Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Mt* 11:25-27): At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

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Today, the Gospel offers us the opportunity to penetrate, so to speak, the structure of divine wisdom itself. Who among us does not desire to see the mysteries of this life revealed? But there are enigmas that not even the best team of researchers in the world will ever be able to detect. However, there is One before whom "nothing is hidden (...); nothing is secret" (Mk 4:22). This is the one who gives himself the name "Son of Man," for He says of himself: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father" (Mt 11:27). His human nature—through the hypostatic union—has been assumed by the Person of the Word of God: He is, in a word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, before whom there is no darkness and through whom the night is brighter than day.

An Arabic proverb goes like this: "If on a dark night a black ant climbs a black wall, God is watching it." For God, there are no secrets or mysteries. There are mysteries for us, but not for God, before whom the past, present, and future are open and scrutinized down to the last comma.

The Lord says with pleasure today: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike" (Mt 11:25). Yes, for no one can claim to know these or similar hidden secrets, neither by bringing them out of obscurity by the most intense study, nor as a matter of wisdom. The little old woman with no academic experience will always know more about the profound secrets of life than the pretentious scientist who has spent years in prestigious universities. There is science that is gained with faith, simplicity, and inner poverty. Clement of Alexandria said it very well: "Night is propitious for mysteries; it is then that the soul—attentive and humble—turns inward, reflecting on its condition; it is then that it finds God."

Thoughts on Today's Gospel

- “I am a very little soul who can only offer very little things to God.” (Saint Therese of Lisieux)

- “It is part of the mystery of God that he acts so gently. God does not overwhelm with external power, but gives freedom” (Benedict XVI)

- “A humble and trusting heart that enables us ‘to turn and become like children’ for it is to ‘little children’ that the Father is revealed (Cf. Mt 11:25)” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nº 2785)