

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE LORD'S DAY

"And Jesus answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? But they held their peace." (Luke xiv. 3, 4)

God, in founding the world, established order in it. Any one contemplating the regularity and harmonious adjustment of the material world can not fail to be struck with wonder at it. How surely night succeeds day, and season follows season. The sun sets over the land we inhabit, certain to rise again; its rays give forth light, warmth, and strength; we never doubt its beneficence. Never have we even thought that the morrow's sun would not rise. It seems an eternal persuasion in us that nature will act uniformly; nay, it seems almost as evident to us as that two and two make four. But we need not particularize in nature; all nature has its laws; all its parts have their laws. Many of these laws may not have been discovered as yet, but if the day comes when the majority of them will be known, it will be seen that there exists in them the same unchanging uniformity. Order is perfection, and God, the Infinite Perfect Being, has instilled some degree of order in all His works. This order is not infinite, but it is perfect. There can be nothing as perfect as God, but all His works have some of His perfection.

It was God's intention also to have this uniformity in the spiritual order. In the Old Law, as in the New, the truths He revealed were but the truths of this uniform order and perfection. What were these truths? They were truths about Himself and His works—especially His work in creating man and the universe, man's home. God Himself is perfect; without order there can be no perfection; without uniformity there can be no order. God created one man and one woman. They were to propagate human beings like themselves; such only could they bring forth. His order demanded this, and He made nature accordingly. Hence, we see nothing but order in God's works. How could the truths regarding them be otherwise?

As physically He established creatures in uniformity, so spiritually the laws governing them must be uniform. One could not say He had different obligations from another; he could not say that God did not endow him with an immortal soul; he could not say that God was different when He created him than when He created another; or that God was in a different mood when creating him than His mood when creating his neighbor. The nature of God is also perfect and unchangeable. Truths about Him are always truths, and are likewise unchangeable. God must not be worshipped today and disregarded tomorrow. One thing can not be believed of Him today and denied of Him tomorrow. There must be uniformity of belief, otherwise there is a lack of truth, in the creeds of man.

God would have this order observed even in regard to the worship we pay Him. We must serve Him and worship Him every day, it is true; but He has set aside a day for special worship. It is expressed in the commandment, "Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day." He wishes us to have a time for everything. He gives man six days of the week in which he is to gain sustenance for himself; the other day he must give to God. On that day he should forget, as much as possible, his worldly occupations, and remember his other obligations—service to God and the salvation of his soul.

The Pharisees spoken of in today's Gospel attempt to have Our Lord appear as disobeying this commandment of God regarding the sanctification of the Sabbath. Our Divine Saviour, in His manner of acting, gives us an excellent example to follow. We need to have it before our minds every day of our lives.

The Law is the Law. The belief of the Pharisees or their ill-will can not excuse from its observance. Christ knew it was His Father's will that He cure this sick man. He knew it was no violation of the Sabbath; hence, He worked the miracle. In our own lives we are confronted by difficulties similar to those placed in the way of Christ. There is an unbelieving world that mocks at us, that questions our rights, that doubts our sincerity. In the face of all this, we must do our duty and do it fearlessly. Once we know God's command we know our duty, and no power on earth should prevent us from doing it. The Pharisees were not Christ's teachers; neither were they commissioned by God to interpret the Law. For this reason, if for no other, Our Lord disregarded protests entirely. When Catholics are confronted with a questioning mob, such as are their enemies, let them remember that God is their teacher; and that the Church is the interpreter of God's word and commands. Let them hear the Church, therefore, lending at the same time a deaf ear to their foes. They may pray for their enemies, they should pray for them, but never should they be influenced by them.

When, more than at the present time, were Catholics confronted by difficulties? The very trend of society is in a direction contrary to

that of the path the Christian must follow. People are being persuaded more and more by the world's teaching, rather than by that of Christ. What will you say of the divorce courts? How common it is now to obtain a divorce and how easy! Did Christ make it so? Not He, but the world. He absolutely forbade total divorce. Now, when you are in a difficulty, whom will you follow—Christ or the world? Your duty as a Catholic is to disregard total divorce absolutely. No law, no court established to grant divorces in the modern sense, is sanctioned by God. The prevalence of certain things in the world today is no justification for their existence. People should remember this always. The world in its misnamed "uplift movements" has discarded the doctrines of Christ and has substituted new ones, as if it were wiser than Our Saviour. No wonder we have divorces innumerable; no wonder they are prating about sex hygiene; no wonder children are growing so independent that we need courts to try them for their delinquencies! It would be impossible to begin to enumerate the abuses which have sprung up after Christ's law has been laid aside. You may say the world prospers, nevertheless. Yes, it thrives, but a great part of the world, like the Pharisees, is blinded by its own wisdom.

Let us, as Catholics, be led by Christ, be guided by Him, and be blessed by Him. Let us do our duty fearlessly, and that gentle voice will whisper in our inmost conscience: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Is this not better than to add our voice to the noisy din of a selfish crowd, and to follow the sound of an empty drum?

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CITY OF DUBLIN IS BUILDING 8,000 HOUSES IN SUBURBS

Dublin, Ireland.—Plans for building immediately 8,000 houses in Glasnevin and Drumcondra, suburbs of Dublin, to relieve the acute housing shortage in the capital have been completed by the paid commissioners who succeeded the old Municipal Council of Dublin.

These houses, which will have all modern conveniences and will contain five or six apartments, will be given to the tenants on a purchase plan so that the humblest worker will be the owner of his home when he has paid the equivalent of ten to fifteen years' rent.

The new houses are being built on virgin soil, a plan which has several advantages. Previously, it was thought best to pull down old tenement houses in the slums of the city, and replace them with new ones. Now, however, fresh, clean sites have been obtained, and in addition, the land is already owned by the city, obviating the delay and expense of acquiring privately-owned sites. Several new roads are being laid out, so that dwellers in the new houses will be able to reach the seaside by a few minutes' walk.

Archbishop Byrne, solicitous for the spiritual welfare of the occupants of the new development, already has had a chapel erected in a central position in the district.

About five hundred houses have been completed and handed over to their tenants in the last few weeks, as many more are in process of completion, and the new plans involve the erecting of houses at the rate of more than a thousand a year for many years to come. The project is expected to lead to much development throughout the city.

It is estimated that no less than 20,000 houses will be needed in Dublin before housing will be normal. But the offer of the Southern Government to bear a large part of the cost is aiding materially. Building also is going on on a smaller scale throughout the country, with the aid of a Government subsidy to private builders.

I know a source where "they that drink shall yet thirst," but with a delicious thirst, a thirst one can always allay. That source is the suffering known to Jesus only.—The Little Flower.



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