

the night in which the Redeemer took leave of His beloved disciples, to go to His death, these faithful followers of Christ shed tears of sorrow at the thought of being separated from their divine Master, but Jesus consoled, them saying substantially ! : My children, I am going to die for you in order to show you the love which I bear you ; But at My death you will not be left alone and separated from me ; I will remain with you in the Most Holy Sacrament ; I leave, you my body, my soul, my divinity." Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

The soul that loves Jesus need not go far to find Him. He can be found in every church in which the Blessed Sacrament is preserved, and there the King of kings, our Lord, our Saviour, and our God, is content to remain shut up in a tabernacle of wood or of stone, often even without a lamp burning before Him and without any one to keep Him company. And yet from His humble sacramental home we hear His voice : " This is My rest forever and ever ; here will I dwell ; for I have chosen it," " My delights were to be with the children of men." Oh ! how is it that men show so little love for Jesus and do not visit Him more frequently ? From the tabernacle the pleading voice of our kind Father comes : " My Son, give me Thy heart," and we turn a deaf ear to His cry of love — the gold, the favors, and the pleasures of the world hold our hearts enthralled. We hear the cordial invitation : " Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you " and yet men run hither and thither for help in their distress before they think of Jesus in the tabernacle, Who holds in readiness there all the remedies for human woes. Real faith and ardent love are wanting to men ; else they would show a greater appreciation of our divine Saviour's presence in our midst.

How tender is the devotion which pilgrims feel in visiting the Holy Land, the holy house of Loretto, the cave at Bethlehem, the hill of Calvary, or the holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem ! But how much greater and more tender should be our devotion in the actual presence of Jesus Christ upon our altars !

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