



Daily Reflections

October 25, 2018

Scripture

Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,
three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Our Scripture Reflection

The kind of Peace that Jesus came to give runs contrary to the prevailing understanding of peace in our world. The prevailing understanding of peace in our society means:

1. An absence of war, or more accurately, a lull in the midst of violence or strife. It is fragile, tentative.

2. Maintain the status quo, don't rock the boat peace...peace at all costs.

Jesus' Peace as He says in John 14: 27 is a Peace this world cannot give:

1. It is best understood as a whole-ness. Everything is right for people, between people, and most important between people and God.

2. Things have to change radically, beyond the status quo, if this true Peace is to occur.

Food for You Journey

If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will, in the end, make no difference what you have chosen instead.

--William Law.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I long for Your Peace, a Peace this world neither knows nor has the capacity to give. Help me, Lord, to do my part to bring it about. May I strive to be righteous in Your eyes and to be righteous with others. May I pray always, "Thy will be done." Amen