

ONLY JESUS CAN SATISFY HUMAN HUNGER

Recently we have seen or heard on the news about mass protests downtown, in other cities in our country, and throughout the world, prompted by various reasons and circumstances. The pandemic situation surely has added more fuel to the problems society is facing.

People are asking themselves when will this be over. People are hoping that political leaders will find solutions to the problems; people don't trust anyone, and are growing restless as they see that their needs are not being met nor satisfied.

If people only remembered that even when human leaders fail, the God who created them will come to their help, if only they would acknowledge and humbly ask for help. The Reading in Isaiah 55:1-3 reminds us that God is merciful and compassionate. God is telling us: "why do you spend money and energy for what cannot satisfy? Come to me, come to the waters, you who are thirsty! "

The same Prophet reminds us that ONLY in God we can find good things for our souls. God wants to make a "covenant" with those who listen to Him (v.3).

Society is trying to resolve what appears to be visible on its surface, but it will be in vain. It's like trying to help a sick patient by focusing on the symptoms, rather than curing the root causes of the symptoms.

What we see today in the world are only the symptoms of a more serious situation: the root cause is the fact that the world wants to be its own god. It thinks that it can survive without its Creator. The world has chosen to live without God, it has turned its back on God; it is even rewriting laws that oppose God's holiness and eternal life for mankind, choosing to live only for the present moment, for passing pleasures.

"Listen carefully to me" God says, "and you will have good things to enjoy" (Isaiah 55:2).

The world needs to swallow its pride (the sin of the fallen angel, Satan) and humbly return to God who is so loving, merciful and forgiving. In fact God says in the Book of 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn away from their wicked ways, then I will listen from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their country".

Our God is so good; Jesus came to reveal the face of the Father-God. He delights in seeing us happy. He nourishes us and feeds the hungry hearts, as he fed the five thousand who were following him in a deserted place.

As Catholics we have the responsibility to witness our humble dependence on God. We need to show the world that only the personal relationship with the personal God will save us from calamity, stressful situations, from any kinds of problems, and only the we will have PEACE because "when you have God, you have everything, because God will have you".

Father-God we praise you and adore you, and we thank you for your providence and protection. Forgive our sins as we humbly return to You. Amen.