



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Mt 4: 12-23

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Word of God is the primary
of our spirituality
(Sourcebook 37)

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A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY
GOSPEL FOR AND FROM
LAY CLARETIANS



REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



The Beatitudes make reference and enable the presence of the Kingdom, which makes us happy. Although many times we are wrong and seek happiness where it is not: superficial, fun, success, fame, comfort ... And that is where we move away from God. In the beginning, the beatitudes present situations in which the Kingdom is present: when we serve the poor, afflicted, dispossessed, when we attend to those who hunger and thirst for justice in this world we live in, in which human beings become in a robot prisoner of the world, therefore less sensitive to the pain of the neighbor. For us to realize this presence, as lay people, we must practice mercy, have a clean heart, work for peace, and not be afraid of insults, calumnies, persecutions for the sake of the Kingdom. We are called to serve others by following our vocation: Claret responds to the gift received and makes it the key from which he lives the Gospel, placing himself unreservedly in the service of the divine plan of salvation. In this way, the gift becomes for him a style of life (cf. Aut. 687). "Nothing disturbs him; Is enjoyed in deprivation; Addresses the work; Embrace the sacrifices; Is pleased with calumnies and rejoices in torments "(Aut. 494)

IT'S THE WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



As followers of Jesus we are called to continue his mission of opening the way to the Kingdom of God in the world. First of all, we ourselves and our community must give ourselves without reserve. Layclaretian work in any realm of reality is a means of extending the Kingdom. With him we continued the creative work of God and the liberating action of Christ. In this light shines the Christian value of the ordinary work of man, of culture, of political social commitment, insofar as they contribute to the building of a more humane and more just world. Therefore, it is closer to the promised Kingdom, where the person is an end - not the means - and open to the Transcendence that bases its dignity above all limits.

IT IS THE WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE WORD

Lord, we thank you because you have called us. We want to be your followers, to have your same feelings and attitudes towards the Father and towards men, to commit ourselves in the cause for which you fought, live and act as you did. For this we promise to take as rule of our life your Gospel. We want to follow you and live your Gospel as Claret lived, to respond to your love and build your Kingdom. Amen

