

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

PASSION SUNDAY

"Thou hast set my tears in thy sight, as also in thy promise." (Ps. 56, 8)

God has promised to set our tears in His sight, to come to our assistance when we are in trouble, and to comfort and strengthen us with His grace.

What a night of agony must she have passed after taking leave of Him! She spent the weary hours in weeping, not in sleep, for never for a moment could she forget that He whom she loved most on earth was in the hands of His enemies.

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difficult, dangerous and unpleasant circumstances takes Jesus as his example, turning to Him in childlike, trustful prayer, he will often experience wonderful peace and happiness.

Yet sometimes our Master, as He meets us, denies any sensible consolation to our suffering souls, and our hearts remain dry, lonely and tormented by fear and anxiety; we return from prayer with apparently no more comfort than when we had recourse to it.

But when meeting Jesus affords us no consolation, His grace strengthens us through His promises. Prayer may have no perceptible effect upon us, but the thought of our Lord's promises will confirm our resolution to abide by what is right, to press forward without wavering, and not to let our inward dryness make us doubt God's grace, which will never abandon us in our efforts.

Sorrowful as our Lady was when she met Jesus, His glance reminded her of the blessing promised to those who endure unto the end.

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WINNIPEG EDITOR had Pain in Back for Three Weeks, then Cured Him. Second Box of Gin Pills Cured Him. Includes image of Gin Pills bottle and text describing the cure.

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DRUNKENNESS CAN BE CURED. It is a disease — not a habit. Some years ago I was a heavy drinker. Includes text about a cure and contact information for E. R. Herd.

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TEMPERANCE

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"I'm going to swear off for Lent." We heard a man say to his companion, as they came from work.

How can any head of a family, with even a spark of manhood left, look at his own wife and children, starved and ill-clad, and yet keep on contributing to the saloonkeeper's income?

In the struggle he had the prayers of his good wife and little children to aid him. And he heard no angry reproaches for what he had been. Patiently, kindly, firmly, his wife stood by him till the victory was complete.

THE POPE REFUSES DISPENSATION. A despatch from Rome states that Pope Benedict has refused the request of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary for the necessary dispensation for the marriage of the Austrian archduchess who is to wed Crown Prince Boris of Bulgaria.

When King Ferdinand, as crown prince, married Princess Marie-Louise of Bourbon-Parma, in 1893, the family of the princess insisted on the condition that the issue of the marriage be brought up in the Catholic faith.

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