

SAYING “YES” TO GOD

“If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give Himself to the soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings or falls - absolutely noting”

(Diary, 291)

WEEK TEN



This week we are going to see what is in the heart of the process of Repentance. It is something so small, but at the same time, so important and very hard to achieve. It is very hard believe me. I am talking about that little word called YES. Yes, my friends, to repent it is more than necessary, it is of paramount importance, that in effect, if you don't say YES, there is no repentance.

God is calling us, Jesus is knocking at the door of our heart.... Can't you see what is happening?

God is not like a boss, although He is the big Boss. When it comes to ask us to convert, to repent, He is asking our permission, He is asking our big YES.

Today is the 4th of Advent, and this Friday, Jesus is born, Jesus our Saviour.... And all started with a big, wonderful YES, and thanks to that YES, mankind is saved. Let us talk about the annunciation to the Virgin Mary by God almighty, through His messenger, the Archangel Gabriel.

Let us read this as an example, how we should say YES to the invitation of repentance.

God the Father must have believed in Mary, a very young girl of Nazareth, in choosing her as the mother of his only-begotten son. He placed all his trust in Mary, to save all of humanity. That is, we understand here how God, the almighty, intrinsically wanted to save the world, with that “sine qua non” condition, that a representative of humanity was co-author of it. God did not use the method, which we here in the world use often and willingly, to command as: I am the boss, you must do this and do it, otherwise ... God has used and still uses today, His method of Love asked a human person, Mary, one of the humblest on earth, if she would accept this role. This is a sign of high fidelity to respect for our free will. The words spoken by the angel, that is, by the ambassador of God, required an answer: either a yes or a no from the Virgin Mary.

I imagine, dear readers, like the whole world, the whole universe, all the skies suspended their breath as if in apnea, because from that response of the virgin, the fate of all humanity and, as Saint Paul says, of the whole creation depended.



In that total silence of the entire universe, only Mary's heart could be heard, her beating full of the fear of God, which is one of the graces of the Holy Spirit.

After having clarified a detail with the ambassador, the archangel Gabriel, let's put it this way technical: but how could I, if I don't know any man yet here comes the much desired Yes: His will be done, I am the handmaid of the Lord, as we read in the Gospel of Jesus Christ written by Saint Luke, chapter 1, verse 38:

Then Mary said: "Here I am, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you said happen to me."

At this moment I imagine the joyful cry of billions of angels in the sky, the chirping, the singing of birds in the air, the vigorous whispering of all the branches of all the plants on earth, the rush of all the streams, streams and rivers on the mainland, the sea gave its cry of joy shattering billions of waves on the beaches, all creation gave its cry of joy and relief: Maria said yes ... finally we did it, finally creation will be saved.

Just like then, our YES to the invitation of repentance, generates the same joy like then.... How do we know that? Jesus himself said that, in His gospel written by Saint Luke, 15:7

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

There you go.

I am only asking, dear reader, who are double checking, if it is the right thing to do to convert or not, alone those words of Jesus should give you the answer. If your repentance and conversion is the reason for such a joy..... what more do we need, to understand that it is the right thing to do.

You are so important to Jesus, to God the Father, to the Holy Spirit, which is unbelievable. You just have to believe it. That is why Jesus told saint Faustina to write under His painting of the Divine Mercy these words:

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.



If we muster only a "flicker of good will, the mercy of God will accomplish the rest" (see *Diary*, 1486). We can make a simple offering of ourselves or a gesture expressing our good will. Then, the Lord will take us deeper and further into His love. Even St. Faustina had to probe her soul more deeply when the Lord told her that there was something she still had not offered Him. Finally, she cried out, "Jesus, tell me what it is, and I will give it to You at once with a generous heart."

Jesus replied with kindness, **"Daughter, give Me your misery, because it is your exclusive property."**

"At that moment, a ray of light illumined my soul," writes St. Faustina, "and I saw the whole abyss of my misery. In that same moment, I nestled close to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with so much trust that even if I had the sins of all the damned weighing on my conscience, I would not have doubted God's mercy" (*Diary*, 1318).