

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

WISDOM OF GOD



My brothers and sisters in Christ, the first reading speaks to us of a pearl of great price: **Wisdom of God. This consists of welcoming the Holy Spirit who wants to dwell in the heart of the baptized.** We can only acquire it if we allow ourselves to be imbued with the Gospel. The Holy Spirit only asks to act in our hearts. He helps us discern what is best. He only waits for one thing, that we open our hearts to him. Wisdom leads us to change our view of God and the world.

After this praise of wisdom, we have that of the word of God. It is the extract from the letter to the Hebrews that was proclaimed in the second reading. It is a word that does not just instruct us. It reveals us to ourselves as God sees us. It discerns what is most intimate in each

person's heart.

With the Gospel we discover Christ who is presented to us as wisdom and the word of God. He shows us a man who comes to find Jesus. He asks him the question that is close to his heart: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus reminds him of the commandments, that of loving God and those of loving one's neighbor.

The Gospel then tells us that Jesus looked at him. We find this attitude of Jesus very often in the Gospels. Let us remember Peter's vocation. The way Jesus looked at him implies a call. **When Jesus calls a disciple, He fixes His gaze on him. He makes the very love of God shine on him.** This way of loving comes from the Heart of Jesus; His gaze and His love are a call for us.

By calling this man who comes to him, Jesus puts His finger on what is wrong in his life: having a decent life is not enough. This is the whole difference between an irreproachable life and a life in love. **Jesus invites us to move from a life defined by commandments to a life inhabited by love.** This love cannot be satisfied with strict duty. It goes much further. To love is to give everything, it is to give oneself to the one who wants to be our only shepherd. With him we lack nothing. Saint Therese said: "Since I became free from human goods, I am totally happy." What is proposed to us is to let ourselves be invaded by this gaze and this love of Christ. On the day of our baptism, we were immersed in this ocean of love that is in him. If we remain in communion with him, we will understand that his demands are not a threat but a call to live in fullness.

My brothers and sisters, the Gospel is a call not to get hung up on our possessions but to put them at the service of our wounded brothers and sisters. It is at this price that we will be witnesses to the Gospel of Christ. **At the end of our life, we will be judged on love. Even if we make mistakes, we must never stop loving. This is the only way to inherit eternal life.**

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