



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 12: 1-7

At that time:

So many people were crowding together
that they were trampling one another underfoot.

Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples,

"Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy—of the Pharisees.

"There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.

Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness
will be heard in the light,

and what you have whispered behind closed doors
will be proclaimed on the housetops.

I tell you, my friends,

do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but after that can do no more.

I shall show you whom to fear.

Be afraid of the one who after killing
has the power to cast into Gehenna;

yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one.

Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins?

Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God.

Even the hairs of your head have all been counted.

Do not be afraid.

You are worth more than many sparrows."

Our Scripture Reflection

In the Bible, fear is often pictured as the exact opposite of faith. Jesus exhorts the would-be disciples to anchor their lives completely on His and their Heavenly Father. When they do nothing in this life can ever take from them the most important thing we have as children of God....our immortal souls. We were created in love by God, we belong to God and we are destined to be with Him in the life that never ends.

Food for your Journey

Anyone who has ever taught or attempted to lead others knows the tendency in all of us toward exaggerating our depth of character while treating leniently our flaws. The Bible calls this tendency hypocrisy. We consciously or subconsciously put forward a better image of ourselves than really exists. The outward appearance of our character and the inner reality (that only God, we and perhaps our family members know) do not match.

—C.S. Lewis.

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, You created me in love and redeemed me through the Blood of Your only Son, Jesus. I belong to You and I am destined to be with You. Help me, Father, to live each day as the person You created me to be always striving to please You. Amen