



Daily Reflections

November 25, 2016

Scripture

Revelation 20:1-4, 11–21:2

I, John, saw an angel come down from heaven,
holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain.

He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent,
which is the Devil or Satan,

and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss,
which he locked over it and sealed,
so that it could no longer lead the nations astray
until the thousand years are completed.

After this, it is to be released for a short time.

Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment.

I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded

for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God,

and who had not worshiped the beast or its image

nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands.

They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.
The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.
The sea gave up its dead;
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.
(This pool of fire is the second death.)
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
was thrown into the pool of fire.
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's text reminds us that fidelity is ultimately rewarded by our most faithful God. Fidelity does not preclude suffering, however. Surely it seems at times in history that the faithful suffered the most! But God, always has the last word and His word is good.

Food for your Journey

If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

—St. Augustine.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, ever faithful and true, keep me holy and faithful during the trials that I experience in this life. Amen.

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