



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

As the Passover of the Jews was at hand, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple court he found merchants selling oxen, sheep and doves, and money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple court, together with the oxen and sheep. He knocked over the tables of the money-changers, scattering the coins, and ordered the people selling doves, "Take all this away and stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" His disciples recalled the words of Scripture: Zeal for your House devours me as a fire. The Jews then questioned Jesus, "Where are the miraculous signs which give you the right to do this?" And Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then replied, "The building of this temple has already taken forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" Actually, Jesus was referring to the temple of his body. Only when he had risen from the dead did his disciples remember these words; then they believed both the Scripture and the words Jesus had spoken. Jesus stayed in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival and many believed in his Name when they saw the miraculous signs he performed. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all of them. He had no need of evidence about anyone for he himself knew what there was in each one.

Lk 2: 13-25

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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



In this Lenten season, we are invited to take special care of our prayer, but how do we do this? Perhaps, we should ask ourselves where we have the heart. In today's Gospel, Jesus rebukes Temple merchants, accusing them of using their Father's house as a place of business and seeking personal gain. On some occasions, we also act as merchants, establishing a relationship with God subject to our own desires and needs. However, God invites us to break the barriers of our own desire, abandoning ourselves completely in their hands. Claret also had to face this difficulty. During his stay in Barcelona he said *"During the mass I had more machines in his head than there were saints in the altar"* (Aut 67)

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, participamos en la misión que el Padre confió al Hijo y Él, a su vez, confió a la Iglesia (Sourcebook 19). El pueblo judío redujo la presencia de Dios a un lugar físico, el templo. Con la llegada de Jesús, esta realidad adquiere un significado nuevo, más íntimo y profundo, ayudándonos a mirar con nuestros corazones y encontrar su presencia en las diferentes realidades de nuestra vida y nuestro mundo. Como claretianos laicos estamos especialmente llamados a cuidar la dimensión misionera de nuestra fe. Poniendo especial énfasis en pequeños detalles que pueden pasar desapercibidos.

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Lord, help us to abandon the looms of our heads, so that we can put our hearts in God fully. Like Claret, let us be able to bet and trust in the will of our Father for each one of us. For this we can help ourselves from the verse that transformed his life: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world if he loses his soul at the end?" (Luke 9: 25)

