

fire will burn you up. So: Either you will burn out of love of GOD or you will burn in hell eternally.

Pleasing GOD

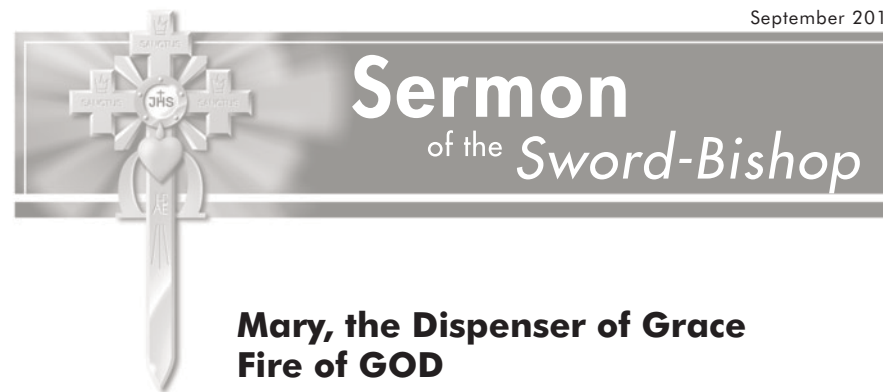
Help GOD and help me by living a GOD-pleasing life. I do not expect you to live like saints. It would be nice, but I do not expect you to. What I do expect is that you strive to practise the virtues. Just try! There are some who exercise them in a fantastic way, though it is not one hundred per cent perfect, but GOD is so very much pleased with it! For there are so few who give Him love. How very pleased is GOD with even the littlest attempt and I am pleased with Him. Just give it a try! And to those who have always practised them: Please continue to do so. Amen!



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

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Sermon of the *Sword-Bishop*

Mary, the Dispenser of Grace Fire of GOD

My beloved, here, in this statue of the Empress Mary we have a wonderful image of the Mother of GOD. This image is like a prism. It is like a mirror into which Mary looks from Heaven and is reflected to us according to our human grasp. The artist who carved this statue really spared no effort to make a sublime "mirror". – So if we play songs to the honour of Mary, the Mother of GOD, as we have just done, then you should look at this image of Mary, the Mother of GOD. Because from this image shines forth the splendour of her grace, that strength which she wants to give to you. That is mysticism! – She is a spring, as they say. But you will have to go up to a spring in order to draw water from it! The blind are led to a spring. Those who see can go on their own to draw from it. Through this statue Mary, the Mother of GOD, wants to give a new miracle-working spring to mankind. However, she can only do this if we often go to her to open this spring. Otherwise it will dry up again! For the more we drink from this spring, the more abundantly it will begin to flow.

A Present to Mary

If it is someone's feast day, it is a custom to give a present. Today it is Mary's feast day and it would be her greatest delight if we please GOD. So all who are capable of loving: love GOD! At least make a strong resolution to do so. Whoever does not feel any love, let him please GOD with the longing of love he would like to have for Him. Once in a while every person has a period of dryness or a

time of crisis. But it is always possible to make GOD happy. Maybe that is exactly what will save you, if, without any deep spiritual feelings, you do works of love just the same, speak words of love to GOD. How often have souls been saved from hell merely by little things? Maybe someone once saved a little image of a Saint from going to the rubbish dump, someone else prayed just one "Hail Mary" every day, and so they were saved!

The Apple in the Queen's Hand

Listen to a parable as GOD showed it to me: Once upon a time there was a poor, simple farmer who in his heart had but a loyal affection to his king, whom he admired beyond anything. He had just finished working in his stable when he found the first red-cheeked apple under his apple tree: „I will give it to the king, who will be very pleased with it!“ Joyfully he picked up the apple and hurried up to the castle on the hill. In his loyal affection love to the king, he completely forgot that he was still wearing his stable clothes and his dirty boots, and that his hair was full of straw. When he came to the palace gates he was refused admittance by the royal guard. There was a real fuss when the loyal farmer would not take 'no' for an answer and insisted that he be led to the king.

The queen, who happened to be walking in the palace gardens, heard this noise and she went to see what was going on. She found the desperate farmer in the midst of the struggling royal guards. She immediately recognized what was going on, stepped up to the farmer and asked him gently: „What is your wish? Why have you come here?“ Then the farmer took heart again, stretched out his hand with the apple to the queen and said: „I wanted to make the king a little happy and give him this red-cheeked apple. It is the first one of my garden.“ The queen who saw the faithful love of the farmer rather than the apple, took the apple, casted a conciliating glance at the guards as only the queen could do, and told the farmer cheering him up: „Well, come along with me,“ and together they went up the high, ornate marble steps with the golden railing to the palace.

Of course, the queen had noticed that the apple was not without a spot, and there was even a little worm-hole in it. So she told the farmer to wait and she took the apple into the royal kitchen. There she cleaned it, removed the bad spots and the worm-hole. Then she cut it into delicious slices. But the apple still looked meagre. So she went and fetched a precious silver tablet and fine silver cutlery. With loving care she arranged the apple slices on the tablet and put the silver cutlery to it.

The farmer was fascinated by the loving help of his queen and his eyes lit up even more as the queen encouraged him to accompany her to the king. – „Who is it?“ the king asked when they knocked at his door. Seeing the farmer in his dirty clothes he became really angry and was just about to shout: „Get out! How dare you appear before the king like that!“ – But the queen anticipated his rage lovingly: „This loyal farmer wants to make you, oh king, happy by giving you this apple – the first one of his garden.“ Pleased with the queen's sweetness and the apple prepared with loving care, the king was reconciled, he gently turned to the farmer and asked him: „Farmer, what do you want from me?“

Explanation

Our gifts, which we want to give to GOD, are imperfect like the bad, worm-eaten apple. Our sin-prone humanity is before GOD as if we were dressed in dirt. Mary, the Mother of GOD, is the Dispenser of grace. She makes our works perfect. Her charm will reconcile GOD's righteousness.

Age of the HOLY SPIRIT

What GOD needs today is love. For the age of the HOLY SPIRIT is bound to begin, and He is love. Or let me put it this way: The HOLY SPIRIT is fire! Either He is the fire of love of GOD, the fire of enthusiasm, of fervour, or otherwise: He is the fire of destruction, the fire which burns all ungodliness. If the HOLY SPIRIT comes upon the earth like a fire-roller and finds you practising love, then He will enkindle in you perfect love. If, however, you are lukewarm or in death-bringing sin, then this
