

provided it is praiseworthy. So what would you like: praise of men or praise of GOD? And should men still notice your secret deed and praise you for it, then accept it calmly or say in secret: „LORD, You know it all comes from You, I would not be up to doing it. It was your present that I was able to do it“ , or: „It was You who called me to do it.“

See to it that you do not treat CHRIST's kingship, GOD's breath, that which is divine, which you carry in you, disrespectfully. On the contrary, work with it. But not only in religious matters. The SAVIOUR, too, has worked many years as a carpenter. In whatever you do, even in worldly affairs, you should always act in a divine manner. Amen!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the ✚ FATHER and the ✚ SON
and the ✚ HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Feast of CHRIST the King

Today we celebrate the Feast of „JESUS, the King!“, or as the Church would say: the Feast of CHRIST the King! – CHRIST is Head of the Body, the Church, writes st. Paul. Consequently the head of the Church is kingly, divine. Are, therefore, we, who are the members of this mystical Body, also kingly, also divine? Or am I a sponger, a disease-causing agent on this Body of CHRIST, or an abomination to it? Can the SAVIOUR appear to His Heavenly FATHER and the HOLY GHOST as King in His mystical Body? Or does He have to present Himself as a leper in rags begging for mercy, with His members eaten away and festering? – These are questions we must ask ourselves.

With our best will and intentions, however, we will never be able to live up to the royal election. We will always be miserable, unworthy! And yet the FATHER in Heaven wants us to be kingly, divine members of CHRIST's mystical Body. And therefore He has sent His SON to us that He may wipe out our guilt and we may find mercy despite our continual failing. He has sent us the HOLY GHOST, through JESUS' merits, that He may sanctify us and enable us to do holy things. But we must put ourselves at GOD's disposal, must co-operate with Him.

Gaining Heaven

What does man understand by Heaven? There are thousands, nay millions of Heavens. Seen from a mystical point of view I venture to say: Every person will receive a Heaven of his own if he lives as appropriate. And I tell you: To be permitted to be in Heaven for only a second, it would be well worth while bearing all torments that ever existed and will exist on earth – indeed all this were nothing in contrast with this glory. A Heaven

lasting for ever is waiting for us. It is incomprehensible that GOD should give us the possibility here on earth of being allowed to build and deserve that Heaven which we will afterwards have in eternity. So much does the Heavenly FATHER love us and hold us in esteem! – Nothing, however, will grow in the garden if you do not tend it. So also is Heaven. If you do not plant, cultivate it, offer your caring and love to it, you will not have anything for everlasting blessedness!

Sometimes it seems to me as if we built a castle of sand or clay somewhere on a sea-shore, and time after time it is washed away by the waves and each time we have to start from scratch – as though GOD continually gathered up our works, and we were left with nothing and once more are permitted to start all over again.

In what way do you prepare Heaven for yourself? By not killing, not stealing? No, by imitating the SAVIOUR in His earthly life and emulating Him in His speech and actions. Pronounce, for instance, only words that also the SAVIOUR or Mary would speak. Even if you were unrecognized here in this dust of the earth on account of GOD, in Heaven you will be rightly recognized.

Bringing up

If I say that you should love your neighbour, that does not mean that you must have a so-called infatuation, just putting up with everything in silence. If you never correct your child as a father or a mother, but instead allow it to do everything, then your child will be lost. It will have a weak character lacking a sense of what is right and wrong as an adult, and it will not be satisfied with anything. First it wants a bike, then a motor cycle, next a car, a Rolls-Royce, a villa – insatiable! On the other hand, you cannot forbid the child everything, so that it will say: „When I have come of age, then I will do what I like!“ The child can very well tell whether father or mother would only like to have some peace, whether they simply want to rule or whether they mean well.

Father and mother must know that not only they, but also the child is king before GOD. Are not the children greater than the grown-ups because they are innocent? We, parents, have nothing other to do in this world than so to bring up the child that it will stand upright, quietly tell the truth and find the

way to Heaven. We do all want to meet again over there, do we not? Consider: What sorrow for you, if your child would once cry in hell for ever, you, however, were eternally blessed in Heaven! How do you believe will it be with GOD, the FATHER, and Mary, the Mother? What grief for so many lost children!

GOD's children

A bird's-eye view of Switzerland was shown on television yesterday. As I was watching a while, GOD showed me many, many windows of the houses like holes: souls, souls, souls, so many souls who, were they now to die, would be lost for ever. Each window beyond which a lost soul lives was like a hole to me. What grief, what sorrow must that be for GOD, the FATHER!

We are unable to estimate what we mean to GOD. He respects His work into which He breathed divine life to such an extent that, generous and loving as He is, He gives each human person a very personal soul, as nobody else possesses, and an absolutely free will. And we are allowed to say to this All-powerful Sovereign, Creator of all being: „FATHER – You, FATHER!“ – GOD's breath does not live in animals and plants, these do not possess a personal soul but GOD's will, GOD's protection is with them. One could say: they are animated by GOD. Therefore they, too, feel the need for love.

Acting in a divine manner

So we carry in us something that is of GOD, but how often do we act in an ungodly manner. How often do we besmirch in us that which is of GOD by misusing the GOD-ly breath for ungodly deeds with our own free will. We offend GOD with that which GOD gives us! Therefore even a small sin is so terrible. On the other hand, however, the smallest good thing we do is so valuable for the very reason that we have in us something that is of GOD. Not for nothing does one say: A glass of water given to your neighbour in love can be greater before the eyes of GOD than building a cathedral. – The secret good deed which is not seen or paid no heed to by men is great, pure and precious before GOD, even if it serves your neighbour. But something great which is seen by many and meets with recognition, GOD need not recognize it anymore for it is already rewarded. That is to say: everything for which you do not receive a reward from men, GOD will praise you for it,