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**Jl 1,13-15; 2,1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11,15-26**

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History, up to its consummation, is a fight without any truce between God and his servants and between Satan and his servants. God and his servants fight to free man from the slavery of Satan. Satan and his servants fight to regain what God and his servants took from him. Some biblical examples can help us. Once created, man and woman do not belong to Satan. He goes to their conquest. As soon as the children of Israel stipulate the covenant, they become the property of God. Satan immediately goes to their conquest. He makes them a people of idolaters and immoral.

*Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the Lord God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is bad." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves (Gen 3,1-7).*

*When the people became aware of Moses' delay in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him." Aaron replied, "Have your wives and sons and daughters take off the golden earrings they are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron, who accepted their offering, and fashioning this gold with a graving tool, made a molten calf. Then they cried out, "This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." On seeing this, Aaron built an altar before the calf and proclaimed, "Tomorrow is a feast of the Lord." Early the next day the people offered holocausts and brought peace offerings. Then they sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel (Ex 32,1-6).*

To remain servants of the Lord there is only one safe place in which one must always live: the Word of the Lord. You come out of the Word, you are already servants of Satan. That is what the ancient serpent wants: that we come out of the Word. Having come out, there is no more escape for us. We are his prey, his slaves and his servants to spread evil on earth. Today Satan has succeeded in creating a religion without Word, without Gospel and without Truth. He is making us all servants of an anthropology of sin and perdition, using as his lethal weapon some words like mercy and welcome, but without truth.

*Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his*

*possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armour on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, 'I shall return to my home from which I came.' But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that person is worse than the first."*

The Word of the Gospel is the only place where Satan has no power. He screams

so that we get out, outlining for us a thousand reasons to get out of it. Who comes out is already his.

Mother of God, Angels and Saints, ensure that we never get out of the Word of our God.