

## EUDIST READING

Interior Colloquies of the Christian Soul with His God (O.C. II, 154-155)



# FORM JESUS WITHIN US

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## THEME

TO FORM JESUS, WE  
HAVE TO - SO TO SPEAK  
- DETACH OURSELVES  
FROM GOD.

## BIBLICAL READING

CANT. 1, 16: "HOW  
BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE, MY  
LOVE, AND HOW YOU  
DELIGHT ME!"

## OBJECTIVE

SHOW THE NEED THAT IN  
ORDER TO FORM JESUS,  
WE CANNOT BECOME  
ACCUSTOMED TO THE  
PRESENCE OF GOD.

(...)God has many rights over us, which we must study in order not to transgress them. For if we care to know and preserve the little rights we have over those who depend on us, how much more must we consider the very great and very important rights that our glorious God has over us, to offer him the reverence to which the same rights oblige us. Let's examine what they are.

1. By all the virtues in general and taken all together, he has the right to be acknowledged, adored, glorified, and praised by us, as God, and specifically as our God, and that we may sacrifice to him all things and ourselves.
2. By the virtue God has of being the source, the end, and the most sovereign good, he has the right to possess us entirely, as something which belongs totally to him, which is made only for him, and which depends on him infinitely.
3. By the virtue of being the source and the end, as he is the beginning and end of our beings, and of our life, so he has the right to be the beginning and the end of all our thoughts, words and actions, and of all the uses and functions of our life; that is to say, we must not think, say, or do anything except by him and for him, by his order and for his glory
4. By the virtue of being the source that creates us unceasingly, and always carries us in his hand and in his bosom, if he ceased a moment to carry us, at the very moment we would fall into nothing: then, he has the right that we always remain in him unquestionably, according to these words of the Apostle: "it is in him we live, move and exist" (Acts 17:28); but we will also abide voluntarily by means of love and charity: "God is love: who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn4, 16).

## APPLICATION

The rhythm of our modern society, with all its worries, obstacles and challenges, squeezes our time in long days of work and some church time, with little sleep and always eating in a hurry to have more time to program and reprogram new activities that little by little can lead us to a spiritual inertia or worse, a spiritual emptiness. Faced with this situation, the invitation of Saint John Eudes resonates once more in our hearts. It makes us think that in order to live fully we need very little indeed, because our "all" is Jesus Christ, so we can go from "society's time" to "God's time", that is to say, we go from the metrics of the calendar to the encounter with the Lord, who, with the power of the Holy Spirit, leads our life through the channels of fraternity, his gifts, and spirituality. Yes, we will get tired; but never lose heart or give up. On the contrary, with joy we say: "with the Lord by my side, I fear nothing" (Hebrews 13: 6)

## QUESTIONS

- As St. John Eudes asserts, do I recognize myself as reliant on God? If so, what example can I give of my experience?
- How can I be more reliant on God, since it is the path of happiness taught by our founder?
- Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus: His great freedom lies in his love and his reliance on the Father. What can I learn from him?

## CLOSING PRAYER

O my God, may I always abide in your love and in the charity to my neighbor, so that I may always be in you (O.C. II, 155).



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