

Our Lord, remember it, will never begin to reproach us the moment we receive Him. It is the devil who seeks to trouble us so that we may not hear and enjoy the sweetness of the divine Word. He seeks to represent Jesus to us as a harsh Master, a severe Judge, that we thus become afraid of Him. And we are hurried on to shorten our thanksgiving to escape from our Lord's reproachful look.

Idle souls are immediately carried away by and follow such notions as these, "I am so miserable, such a sinner." Wait until your heart grows larger, then one look from Jesus will humble you more efficaciously than all these efforts. Does the rich benefactor, visiting the beggar on his poor bed at once unroll all his titles of nobility, comparing them with the miserable state of his protégé? Surely not, he might better not have come that so humiliate the poor man. On the contrary he encourages and consoles him and puts himself as far as possible on the poor man's level in order to promote sympathy and accord.

Perhaps if you did not taste the consolations of our Lord it is because you do not give Him chance to give them to you. Rest a while, unbind your chains, enlarge your heart, Jesus cannot do everything for you.

The Lord, in Holy Scripture, called Samuel in the middle of the night to make him a revelation. Samuel did not know His voice, he had never heard it before. Twice he fell asleep, until the high priest had given him the key of these supernatural communications, and bade him pray to God and listen for His answer. Then Samuel said to the Lord who had called him once more: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Then were revealed to him the secrets of futurity.

This is what we too must do. Our Lord comes to us, but we must enter into relations of familiar friendship with him according to the character of the moment. All holy, all divine thoughts are in our Lord, truly, but since the Eucharist is the exhaustive effort of His love, the character of His relations with us in the Eucharist in particular are those of sweetness and goodness, not the character of the goodness He will show us in heaven, or