



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5,
17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

(or 5: 20-22, 27-28,
33-34, 37)



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"Families remain as places where we learn to exchange the gifts of love, trust, forgiveness, and understanding — where we discover both our need to be listened to and our ability to listen."

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Blessings come to those who are faithful in following God's law as the Psalmist continues: Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians adds on to what the law for us is. That it speaks to us of a wisdom that is of God, mysterious and hidden. That is to say, we need spiritual sight to be able to see through the eyes of God. What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For that to happen, our lives need to be transformed interiorly; from merely observing the law to internalising it with discernment, acting on it with the promptings of the Spirit.

Jesus in today's gospel says he comes not to abolish the law but to fulfil it. He calls us to radical holiness by taking the Mosaic commandments and drilling them down to the root of our human heart. Every choice we make, even the secret thought of the heart, carries weight as we can see from Jesus' radical teaching:

Thou shall not kill – You break the law by just having anger and contempt in your heart.

Thou shall not commit adultery – Just a lustful gaze at someone reduces that person to a mere object.

The Lord is telling that the laws on fidelity and oaths are simplified to a call for integrity of the highest degree. Let your yes mean a yes, and your no mean a no. No two ways about it. Jesus doesn't mince his words, and so today's takeaway is succinctly clear. **The Lord wants to transform our lives and he calls us to radical holiness.** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can choose with the freedom given us, choices that will lead us to the law of love, which is ultimately the fulfilment of all law. ✦

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Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord. The Psalmist in Psalm 119 sets the pace and tone for this call to radical holiness. The readings show a God who does not puppeteer our deeds. Sirach tells us that God gives choices and he trusts us with our responses. The freedom to choose comes with responsibilities.