

298. Behold the Holiness of God!

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. *Is. 6, 3.*

No evil ever proceeded from God. Rather could darkness proceed from the sun than evil from the holy God. Behold the bright luminaries in the skies: the sun, the moon, and the starry host. How dazzling is their luster! How radiant is their splendor! But what is the luster and splendor of these heavenly bodies compared with the light in which God dwells forever!

Now, if God is holy and holiness itself, then each and every sin and transgression must be an abomination before Him; as we read in the 5th Psalm: "Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with Thee." He Himself says: "Ye shall be holy; for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." And again: "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This is the law which the holy God has made for us and to which He bound us. And we are bound to it. He surely has the right to give us commandments. He is the one Lawgiver. Should we not submit to His holy will? Should we not love Him and willingly do according to His commandments? Yes, we must lead a godly life after by faith we became His children and He our heavenly Father. It must not be said of us: "Thou that makest thy boast of the Law, through breaking the Law dishonorest thou God. For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you." Of us, who are the children of light, it should rather be said: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We should not be conformed to the world and be drawn into the world, but make a firm stand for principle, and by our example of a truly Christian life draw as many as we can of the children of this world into our Christian ranks. This is our duty as the children of light whose Father is the God of holiness.

Prayer.

O Thou Holy God, govern, I beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit, my heart, mind, and thoughts, all my designs and purposes, my words and works, that I may understand what is good or evil and may so live and walk as a child of light in this wicked and perverted world of darkness that, above all things, I will hate sin and have a heartfelt desire for that heavenly home purchased and secured for me by Christ, my Savior, and not forfeit it by a life of sin. Amen.

Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Holy art Thou, O Lord most high!"
And 'mid the light of that blest place
Shall gaze upon Thee face to face.

Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O Holy Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

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