



Daily Reflections

October 21, 2017

Scripture

Luke 12: 8-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you,

everyone who acknowledges me before others

the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God.

But whoever denies me before others

will be denied before the angels of God.

"Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven,

but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit

will not be forgiven.

When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities,

do not worry about how or what your defense will be

or about what you are to say.

For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say."

Our Scripture Reflection

Blasphemy means to claim a divine prerogative, or in other words, to play God. The unforgivable sin to which Jesus refers lies on the soul of the person who rejects God completely as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Someone who carries out such an act has set himself or herself up to be god unto themselves. Since only God has the power to grant eternal life, the person who rejects Him is left to endure eternal damnation. What an incredible tragedy!

Food for your Journey

Don't wait for the Last Judgment. It takes place every day.

--Albert Camus, *The Fall*, cited in *The Harper Religious & Inspirational Quotation Companion* (New York: Harper & Row, 1989).

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I ask Your forgiveness for the many times I have turned my back to You through my sins. Please forgive and heal me as I repent and turn my heart back to You. Keep me faithful, Oh Lord. Amen.