

# *It profits me nothing . . .*

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To love God on earth there is demanded of us a conscious effort to keep our wills attuned to His. And this effort will be demanded in all the activities of our will. Hence, not only by obeying God's Commandments, but also by such wonderfully sublime desires as to rejoice with Him in His infinite and eternal happiness, and to grieve over the offenses offered Him by sin, should the will act.

To make the meaning a bit clearer, let us look at our destiny this way: we look forward to meeting God in heaven, and to being happy with Him for all eternity. But how will that be verified? Only if we have so lived our lives in such a way that at death our wills are in conformity with His, desiring to be clasped by Him in a warm embrace of love. To achieve that demands from us a constant effort here on earth to train our wills to perfect conformity with His. If our lives have been spent in sin, and in disregard of the love of God and our neighbor, we should not expect to put all things in order during the eleventh hour of our lives. This hardly ever happens, and besides it is a further sin of presumption. We are born with original sin on our souls, and therefore at variance with God. Even when original sin has been removed from our souls at Baptism, we still retain inclinations to actions of our intellect, our will and our sensitive nature which are opposed to God's holy Will. Hence, if we love God now we must labor to acquire that similarity to Him — that conformity to His Will — which will dispose us to love Him after death. But we must begin now — today!! Let us understand that the conformity we speak of here is not made possible simply by the use of good resolutions. Resolutions alone, be they the most wonderful, do not sanctify us. We fully realize that the paganized, computerized and self-centered mind of modern man simply cannot comprehend, cannot grasp the full importance of these lines. They are of absolutely no consequence to him.

Hard and constant labor is a must, for union with God's will does not come naturally to us. Love of God on earth, therefore, manifests itself in a

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