

The Gospel of the day

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Remain in my love 2 MAY (Jn 15,9-11)

The Father's love for Jesus surpasses for eternity and divinity every other love. It is infinitely beyond every love the Father pours out on man and the whole of creation. What the prophecies tell of his love for man is nothing compared to the divine charity with which the Father loves the Son, in eternity and time.

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name; your walls are ever before me. Your rebuilders make haste, as those who tore you down and laid you waste go forth from you; Look about and see, they are all gathering and coming to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall be arrayed with them all as with adornments, like a bride you shall fasten them on you. (Is 49,13-18).

Thus the word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations. Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem: By origin and birth you are of the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. As for your birth, the day you were born your navel cord was not cut; you were neither washed with water nor anointed, nor were you rubbed with salt, nor swathed in swaddling clothes. No one looked on you with pity or compassion to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out on the ground as something loathsome, the day you were born. Then I passed by and saw you weltering in your blood. I said to you: Live in your blood and grow like a plant in the field. You grew and developed, you came to the age of puberty; your breasts were formed, your hair had grown, but you were still stark naked. Again I passed by you and saw that you were now old enough for love. So I spread the corner of my cloak over you to cover your nakedness; I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you; you became mine, says the Lord God. Then I bathed you with water, washed away your blood, and anointed you with oil. I clothed you with an embroidered gown, put sandals of fine leather on your feet; I gave you a fine linen sash and silk robes to wear. I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms, a necklace about your neck, a ring in your nose, pendants in your ears, and a glorious diadem upon your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver; your garments were of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. Fine flour, honey, and oil were your food. You were exceedingly beautiful, with the dignity of a queen. You were renowned among the nations for your beauty, perfect as it was, because of my splendor which I had bestowed on you, says the Lord God. (Ex 16,1-14).

This love of redemption, elevation and true salvation that the Father reserves to his creature is nothing compared to the love that He nurtures and lives for Jesus. Jesus is the eternal fruit of the love of the Father. We can affirm that the love of the Father is Jesus. In this eternal, incarnate, divine, human, heavenly, earthly, spiritual and physical love, the Father loves all his creatures. There are no two loves in God: one for Jesus and one for his created universe. But only one love: the one for Jesus: in and with which he loves every man. Jesus is the divine, eternal and human love, through which the Father loves us.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

Jesus is also the love through which and in which we must love the Father. We must get covered with all his love if we really, truly and actually want to love our Heavenly Father. Never might who is out of this love, be able to love the Father according to the truth. He will love him according to the feelings and the promptings of his heart; but these are not true, they are false, because they are not purified, not elevated and not sanctified in the love of Jesus. Christ Jesus loves the Father by giving him his mind, his heart and his everything. The Christian loves the Father in Christ, by giving all of himself to Christ: his heart, his mind and his own body. This gift is accomplished by making us with out lives a perpetual act of obedience to all the commandments of Lord Jesus.

Virgin Mary, Mother of the Redemption, Angels and Saints teach us this true love.