

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: For the Glory of God
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“All things do ye in the name of the Lord.” Col 3:17

God created all things for His glory and so we must do all for His glory. The world judges it proper that men should search after the Lord sometimes, e.g., on Sundays or when faced with a crisis, but the search for God and giving Him His due glory requires a 24/7 approach to serving Him. The world would consider that to be religious mania and would argue that extremes should be avoided in religious affairs. We, however, must see what Christ wants and not what the world suggests. We were created to be with God for all eternity, by grace here below and by the beatific vision in the world to come. This is what we were made for and this is our ultimate happiness. The world did not bring us out of nothing, God did and we owe God everything.

If our goal is to get to heaven, then we should strive to give God all the glory, for He alone deserves it. Much of God’s glory is lost because of our sins and through forgetfulness of God. Even good people fall victim to holding back God’s glory at times because of human respect or a false sense of moderation, which is often just sloth. Our Lord gave us the example of zeal for His Father’s House. He labored for souls, agonized over our sins to the point of sweating blood and showed a great love for us. If we are to follow Christ, then love will be the guiding principle of the interior and exterior life. This begins with the state of grace and then showing charity to all around us. “Deus caritas est.” God is love.

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