

To Love and Serve God Alone

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

We have seen why it took many years for the people of Israel to cross the desert, as they journeyed to the Promised Land: they had to learn to let go of all pagan and immoral practices adopted in Egypt, as well the false concepts they had about God.

In order to become God's "chosen people" and enter into a love covenant with Him, Israel needed to learn to trust God. God loved his people with the love similar to that of a bridegroom for his bride. Israel, God's Bride, needed to learn to accept His love with complete trust.

This is what God was trying to teach the people of Israel, as He sealed the marriage covenant with them at mount Sinai through Moses.

But whenever Israel experienced hardships, they, instead, complained, and would ask Moses "where is God? What are we doing here? We have no water, we have no food..."

Despite having experienced God's protection and the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, people were quick to forget that God had promised to provide for their needs, and would rather return to their former life of misery as slaves in Egypt!

WHAT ABOUT US?

God sent us a "NEW MOSES" to lead us to FREEDOM from the life of misery, caused by our bondage to sin: his name is JESUS.

Do we trust His TEACHINGS on how to respond to God's LOVE for us, that leads to eternal life, beginning here and now?
Or do we also prefer to complain like the ancient Israel, and ask "where is God?" whenever we experience hardship?

Even among baptized Christians, many doubt there is "an eternal life" after death, and ask themselves if there really exists a God as described in the Bible!
That is why many live in FEAR, and prefer to live ONLY for the HERE and NOW, rather than believe and trust as an act of faith in God!

Some people tend to call on God when they need something, and expect Him to be a problem fixer, someone to be at their service...
Their "religiosity" has the ONLY purpose to ensure that the few years they spend on their earthly pilgrimage are filled with material comforts!

But Jesus revealed that "those who want to keep their life (here on earth), they will lose it; and those who lose their life for his sake (to remain faithful to Him), they will keep it forever" (in heaven), (Matthew 10:39).

That is why, the Catechism of the Catholic Church expands on what the old Catechism used to respond to the question, “why did God create us?”

“GOD CREATED US TO KNOW HIM, TO LOVE HIM, TO SERVE HIM IN THIS LIFE, AND TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN “

TO LOVE GOD and TO SERVE GOD IS OUR FORETASTE OF HEAVEN, our Promised Land.