**SATURDAY AUGUST 27 – XXI WEEK O.T. [C]**

**It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one - to each according to his ability. Then he went away.**

**Life and every other gift that the Lord, our Creator and God, bestows on us, must be put to good use until his return. His return happens at the moment of our death. Nothing exists in man that is not a gift of God and as gift of God, one must have the highest respect for it, rather the supreme respect. The soul is a gift, the body is a gift, the spirit is a gift, the understanding is a gift, the will is a gift, the health is a gift, the use of the five senses is a gift, the rationality is a gift. Every atom of man is a gift of God. Man must take care of every atom. For every atom used badly or not used the Lord will call us in judgement. Also the earth and everything created by Him is a gift. The entire universe, too, which one must use according to the divine will and never according to one’s own is a gift. What is the evil of evils that is leading humanity to the catastrophe today and is turning it into inhumanity? This evil of evils is the satanic will to eliminate the Creator and the Lord of man’s life. Who is the Lord? The Creator of man’s life. His Lord and his God. The evil of evils is also the will to take away Christ Jesus from our life. Who is Christ Jesus? He is the one through the means of whom we were created and also the one through the means of whom humanity can leave its inhumanity of sin in order to acquire again an even holier and more excellent of that received at the beginning of its creation. Now if one takes away God the Lord and Christ Jesus we condemn ourselves to inhumanity. Every gift of God and the own life of man are used to create inhumanity and not to raise humanity to divine height in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit. For instance: what sound ecology might man create on earth, if he already uses his own life from his will and no longer from the will of the One who has given it to him? What true ecology might man build on earth, if every year he kills more than forty millions of creatures already conceived in the womb of the mother? What true ecology might he ever raise if man consumes his life in vices and drowns in alcohol, buries himself in drug and hands himself over to every destruction of marriage and of family? We should at least reflect on these things.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 25,14-30**

**"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one - to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'**

**Now, when the time of the rendering of accounts comes, everyone will have to justify his action before his Lord. If he has believed, the reason why he has not lived according to faith. If he has not believed, the reason why he has renounced to the use of his understanding and rationality. If one has handed over to idolatry and to immorality, the reason why he has not governed his instincts of sin. There is no thought, no action, no omission, no decision that man must not justify tomorrow. Even of every unrighteous judgement, he must give account to the Lord. Today man can say and do what he wants. There are no bites and bridles to keep him from evil. The only bridle and the only bite is the fear of the Lord, namely knowing that every word of the Lord will be fulfilled infallibly. It will be fulfilled on earth and will be fulfilled in eternity. If the Lord has said that we must give account to Him of every work and of every thought and of every word both of good and of evil, both of righteousness and of unrighteousness, this judgement will be made. Affirming that in the end there will only be the mercy of the Lord is of no use. Even of every Word of God turned into falsity, altered, eluded, declared a tale, we must give account to the Lord our God. The honest Christian might even say: “I do not believe, but this is Word of God. The faith and the obedience to it is the way of life. If you want life, listen to it and live it.” Mother of God, convince every Christian that every Word of Christ Jesus is most pure truth.**