

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, Dec 2nd 2014**

It is said that an average person has around 60,000 thoughts per day. It means that he thinks and thinks and beats around those 60,000. Among those 60,000 thoughts, often 95% of them are negative thoughts. In the words of St. Paul, they are thoughts of fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these (Gal 5:20-21). But when the Messiah comes and establishes his kingdom here on earth, you can't live with these negative thoughts. You cannot be subjected to the works of flesh. You cannot be members of God's kingdom with these negative thoughts. When the Messiah comes, he would establish a kingdom where there will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). Well, these are the fruits of the Holy Spirit and pillars of God's kingdom. This is the kingdom Isaiah speaks of today, a new heaven and a new earth. The eyes which see the kingdom of God and the ears which hear the Good News of Jesus are indeed blessed. Julius Nyerere of Tanzania stood and lived for the new heaven and the new earth foretold by Isaiah. Do my life and works advance the kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus?

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