

THE HIDDEN TREASURE...

The readings for this Sunday are intended to help us discover the importance of making choices in our lives.

Why is it that sometimes, in a world with so many different ways of thinking, ideological currents, and cultures, we lose objectivity in distinguishing between good and evil? We struggle to decide what is most beneficial or best for our lives.

Returning to the teachings of the first reading, taken from the Book of Kings, we can learn that for sound discernment—that is, to know how to choose correctly—God's wisdom is necessary. It will help us choose between what is good and what is best.

To apply this teaching to our Christian lives, we could ask ourselves: How do I live my faith? As an obligation or a burden? Or do I truly live it with joy and as a blessing?

In a relationship or marriage, we choose to be with someone because we discover them as the best option among all others; and we dedicate time to them not out of obligation but out of love. Every choice always involves a sacrifice.

The same is true in our relationship with God. Have we discovered Him as the hidden treasure Jesus speaks of in the Gospel, and are we willing to give everything so that He becomes the priority in our lives? How much are we willing to invest to gain God?

The merchant Jesus speaks of in the second parable of the Gospel acted in the same way; he sold everything he had to keep it.

Likewise, we are invited to discover if our plans, our desires, or dreams are leading us to receive the best part: the Kingdom of Heaven. Or on the contrary, are they leading us away from it.

Therefore, Psalm 119 of this celebration tells us: "My duty, Lord, is to keep your precepts. Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver."

In the first reading, Salomon didn't ask God for riches, a long life, or the death of his enemies; he asked for wisdom to govern his people.

If God were to ask us right now, "What do you desire?" what would we answer? The world demands all your time and effort, and in the end, we are left empty. God works differently.

Let us ask Our Lady of Heaven, Throne of Wisdom, to grant us, on God's behalf, the grace to always choose from among the good, the best...that which leads us to holiness.