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Experiencing God (1)

I would like to present to you some deep spiritual experience with God from the book: “The Practice of the Presence of God.” This is from the experience of a French monastic brother in the seventeenth century who experienced Christ on a profound level. This was apparent in a collection of his letters and conversations and notes. I believe we will find it to be of great consolation and edification.

❖ It is shameful to quit conversing with God because we dwell on trivial thoughts.

❖ Instead of taking faith as a rule of their conduct, men amuse themselves with trivial and superficial devotions.

❖ We ought to find happiness in fulfilling the will of God, whether He leads us through suffering or consolation, for both are equal to him who truly submitted himself to God.

❖ We ought to be adorned with faithfulness in the time of drought [Tiresome in prayer] during which God tests our love towards Him. During such times, we ought to act with a spirit of surrender and submission to Him.

❖ To build the habit of conversing continuously with GOD, and to give credit to all we do to Him; we must persevere at first.

❖ God seems to grant the greatest favors to the greatest sinners, thus He shows His abundant mercy.

❖ Man ought to perform all his actions for the love of GOD. If it so happens that he didn't think about God for a long while, he should not be troubled. Rather he should confess his misery to God and then return with greater trust in Him, acknowledging that his wretchedness is due to forgetting God.

❖ In tribulations, we need to have our recourse in Jesus Christ, and seek His grace, after which everything becomes easy.

❖ There needed neither art nor science for going to GOD, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him alone.

❖ It all comes down to one vigorous act of renouncing everything dear to our hearts, which does not lead to GOD.

❖ God never fails to offer us His grace in each occasion.

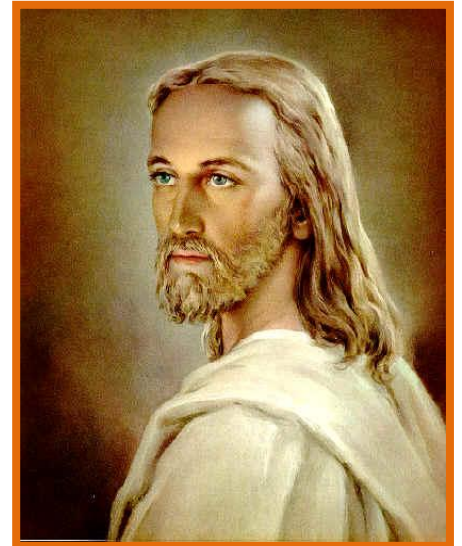
❖ We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of GOD, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed. We should not be troubled if, in the beginning, we fail in our endeavors because at the end comes exceedingly great delight.

❖ The whole substance of religion is faith, hope, and love; by the practice of which we become completely consecrated to the will of GOD: nothing else is important.

❖ All things are possible to him who believes, that they are less difficult to him who hopes, they are more easy to him who loves, and still more easy to him who perseveres in the practice of these three virtues.

❖ The more the soul aspires to a greater perfection, the more dependent it is upon Divine grace.

❖ Yes, we often stop the outpouring love of God towards us by the little attention we give Him.



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