



Daily Reflections

July 26, 2018

Scripture

Matthew 13: 10-17

The disciples approached Jesus and said,
"Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?"

He said to them in reply,

"Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven
has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.

To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich;
from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

This is why I speak to them in parables, because
they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.

Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,

they have closed their eyes,

lest they see with their eyes

and hear with their ears

and understand with their hearts and be converted

and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears, because they hear.

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people

longed to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Our Scripture Reflection

True faith is not for the disinterested, lazy or complacent. Real faith is a "use it or lose it" proposition. Having faith and growing in faith requires work; it is spiritual exercise. If you put effort and energy into your faith, it will deepen and grow. Isn't Jesus worth it?

Food for your Journey

In one of my earlier books (The Parables of Judgment), I illustrated the presence of the Mystery of Christ -- of the Word of God incarnate throughout all of time and space -- by likening it to an iceberg floating beneath the surface of history. Since icebergs float nine-tenths down and one-tenth up, that gave me the idea of saying that the incarnation of God in Christ worked the same way. If you go down below history at any moment whatsoever, you find the one, single iceberg of the Word made flesh lying right beneath your feet: That's the hidden presence of the Mystery of Christ. But if you look across the surface of history, you see portions of that same iceberg sticking up in plain sight -- you see upthrustings of Jesus the Word into the events of history: Those are the revealed presence's of the Mystery. --Robert Farrar Capon

A Prayer from the Heart

Lord, There are so many distractions in this life. Many "voices" compete for my attention, some are impure and sinful. Touch my heart with Your love and may Your love inspire me to seek the closest relationship possible with You through prayer. Amen