

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Apr 2nd 2011

In today's gospel we come across two kinds of persons. One is the Pharisee and other is the tax collector. The Pharisee keeping his head raised and with pride, selfishness and thanked God by praising himself and accusing the other saying I am not like this and that. Overall he wants to show that he is perfect by keeping the law. The tax collector was not able to lift his head and voice, but with humility he offered his heart to God as a sinful person. Both of them went back to their homes with different natures. One went home as he came and the other went back as a renewed person and found the true way to happiness. So the virtues of humility and simplicity are the basic elements which make a person relate to God. The virtue of humility makes a person recognize God and oneself. It is true that before God we (human beings) are nothing, unless we recognize our own sinful status with humility. So the season of Lent invites us to meditate on the virtue of humility. That's what Jesus says "I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls". (Mt 11, 29)

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