

If you very strictly observed all Commandments and painstakingly kept from sinning, but in the process were only concerned about your own interests, you are a selfish person. If you then stand before GOD, He will not be very pleased and the only thing He can say to you is: „You were a smart guy. You knew how to live so as not to be flung away by Me.“ – That is not love! Everything I do or do not must be characterised by the Main Commandment. If we take a look into the churches today it is a frightening sight. Of course, you will find someone or other enkindled with a zealous love, but the totality ... Where will you find a priest or other person living his life according to the Main Commandment, loving with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, with all his strength? With the first Christians you could see it. Amen!

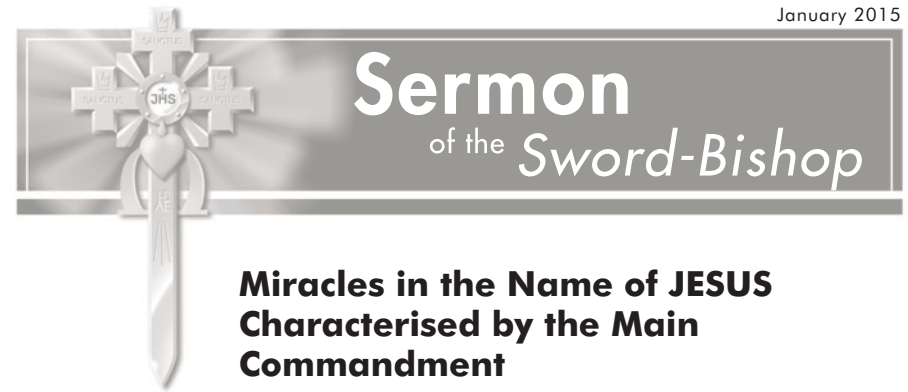
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

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Miracles in the Name of JESUS Characterised by the Main Commandment

Dearly beloved in the LORD! The Name of JESUS is capable of driving out demons. The Apostles and afterwards all the saintly priests zealous for GOD, but also laymen, had the power to work miracles in the Name of JESUS. Not without reason Paul says: „At the Name of JESUS every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth.“ (cf. Phil 2,10)

It pleased GOD to vest power in this Name. It is the same, too, with magical operations, in which power develops by pronouncing of certain words. And what will happen if someone utters the Name of his most dearly beloved? Also the priest ought to be aware of this. It is true that by his ordination GOD's power has been put into him, but it will only have an effect if he acts in faith, in the Name and in the power of JESUS. Particularly during exorcisms one recognises what power there lies in uttering the Name of JESUS, provided that he who utters the holy Name of JESUS, has faith. „Your faith has helped you! – As you have believed, so be it done to you!“ says Sacred Scripture.

Works without Love Are Selfishness

One meets so many incredibly knowing people, who have been around, who have a very good intellectual grasp of other people, but not of themselves. In the world you learn that so many are convinced that they know what is right in GOD's eyes. You would almost think that the priest is no more than a means to an end.

That he is only suitable to administer the Sacraments, to consecrate bread and wine into the Flesh and Blood of JESUS ...

If you want to know in what state the outside world is, how confused even intelligent people often are, then take as a measure the Main Commandment, which GOD gave to men even before CHRIST was on the earth: „You shall love the LORD, your GOD, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength!“ This is the first Commandment. And the second is like it: „You shall love your neighbour as yourself!“ And there is yet another word which gives us backing: „He who loves father, mother, wife, children more than Me, is not worthy of Me.“ (cf. Mt 10,37) We should measure ourselves and the world against these words. But not so as to condemn, but in order to see how bad things are looking.

Investing Good Deeds Profitably

If you observe the 10 Commandments, but not the Main Commandment, what then have you actually done? That is selfishness. In that case you have only lived for yourself. You can do good works either by merely considering your own interests, by just doing them so that you may obtain a good place in Heaven for it, or you can perform good works according to the Main Commandment, out of selfless love of GOD and neighbour. Doing good to your neighbour so that he may emerge from his sluggishness, his doubt about GOD, his awkward situation, so that a soul can be saved for GOD. That will make you perfect, will make your work valuable.

No bank manager will sit at his desk, press the money to his chest while cherishing it like a treasure. No, he will skilfully and ingeniously invest it. All his efforts are concentrated on achieving the biggest possible profit. It ought to be the same with us. Good works performed not so as to obtain a good place in Heaven, but out of unselfish love of GOD and neighbour, are the most valuable with a view to eternity.

If people try hard to make progress for their life on earth, in order to improve, to become well-off, then it is alright before GOD. GOD

wants to have hard-working, passionate people. But if people are willing to even toil for this earthly life, why not likewise for eternal life in Heaven? That is why GOD gave us only this time on earth. Here on earth you gather the treasure which you will have in the next world.

Many First Ones Will Be Last Ones

Perhaps there is someone, who sinned very gravely for years and years. Finally he is granted the grace to convert because there was someone praying for him. If he now encounters other people who have never been slaves to sin, he could become disheartened and say: „These people have never grievously offended GOD and now they have a tremendous merit in Heaven. I have nothing to show but time spent uselessly.“ Well, this squandered time will only count as wasted for you until the day you convert. Because GOD’s justice thought up something special in return.

Do you remember the parable of the lord of the vineyard? The lord of a vineyard went out in the morning to the town’s marketplaces to hire workers for his vineyard. Thus he went out each hour to hire additional workers. Even in the evening, at the last hour, he hired workers for his vineyard, because he noticed that the others are not able to finish the work. When evening came and wages were paid, those who had worked the whole day received the same pay as those who had only worked in the vineyard for the last hour. When the workers of the first hour protested, the lord of the vineyard said: „I am not being unfair. Had we not agreed on these wages? I simply want to give the one who was hired last exactly the same as I give you. Do I not have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Or are you envious because I am so generous?“ Thus, many who are last will be first, and the first ones will be last ones.

Do understand, GOD only considers the present moment. Even if you did evil in the past and are now giving pleasure to GOD, you will meet a happy GOD, if you die now.
