

of His leadership as a patriot or general or king was only too well known. Was He not the Carpenter's Son? So unimportant was He.

Had Jesus Christ come as a patriot or general or king, how sterile, how vain, how impotent, how useless, **how localized**, would have been His effort. How removed He would have been from us all! How impersonal and untouchable He would have been. It is in His weakness and His poverty that we get all of our nourishment and consolation and hope! It is in the weakness of JESUS CHRIST that we receive our strength. It is in the poverty of JESUS CHRIST that we receive shelter. It is in the sound of His Word that we shall be upheld in the midst of our confusion. Unmindful of this, so many of us stand cold and shivering as we allow the standards of our life to be determined by the master spirits of our age. How sad and unfortunate this is for all who simply cannot see. In their inability to see, all such lend their ear to the apologists of evil, who see no difference between evil and good, but who in their ramblings against the WORD, serve only to enhance Its character! Nevertheless, they remain unable to see. The WORD suffers violence - the worst violence ever - but it remains the WORD, and no force shall ever be capable of destroying It.

As the confusion all around us and about us becomes ever worse confounded, it remains for those of us of solid commitment, conviction, and persevering spirit to stand by the WORD, so that we will be able to present It to our children. It is in the WORD, and the WORD alone, that we shall find our rest, and in the sound of It we shall not ever be confounded! Let us stand by the WORD with the confidence as that of a little child. The only way we can have any peace of mind and live through the present muddle of things is to develop within ourselves a disposition of heart which places us in the arms of God. We must never fail to walk with littleness of spirit and humility of heart and mind, conscious of our weakness and inability to change the large dangers that continue to plague us. Like a little child we must trust in God's Fatherly goodness. The Little Flower writes: "Jesus deigns to point out to me the only way which leads to Love's Divine furnace, and that way is self-surrender; it is the confidence of the little child who sleeps without fear in its father's arms."

At every opportunity, I urge you to not be afraid. Like the little child, trust enough to go to sleep in your Father's arms! Even though we are aware of the many causes for fear, nevertheless, let us also be aware that God is with us and will not permit those of us who truly love Him to be - finally - wallowed up by the evil that surrounds us. You are persecuted? - He will stand by you and will send His holy Angels to protect you! You are laughed at? - He will uphold you, allowing you the dignity and honor that are rightfully yours! You are abandoned by your loved ones and your friends? - He will grab you up and draw you **even closer** to His loving Heart! You are crucified for His Name' sake? - Stand still, be quiet,