remember, too, that if we wish to be taught by the Lord

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