SIX

FIVE MINUTE SERMON greater when pride in our own hearts

BY REV. F. PEPPER

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Jesus was subject to them. (Luke ii, 51.) Pride lies at the rost of human

misery, for it misleads men to their own disadvantage, and makes them sat themselves up against God and their fellow men. Pride refuses to submit to any authority and leads only to destruction. Our Lord by His twofold obedience sets us a great example of humility, the virtue opposed to pride. He showed obediice to God by comforming to the Divine precept requiring Him to go to Jarusalem. Bat in order to show that obedience to human authority is always connected with obedience to God, He obeyed His holy Mother Mary and his foster father, St. Joseph, and was subject to them. It is wonderful to think that the Son of God humbled Himself so far as to obey weak human beings. Nothing is happen ? better calculated to conquer the reckleseness and pride that incline us to disobey those in authority over us, than the thought of the Child Jesus, listening to His parent's words in the little house at Nazareth, ready to do whatever they bid H m and enger to carry out their wisnes pro-cisely and without delay. He teaches us most emphatically to be obedient to our sugariors ; obedience directed all His actions throughout His life. Jast as when a child He obeyed His parents, so later on He obeyed the rulers of the state, for instance by paying tribute. By His example He taught us patience even in the great regardless of your own opinions, est sufferings, as He allowed H mself to be taken prisoner by the servants for drawing his sword and healed the man's ear that had been cut off. "Be man's ear that had been cut off. "Be obelient to your superiors" is the Can we ever perceive what He has esson taught by the holy Child at in view in the manifold circumtwelve years of age-be attentive to stances of our life on earth? Are we His words; for disobedience is a not so shortsighted as often to also to Him, since it is His will that His wisdom requires of us? you should obey them. To all the life of a Christian an incessant superiors applies the commandment: anhmission to God in faith 2 Van Thou shalt do whatsoever they shall "Thou shalt do whatsoever they shall say, that preside in the place which the Lord shall choose and what theat heaven, which our forefathers the Lord shall choose, and what they shall teach according to His law, and thon shall follow their sentence, neither shalt thou decline to the right hand nor to the left hand." (Deut. xvii, 10, 11.)

every human creature for God's him will afterwards treat God's comsake," i.e., although your superiors mandments in the same way. are only selves, the power that they have unbelievers always begin by disobey over you is from God. They are ing their parents and elders. There given you by Him, to order you, in fore, if you truly love God, and wish Elis place, to do what is expedient for to be faithful to Him throughout the whole community; hence you your lives, regard obedience as a must be subject to them as His repre- most sacred duty. Keep Jesus sentatives. We see from these pas- always before your eyes, and whensages that obedience to superiors is a ever a temptation to disobedience necessary consequence of obedience arises in your hearts, let the Divine necessary consequence of obedience arises in your hearts, let the Divine to God. It would be useless to Child lock at you with love and say imagine that you were pious and good servants of God if you did not My mother, and to My holy foster try to pay the obedience due to your father."- - Amen. superiors, because God has set them over you.

Why does God require us to be obedient ? Because without obedience every individual would be ruined and the whole of human society be thrown into confusion. Disobedience involves ruin for the individual. A child cannot understand what is good for him ; he knows very little about the world, himself or drunkard in the same setting with Almighty God. He regards as good the idolater and the fornicator, and many things that would be injurious together with these, excluded him to him, and the corruption of our from the Kingdom of Heaven. human nature makes him think most anpleasant what is most beneficial. a good natured fellow, who injures Supposing a child were always to do nobody but himself." but whether only what he chose, and were not forced to follow the right course by unit in creation, or a citizen, the

the affectionate,

know the reasons why a certain command is laid upon us, but regard them as trivial, and, as we under-stand the matter better than our superior, we need not obey him. What obedience would there ever be if every subordinate had first to criti cize the reasons why he was ordered do anything, and than decide whether they seemed satisfactory or not, thinking that be was bound obey only if the reasons agreed with his own views. He would certainly discover that the reasons for doing anything disagreeable were insuffi cient, and only what was pleasant would appear obligatory, and thus his own will would take the place of

and wills makes us fancy that we

obedience. Sappose that every member of a large community or family, every person in a town or country, before obeying, had to decide whesher the reasons for the command were clear and agreeable to him-what would

One would refuse to obey, another would obey only partially, and com-plate confusion would result. families, towas and countries would be rained. Obedience is the bond uniting human beings, and without it men must perish. Hence Church and State alike require us to obey. If you intend to be faithful members of the Church and good citizens,-in other words, if you mean to be genuine Christians, you must early accustom yourselves to obedience, not what is often called obedience nowadays, which is just doing what is pleasant, but real obedience paid to a superior simply because it is God's will that obedience be paid to superiors as His accustom yourselves to obey them. mistaken with regard to what God in Is not submission to God in faith ? Yes, lost by their disobedience. You will never obey God properly unless you learn betimes to submit to those in authority over you, who speak to you He who when young in His name. criticizes the orders of his superiors, St. Peter tells us to "be subject to and rejects all that do not please Ex human beings like your perience shows us that atheists and

TEMPERANCE

THE SINS OF THE DRUNKARD

Invariably use double boiler, or set poiler in basin of boiling water. Have From whatever aspect we view the dronkard, his life is one of shame. The Apostle, (and he voiced the command of God and His Church) placed the People may say "the drunkard is

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for them and their hildren. The Imperial edict against alcohol has been so thoroughly enforced that but little liquor is sold. Punishment of bootleggers is so harsh that few men care to engage in the for-bidden traffic, regardless of the im-'My child, I, too, was subject to Mary, mense profits its offers. - Sacred Heart Review.

How to Cook Roman Meal Porridge

water boiling in both vessels, that in inner one salted to taste. Slowly stir in one cup Roman Meal to each two in one cup Roman Meal to each two cups water. Cover, set in outer vessel, and never stir again even while serving. For early breakfast cook at evening meal and warm in morning, using a little less Roman Meal. It's dark, nut-brown oranular rich portidge. It

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HE CATHOLIC RECORD

THE JOY OF BEING trath to continue further. Is there anyone who might have been a Catholic if he had met with other than indifference at your hands ?-New World.

> LOURDES SHRINE, FRANCE FATHER SERVANT TELLS OF

> > MIRACLE HE SAW WROUGHT

The Rev. Robert Servant, rector at Golden, Colo., saw Bernadette Soubiroux, the French girl to whom the Blessed Virgin ravealed herself eighteen times at Lourdes, four times in her lifetime and once when she

When Father Servant was a sem inarian in France he believed firmly in miracles but was somewhat skepti cal about the great number reported from Lourdes. He decided to go and see for himself, and prayed assiduously for several weeks that he might witness a supernatural cure. So marvelous a one did he see that all his skepticism immediately disappeared.

woman of thirty five, was being taken to the shrine. Both her legs were entirely undeveloped from the knee down, and were lifeless. A telegram was sent to her doctor ask ing if she could be cured.

Many pilgrims to the shrine offered

Servant was present in the shrine the woman suddenly let out an unearthly yell and declared that she was She stood beside the young cured. cominerian a few minutes later, with her diseased legs perfectly formed and lengthened. Before the vast crowd of pilgrims, who shouted and sang and prayed as if they had gone mad, so great was their religious frenzy at

her skirt enough to show her two perfectly formed feet, and put one into the hand of Father Servant, who stooped before the throng for this purpose.

the woman's physician that she had been cured. "I will believe it when in times of peace. The European cataclysm is made to stand for a I see her," he answered.

philosophy with which it has less to he was the first to meet the woman do than any war in the world's his at the station. He saw the effects of tory. For, aside from the purely the curs and declared : "This is the religious wars, almost every great work of God. No power on earth could have done it.'

cures at Lourdes are genuine miracles that any physician, no matter what his faith or nationality may be, is given free lodging at the Bureau des Constatations, which stands near the shrine, and has the privilege of examining cases both be fore and after visits have been made to the scene of the miracles. Two hundred to three hundred doctors a

Needless to say, they are utterly unout by the facts in the case. able to explain how the cures come If The argument is often put up by the ignorant that only nervous diseases can be cured, and that they are banished solely by mental suggestion. The fact is, nervous cases do not amount to a fourteenth of the miracles at the shrine. Tuberculosis, tumors, scres, cancers, deafness, blindness-these are the types of diseases that constitute many of the cures. The statistics, it must be remembered, are not kept solely by the core. Catholics. The clinic is open to any type of a physician, from an agnostic

or a Mohammedan to a Catholic.

too discouraged in their search for from 8 o'clock in the morning until ious change. And this contention is said, "you can go straightway to 2 in the atternoon to reach the church. For a week a constant stream of people had passed har bisr. both day and night. The people both day and hight. The people not required to face deam as the memory of the name of front who are still ensouled with the old anti-religious spirit, the old Mary. A scarcely perceptible gasp hatred of the things of Christ. A and all was over: the hoary pagan batter with the distribution of the things of Christ. A and all was over: the hoary pagan batter of the france rails had gone to Mary. —St Paul Bulletin. The first apparition of Bernadette

against prayers to Christ - even prayers for victory. In England, the took place when she was a peasant girl, on February 11, 1858. The last safely housed legislators have reoccurred July 16 of the same year. cently given governmental endorse-Nobody but the girl saw the eighteen ment to atheism, which up to the although others were present at times time of the Bowman bequest was as and saw the effect on Bernadette. illegal on the statute books as Cath-Asked what the vision looked like, oliciam. In Italy, the stay-at home her simple answer was that the patriots have tried to rouse popular

woman was "lovelier than any I have ever seen.

Bernadette heard ber. The child was told of a mysterious fountain in ordered prayers for peace, is crossed the grotto from which she must drink. It had not been there before. sbouldered, and will not shoulder, a She was also told to have the priests gun in defense of their country. build a chapel on the spot and to hold processions to the grotto. fested first the clergy were incredulous ; the amongst the soldiers and their wives Church is always slow to act in such matters. But it was only four years ity of the men between the ages of later that the bishop decided the apparitions were authentic. God has shown in an inexplicable manner how true the visions of Bernadette

Why did he choose a simple peas-

homes to put out of power the men who, having failed to incur the risks fishermen as His of true patriotism, have thereby missed the grace of a reawakening of the faith .--- The Rosary Magazine.



The religious revival has

A White Father of the Villa Maria mission in Uganda tells how three years ago an old negro was led to embrace the Faith through the instrumentality of the Blessed Mother. Early one morning," he writes. "I has been the catchy title of more noticed two negroes hurriedly carry. ing something to the Mussion. They known writers appearing in the had their burden wrapped in a silk large and small religious and secular

cloth and laid it with great care at my magazines since the outbreak of the feet. Imagine my astonishment when I saw their bundle contained a war. It would almost seem as if some of them were written with the human being, a very old, half starved deliberate purpose of using this great world catastrophe as a means negro. Painfully the old man stretched his arms and legs! of convincing people of something of which they could not convince them the fleshless joints cracked like breaking twigs. He was one of those negroes old as the hills he was born among who have many years concealed themselves from us through the superstitious fear that our glance

brings with it instant death. After the aged man had somewhat world struggle struck its roots somerecovered he painfully and with many interruptions told us his wonderful story. "I am from Bisahaga," he be where in religion. The present conflict, in its last analysis, is purely a story. "I am from Blankage, gan. "In my old age I have no one to commercial one-a war for the commercial supremacy of the earth. support me: my children are all mar-ried and live far off. All that was Religion has absolutely nothing to do with it, except in so far as the faith left me was my wife, like my self, old of the soldiers engaged in it and the and weak, and my pipe. My wife got economic changes wrought by it in very sick and I feared she was going to die. What was I to do? I rememsociety are concerned. To talk about the bankruptcy of Christianity," as if Christianity had anything to do with it fundamentally, is sheer nonbered how the Christians of our village used to pray to Mary. When I could still see, I often saw her house sense and an unjustifiable assump yonder on the hill. I said to myself, tion of premises which are not borne that what must come, would come

and that after all it might turn out modern business ideals and that Mary was more powerful than the spirits I had been worshipping. So I methods had had anything in common with Christian ideals and the turned and spoke thus to Mary: 'Now laws of righteousness, we might perthen, Mary, hear my prayer. If Ki haps talk of the failure of Christian. wanaka, the god of my fathers, cannot ity in this crisis. But commerce and money-making long ago parted comsave the life of my wife, I shall leave him and come to thee.'

pany with religion. Business now is frankly worldly, which is the same "My wife died. On the very next day early in the morning I began my thing as saying that it is pagan to journey to the house of Mary. For years I had not travelled so far. My But if Chrisianity cannot be held legs became stiff from the morning responsible for this war-as the dew; the thorns of the wayside tore subtle ensmiss of revealed religion my skin; my tired feet could hardly would have it held responsible-the

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He understood. A happy smile transfigured his deeply fur rowed face. His breatbing became

HOME FIRST

The late Holy Father Pone Pins X. put the home first of all as the sphere of woman's greatest activity.

He said feeling against the priests by the circulation of the most shameful It is a good and beautiful thing to see ladies devoting their time and calumnies, although every one their care to the poor ; but a wo-man's greatest influence will always fighting loyally. The Pope, who be exercised in her own household. Mothers have a divine mission to at every turn by men who have not watch over the Christian education of their children ; wives have a special power for good over their manihusbands; for what husband can resist the tender and tactful appeals itself almost exclusively of a good wife when she urges him and children. And since the major. to attend to his religious duties ? And sisters, by their piety and purity, exercise a chastening and subduing influence over brothers who other nineteen and forty five have come once more under the salutary in wise would be inevitably drawn into fluence of religion while at the front. it is pleasant to contemplate the day vortex of the world .-- Sacred the Heart Review.



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'No power on earth can do it," he wired back.

up prayers that her great affliction would be removed. While Father

the marvelous cure, the woman lifted

Another telegram was sent telling

When the pilgrimage arrived home

So positive is the Church that the year take advantage of this clinic.

Now and then the Blessed Virgin spoke to the girl, but nobody except knows that hundreds of priests are

when, after the last bomb has been thrown, they will return to their ant maid for this honor ? Man cannot explain His ways. He

selected poor fishermen as His apostles. He chose a poor Indian, as humble even as Bernadette, when

SOLVENT AFTER

ALL

"The Bankruptcy of Christianity

than one article by known and un-

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on our own contiennt (in Mexico.) CHRISTIANITY IS

stern compulsion of his superiors, what would be theresult? He would be ruined both in body and in soul. stifles his reason in the quiet of his But it is a mark of God's love that He sets people over the child, who by their care and authority can supply what he still lacks in the way of ex nerience and training. Gratitude for such care ought to make children eager to obey, and where there is no obedience, there is only sinfal ingratitude.

Not only children but grown-up persons also need guidance. Although a man may be able to form a correct opinion of himself and of the various circumstances of life, he may still not be able to consider all circumstances exactly, or to see everything in its true light ; he may make mistakes and require some higher authority to keep him back from dangerous and harmful paths. Moreover, there are many passions to lead astray even intelligent and highly educated people. What a benefit it is for such, if they are subject to the authority of others, who can regard matters impartially, and how advantageous it is for them, if they do not cast good advice to the winds, but follow it ! By doing so they are acting for their own welfare

It follows from Holy Scripture that we ought to obey our superiors even if we do not know why they order us to do this or that, and do not see that the thing ordered is expadient for us.

True obedience consists in doing a thing simply because it is ordered. A man who obeys an order, merely bacause he sees that the thing ordered is advantageous to him, is obeying not so much his superior as his own understanding. Hence it is no excuse for disobedience if any one "I shall not do as I am told. 68**398** : because I do not see the good of it.' A remark of this kind proves that he knows nothing of the principles

drunkard really is a curse not only 11 necessary to himself but to God and society whether he steeps his senses and own room, where he may tumble into bed to sleep off the effects of the drug of drink, or rolls in the mire of the gatter in the public street, the drunkard frequently violates every commandment of the decalogue. He violates the first by making a god of his own beastly appetites ; the second for in his drunken brawls the God of

truth is summed to testify to the word which he knows to be false. Once his passions are heated by intoxicating liquor, the filth, the plasphemy, the cursing and swearing to which the drunkard gives vent, are fit only for the fiends of hell.

Does the drunkard break the third Commandment? How often Sunday morning is used to rest after the carousal of Saturday night, and instead of answering to the call of the church bell the drunkard's only prayer is for opportunity to repeat the gluttony of the yesterday-to glory in his shame. He breaks the fourth whether he

is parent or child. A drunkard's house is not entitled to the sweet name of home. All the sweet affec-tions of family life is blasted by the drunkard-and yet he injures nobody but himself-the robber of his children ; the prodigal of home love ; the thisf whose crime is more reprehensible than that of the burglar in the prison cell.

And so, with the other Commandments, intemperance paves the way to the infringement of all.

VODKALESS VLADIVOSTOK

Writing of how Russia has placed its ban upon vodka, the "one drink which persons of all classes of society cherish in Siberia just as in European Russia," a correspondent of the Advertiser tells how the city Vladivos. tok has been affected by the prohibi tory measure. He says :

The difficulty and expense of getunderlying Christian obedience. The ting liquor are so great that pleasure loving Vladivostok has apparently UNFRIENDLY TO CONVERTS

What is your attitude towards persons who tell you that they are interested in your religion ? You do not regard them with suspicion, and become clam like on church subjects from that time forth, do you ?

Some Catholics do. Distinguished converts like Robert Hugh Benson. son of the archbishop of Canterbury and Albert von Ruville, professor of history at the University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, complain of to see the nun, being forced to do having met such Catholics during this because of the constant begging conversion periods. In his their

of the parent. Back to Holy Church,"translated by Robert Hugh Benson, and published by Longmans, Green and Company,

New York, Dr. Albert von Ruville

BAYS : "In order to come into closer con tact with Catholic circles, I visited my Catholic relations and at their

houses I met some of their priests. They were very kind, but I noticed w th astonishment a certain reserve about religious matters, though I was quite candid about my predilections for the Catholic Church. They neither stimulated me nor encour-

aged me to join their Church ; nay, they hardly even entered my train of thought. This reserve rather vexed me and gave me the idea that they

were somehow suspicious. I almost concluded that I had better not ob trude myself, and that I had better abandon the whole matter if I were not wanted. But on the other hand I said to myself that it would be wrong to make the whole Church responsible for the behavior of a fav people whose discretion was perhaps the rector. quite justified, and that I ought not

to recede before the first obstacle. Meanwhile the thought of my con version took shape more definitely Others would not have been so

persevering. They would have been

Bernadette herself figured. So many pilgrims wanted to see this famous ing less than such a drastic measure girl, who spent her maturity in a convent, that it was necessary to get permission from the bishop to visit her, and cometimes he forbade visit. revival of religion in the warring ors to speak to her. Such precau-

tions were absolutely necessary because of the crowds that would have thronged about her constantly. It was very difficult to gain entrance to

her convent. One woman tried time and again, saying she knew that Bernadette could cure her boy, who was a hopeless cripple. The bishop finally gave permission to the mother to see the nun being forced to do has become the favorite prayer, and

But you must not speak to Sister," he said.

When the mother and her crippled son were admitted, the Superior entered with the famous Sister.

"Take the boy into your arms and go out and pick some flowers," the Superior said to Bernadette.

s not a manly, courgeous, patriotic The cripple was by no means body. The Sisters, by their heroic small, but Bernadette obeyed. As services to the wounded on the battlefield and in the hospitals, have she stooped down to pick a flower close to a staine of the Blessed Virgin, the boy leaped from her arms-

cured ! "He was so heavy that I could not society. And the women at home, who gather the little children at hold him." Bernadette said to the night to pray for the dear ones Mother Superior when she entered. The humble nun did not know that fighting at the front, are sowing she had been the vehicle for another miracle

Father Servant was personally acquainted with the boy who was cured.

"Do you think Bernadette will be canonized ?" The Register reporter asked the priest. "It is only a matter of time," said

The war has brought thousands The first time Father Servant saw Bernadette he served a Mass when she received Holy Communion. At upon thousands of men face to face with death. And death is the great Revealer. Shams fade away into her funeral the convent was about twelve blocks away from the cathethin air in the light of eternity.

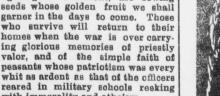
It deal, but such dense crowds had is this sobering experience gathered that it took the procession has brought about the great which has brought about the great relig-

Father Servant knew personally of great conflict has had the unexpected carry me. At last I came to the river. another miraculous cure, in which salutary effect of awakening religi 'Shall I be able to get across it?' Mary helped me and I reached the ous sentiments in men whom nothother bank safe. But then I fainted away. After a while I came to and could have aroused from their spir dragged myself to an abandoned hut itual torpor. Day by day consoling near by. There I lay three days with stories reach us of the extraordinary opt food or drink. Then I said to my self: 'If only I had the strength to armies. In the trenches, prayers go call to some passerby, I would ask him to go to Mary and tell her that I can up unceasingly to God for protection for the sad ones at home-for the not get any farther and that she should please send and fetch me be fatherland-from lips which only a short time ago were loud in blasfore I die.' Then Mary sent me two of her servants and now I am here." nhemy. Posms to the Blessed Virgin have been composed by men whose But my hoary popil must first be talents up to the outbreak of the war were devoted solely to the instructed. He learned eagerly and apotheosis of the flesh. The Rosary quickly. He had soon made such progress that I was struck with aston even the English Protestant soldiers are carrying Mary's beads. The twenty-five thousand French priests who are serving as common soldiers in the ranks have had a chance to tear away the bandages placed over the eyes of their countrymen by re-

shment. I asked him one day how i was he learned so rapidly. The old man replied : "I have often heard all that you have been telling me : the Christians of my village used to speak about these things." And what would you say when you heard them?" what 'I would say: Let them tell their ligious indifference, anti-clericalism stories to their heart's content." "But what did you think in your and atheism. No one will ever again be able to say that the clergy neart?" I thought within myself

They're right.' A few days later the old man told me that he felt sure he was about to die, because he could scarcely breathe. I baptized him giving him the name of Mary Joseph.

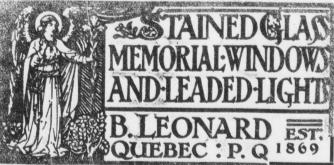
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