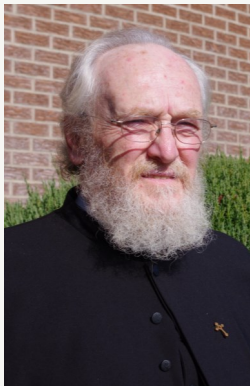


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## Fr. Robert's Remarks:



FR. ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSC  
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"Suffer with Christ, and for Christ, if you wish to reign with Christ." These words are from Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of*

*Christ* and allude to St. Paul's words in 2 Tim.2:12.

The Rev. Peter Jardine of St. Matthew the Apostle, Ottawa has written an article called *Blessed are the Peacemakers* for this issue. He draws on his knowledge of and experience with the Church where it is actively and obviously being persecuted and offers us some thoughtful reflections on the subject of the persecuted Church.

We welcome Fr. David Marriott this month in a different capacity with his sermon. Undoubtedly, he will return on another occasion with more on the Africa Appeal

To-day is the Feast to which our Prayer Book Calendar refers as the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the West, this feast is probably more commonly known as the Assumption of the B.V.M. and in the East

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## Fr. David Marriott, SSC: A Sermon for Trinity 9



FR. DAVID MARRIOTT, SSC

I want to spend some time today considering this most remarkable story: the story of the unrighteous steward.

How is it, how can it be, that Our Lord implies that this steward, who has set out to defraud his master, so that he might curry

favour with those who owe money to his employer, can be praised? Is the world all upside down? What is the reason for this message?

You see, it all goes back to the message, which we heard in the epistle last week: you have a choice: you can choose to live the way of the flesh, or you can choose the way of the spirit. And if you recall the difference between the two ways is that one will offer you

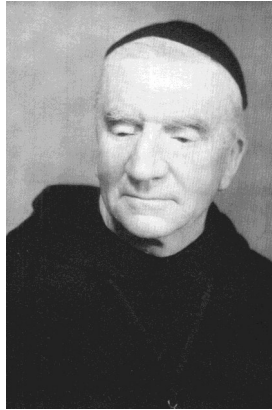
the chance of eternal salvation, and the other will give you eternal damnation. In the words of the old music hall joke: 'You pay yer money and you makes yer choice!' I also prefer to say the way of the world, the flesh and the devil: I think that in this day and age, we should be more inclusive in our choice of language, and this includes the true picture: those who willfully, meaning of their own free will,

which is, remember, a gift from God for each of us, those who choose to follow in the ways of the world, the self-satisfaction of the flesh, the hedonistic immersion in the pleasure of the moment, are giving themselves into the hands of the devil himself, and thereby earning for themselves the rewards of hell, and the condemnation to the pit.

Now, I want to make very clear that we are all sinners, that we have all fallen short of what we should have

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## *A Meditation for The Assumption of Our Lady<sup>1</sup>*



FR. ANDREW, SDC  
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 FRONTISPIECE: THE LIFE AND LETTERS  
 OF FATHER ANDREW SDC

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*‘There appeared a great wonder in heaven ; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.’—Rev. xii.*

AUGUST 15th is the Festival of the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Mother. It is our human way to have many names for, as we have

many minds about, facts, so that it is variously called the Assumption or the Falling Asleep or the Repose of the Blessed Virgin. It certainly is a strange thing that no relic of the Blessed Mother has ever been produced. Tradition tells us that her grave was found empty and fragrant with lilies, and all we can say is that that is a very sweet tradition.

This, however, we can say with bed-rock certainty. Besides her own inherent dignity as the Mother of our Lord, Mary stands for the Church of faithful people. She is the representative of faithful souls. She shines before us as the one who brought her will to a perfect loyalty to the will of God through the union of her will with the will of her Divine Son. We are taught to believe that everything

that has been accomplished in the Head of the Church shall also be accomplished in His members. He will come again, and we are told His saints will come again. He has overcome and is seated upon His Father's throne, and also 'to him that overcometh' is it granted to sit upon a throne (Rev. iii. 21). It is this ultimate triumph of the elect soul that we celebrate as we keep the Festival of the Assumption. Through the grace of God we can really win a real victory. Mary suffered with Him ; we should be very faithless if we doubted that she is glorified with Him, and praying for us that we also may know the final fruits of faithfulness.

<sup>1</sup> August 15th



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as the Dormition of the Theotokos.

The Orthodox have an icon of the feast of the Dormition known as the Icon of Hope.

This feast commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother—and what is this but the evangelical hope of all Christians that when we die, we shall be raised from the dead, and glorified. This is the same hope that is expressed when, at a

Committal of a body, the Priest says: “Forasmuch as it hath pleased God of his great mercy to receive...” As he continues, the Priest says” ..in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our mortal body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working , whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.” (BCP p. 602 )

In this feast we are given the opportunity of offering

thanks to God for what he has done and is doing in and through the Blessed Virgin Mary; we are also given opportunity to evaluate our own lives and our mortal nature along the lines of St. Paul's exhortation to Timothy: “... flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a

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done, that we are all at risk of temptation and of falling by the wayside as we journey through life: but the difference is that we know that we have and do sin: we know that we need to repent, confess and do penance: and we know that in so doing, we are able to return to the fold, secure in Our Lord and Saviour's care. How do we know that? Because Jesus Christ earned for us our redemption by His supreme sacrifice of Himself, one offered, on the Cross at Calvary, earning for us forgiveness for our sins: forgiveness for our sins for all those of us who call on His name and ask that he might send to us the Holy Ghost the Comforter to be our

guide and support, keeping us from those very flesh-pots which are out there to tempt us to fall.

So, back to the unrighteous steward. Why on earth did the master praise the steward who was trying to steal from him? Why did Our Lord tell this story?

Well, to go back to the world the flesh and the devil: Jesus is telling us that the master himself is living in the world of the flesh, and therefore expects that those around him will do likewise. Because if the employee does the same that the master has done, he must be a good learner, he must have his head screwed on right, he might be the one we should favour, should promote, because he might be the one

to go far in this world – of the flesh and the devil.

You see, this is how things get all mixed up in our society. Think of it: we have just been reading about a crisis in one of our government departments. The president of one of the crown corporations, and a Minister of the Crown, have had to defend themselves against charges of excessive and unjustified spending on expense accounts – where we are the ones to pay those expenses! We are now reading about the indiscretions and financial mismanagement in the Senate of Canada.

So what about the young man starting out in his career, who sees that this is the way things are done? What about the man, who said to me once, 'Well, if you have to cover an extra \$100 in your expenses, well, everyone knows how to do that!' My only problem with that statement was that I had no idea how to cover an extra \$100 in expenses: and I did not want to know. That man became the vice-president of sales for a major phar-

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maceutical company in Canada. Or the young man who had been working in a job before me – he had left for a different employer: in his old travel plans, it showed that he had regularly stayed at a hotel in a prairie town. So I thought the best way was to do the same. Well, would you believe it, nobody had heard of him at that hotel, no one knew his name. And yet, he had claimed expenses – with falsified receipts – for numerous stays, numerous meals, numerous telephone calls, and so on.

You see, so many in our society are living in the world of the flesh, or, as Our Lord puts it, living by the means of the mammon of unrighteousness. For a time, they may manage, but I can promise them and all of us, that in time, this corrupt life will catch up with them: and then they have to pay the price. Jesus says: 'Make friends by the mammon of unrighteousness; and when it fails you, then they will receive you into everlasting habitations.' Who are 'they': they are the false friends,

who are the agents of Satan, ready to welcome the wrongdoer to Hell and eternal damnation.

So this points up the essential difference between the Christian life, the life following on the precepts taught by our Lord, and the secular, humanistic life which we see all around us.

We don't have to be 'different', we do not need to stand apart from the crowd, but we do have to stand on and for our principles of behaviour and conduct, despite all the subtle pressures and influences in society. You know, if you are walking down the street and find a dollar, is it yours? If there is no way of finding the true owner what do you do with it? It is not yours, you have no right to it, but what do you do? Well: there are always those little charity boxes around, aren't there? A man in Abbotsford found a purse in a parking lot – this was reported in the Vancouver Sun this past Friday – in the purse was a certified cheque for over \$60,000. This is as good as cash. What did he do? He phoned the owner of

the purse: he returned the purse, and the cheque: he refused a reward: he said the reward was so good to see the joy on the face of the woman who thought she had lost so much, but then she had found it again. There are those in our society who might call this man foolish: he could have taken the money. But there are those of us who say that this man is a shining example of Christian behaviour, and we know that he will have his reward when the book of life is opened, and his deeds are revealed before his maker in heaven.

Live the life of faith: listen to the words of Jesus: 'he that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.' Be faithful in all things, the small and the large, and you will reap the rewards at that final harvest, when you shall be weighed in the balances, and found worthy of a welcome due to a good a faithful servant, faithful to the true principles, not to the corrupt.



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## Bonnie's Reflections: Whose Voice Is This?



MRS BONNIE IVEY

**“How do we know whether it’s really the Holy Spirit telling us something?” This is a very good question.**

The Bible uses special words to talk about the Holy Spirit. In Hebrew, the word for spirit is the same as “wind” or “breath”. The Holy Spirit is called the Holy Ghost, but this doesn’t mean he is some kind of Halloween spook. Ghost is the old English term for spirit or breath, and is related to the word “gust”, as in a gust of wind.

He is called the Comforter. This doesn’t mean he is like dear old aunty who whispers “There, there” and pats your hand. Comforter means “One who makes strong” and is related to the words fortress and fortify. He strengthens us.

Another word for the Holy Spirit is Paraclete. This is a Greek word meaning “one who comes alongside to

help.” He is like your courtroom lawyer who defends you against your accuser; like the big kid who chases away the playground bullies; or the good teacher who shows you your mistakes and helps you correct them.

Jesus said “I will not leave you comfortless. I will send another Comforter. (i.e. one like Himself who strengthens us) even the Spirit of Truth. He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.”

When we pray, we should be talking **with** God, not just talking **to** him. You don’t phone your friend, ask a question, then hang up before the answer comes. God says “If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.” How do we hear God’s reply? People rarely hear an audible voice. God is in our heart, and doesn’t need our ears. Do we have to wait a long time? Sometimes we have an answer as we wait quietly for some moments after making our prayer. Sometimes we have to wait a long time; days, months, before we hear him answer us.

We might find that after our prayer has been made, a

part of a Bible reading will suddenly appear to have been written just for our situation. Or someone will tell us something that seems to be the right answer. Many believers find that a hymn or praise chorus “just comes to them” and it gives the answer they sought. The Holy Spirit can use all these methods. With each there is a sense of recognition, “Ah, yes! Lord, I hear you!”

**We must not be gullible, however. We can be deceived.**

The apostle John, in his first epistle, chapter 4:7 warns, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” He is saying that a person who tells us something may in fact be inspired by a spirit that is not from God, and is “working for the other side.” We are, after all, in a war.

There are questions we should ask about any guidance, suggestion or impulse that seems to be from God.

1. Does the guidance honour Jesus as Lord, only son of God, both true man and true God?

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2. Does it suggest that what you have or want is more important than anyone else's desires or gifts? Does it put you above other people?

3. Does it go against what the Bible says? e.g. having a "very spiritual" adulterous affair

4. Does it go against the advice of experienced Christians?

5. Does it make you feel under pressure to make a sudden move or decision?

6. Does it make you believe you must keep your decision secret from others close to you?

**Here is what Jesus has to say about Satan.** "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

Jesus began his ministry with 40 days of struggle in the wilderness, listening to Satan. He was tempted to let himself be exalted at the expense of his Father's glory. He was to take that position of authority without asking his heavenly Father.

He was tempted to have power over others instead of following the difficult path laid before him, which led to death on a cross. Each time Jesus replied with the words of scripture.

Temptations that we face may have the same themes.

### Examples of deception from outside ourselves

Second Corinthians 11:14 tells us that Satan masquerades as an angel of light. There is much interest in angels today, in the New Age movement. These "angels" inspire happy thoughts and feelings, make no demands, and give no warnings. They give advice, often through divination (forbidden by God) in Angel cards and Angel Boards, which are Tarot Cards and Ouija boards renamed. They lead people away from God. Real angels, the Bible tells us, are servants of God, who are, and will be, judged on the basis of their obedience to him.

There are other gods, which some people foolishly believe are "really all one God." Some false gods are people, who proclaim themselves god, as has happened in North Korea. The government leader says "I am the Lord your God. You shall

have no other gods but me.' (Sounds familiar.) There are many gods who bear no resemblance to the God of the Bible. Some call for severe and cruel forms of worship. Then there are suicide bombers, who say "Allah has commanded me to blow myself up, along with all the infidels in this airport."

There are spirits who may give guidance. These might be associated with a particular place or group of people. They might cause a certain type of behaviour which people seek, such as in voodoo ceremonies where people try to go into a trance and be taken over by a spirit. Or they may seem to be the spirit of a dead person. Often people seek advice from the "spirit" of a person they knew. A spirit may speak and tell them something that appears to guarantee that this is really the deceased person. However the earth has had spirits, not in submission to God, in it since the fall of Satan, according to the Bible. They are not subject to death, and have been around to witness events that they can describe in a way that deceives their hearers.

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There are those who believe that alien races from outer space are in contact with people on earth, advising them. They hold this belief with zeal, and combine their belief with science that appears to support the idea that life on earth was planted here by superior beings.

People have also made up another false god, who is supposed to be a kind of super-entity composed of all the life on the planet. This emerging god takes shape as we all evolve and will reveal new ideas and truths as time goes by.

### Examples of self-deception

We are taught that Christians have three enemies: the world, the flesh and the devil. The world means, not Earth with its ecosystems and living creatures, but human society apart from God. The flesh is human nature apart from God. The devil we have already mentioned.

Our human nature tends to look out for number one, be jealous of what someone else has, speak the truth if convenient, take offense if slighted, and so on. The Bible tells us the flesh is "at enmity" with God, and it leads us away from his will.

It is possible for a person to mistake his or her own wishes or imaginings for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A little bit of religion, mixed with stubborn selfish human will, can lead to dangers like the following:

It's all right to neglect my family to serve God.

I must do this big thing regardless of my circumstances or other people's needs.

God wouldn't ask me to do that hard duty. He wants me to be happy and free.

God wants me to punish that person.

God says I am damned, beyond forgiveness anyway, so it doesn't matter how I live..

I am called to this special task because I am better than others.

God has sent a new, better lover into my life because my marriage partner is not spiritual enough.

### How not to get fooled

Jesus said he is the Good Shepherd. His sheep know his voice and they will not follow a stranger. We must do all we can to learn the sound of his voice: not the literal sound, but the flavour, the character, of all he has told us.

If you suddenly get an email that appears to be from a

good friend, that says "Help! I am stuck in Honolulu and need \$1000 right away! Please send!" you tell yourself: "Wait, now, my friend has no reason to be in Honolulu, and knows I don't have \$1000 to send. This message is a fake!"

Just as you must be wary of an email that asks for money, or asks you to send personal information, you should be ready to hit "Delete" when you get a suspicious spiritual message.

Does it have a character that tempts you to believe you are better than others? That you must do some drastic thing you would normally never do? That urges you to act without consulting anyone? That promises you special powers?

You should:

Ask a respected, stable pastor

Consult with some mature Christians

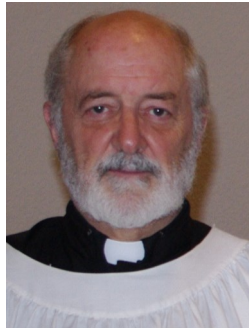
Compare your "guidance" with the Bible

And above all, Pray! Asking God to lead you in the matter, being willing to wait before doing anything you might be tempted to do.

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## BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED



THE REV. PETER JARDINE

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 THE REV. GLENN  
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Suffering, it seems to me, can be divided into two broad categories, at least for Christians. The first arises from living in a fallen world, and if we accept the ancient Jewish belief of the role of sin in sickness, confirmed in our Lord’s healing of the sick of the palsy (Mt.9:2), it includes what we now commonly describe as physical illnesses or injuries.

The second category arises directly from belief in our Beloved Lord and from faithfully, obediently, following Him. To put it another way, it arises from setting ourselves apart from the fallen world and striving, through the Grace of God, to unite our spirits with the Holy Spirit. Such living faith becomes obvious to those around us and our Lord promises us that there will be consequences to that, often unpleasant ones. Manifest righteousness will be resented by those who do not possess it.

*A cross centred Gospel requires cross-carrying messengers.*

These are the closing words in the late Rev. Glenn Penner’s fine work, *In the Shadow of the Cross, A Biblical Theology of Persecution and Discipleship*. The book features numerous Biblical references relating to the subject, far too many to refer to in this short article, but if any reader is interested in learning more about the theology of persecution and discipleship, Glenn’s book is a great place to start.

When I first met Glenn, he was CEO of Voice of the Martyrs, Canada and he was exceptionally knowledgeable on the subject of persecution of Christians. He it was who first made me aware that the two things, persecution and discipleship, are intimately linked.

In Matthew Ch.10 we find Jesus describing conditions of discipleship. In v.38 He says, “**And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me**”. This leads to the conclusion that persecution will fall upon *true* disciples, those who follow our Lord with great commitment, no matter how challenging their par-

ticular cross may be. “**The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord**”, so we must expect at least something of the same fate as met Jesus.

What happened to Jesus was the subject of prophecy. “**He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not**”. Is.53:3.

Then, in Luke 2, the writer records the story of Simeon being led by the Spirit to the infant Jesus in the temple. Holding the baby in his arms, Simeon utters his beautiful song, which we call the Nunc Dimittis. He follows it with dire warnings, for Jesus and to Mary. The first tells of the opposition which Jesus, will encounter, “**...and for a sign which shall be spoken against.**” Luke 2:34. The second, to the Holy Mother, “**Yea, and a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also.**” Luke 2:35. These things came to pass because Christ’s suffering was part of God’s plan for our salvation, and Jesus was an obedient, willing, participant in that plan.

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As Jesus suffered for us, we must be prepared to suffer for Him. In all the synoptic Gospels our Lord's injunction to take up our cross and follow Him appears, but in St. Luke's account there is a very significant addition, the word *daily*. In Luke 9:23 we read, **"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me."** We must be prepared not just patiently to endure suffering for Jesus Christ, but for daily self sacrifice, of one sort or another, for Him.

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I am in Dajo, in the Eastern Upper Nile region of South Sudan. It is my first Sun-

day here, and Pastor John, the Presbyterian pastor who serves over 20 Christian communities in an area of thousands of square kilometres, is here to conduct the service and to baptise many new Christians.

Just two months before, in early December, Pastor John almost joined the ranks of martyrs. He was walking through the bush, alone and unarmed as he always was, when a band of government militia came upon him. They stripped him naked, beat him until they thought he was dead and left him lying there. But God was not finished with John and before the carrion could devour his body, he recovered consciousness and made his way back home.

John is a quiet man, but he is an inspiration because he carries his cross so faithfully and if there is fear in him about what he does, it is well hidden.

This is not about me, except to say that I am here because six months before, I felt God calling me to visit the Persecut-

ed Church in Sudan. I had the privilege of being able to take up and carry this particular cross. Little did I know how much God intended to teach me on this trip.

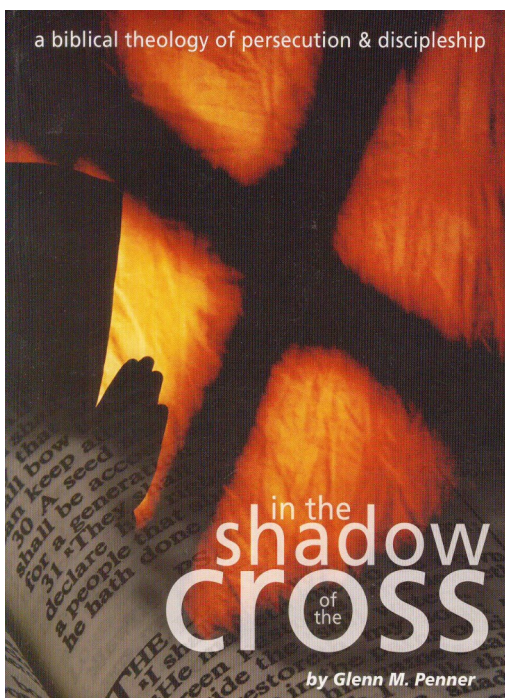
I have to drive a critically ill woman and her suckling baby to hospital, some 240km to the north. It is an eventful trip, but two days later, after darkness has fallen, we arrive in Kurmuk and deliver the woman to hospital. Two armed soldiers are with me for protection, one named Stephen, who is a major in the Sudan People's Liberation Army, the SPLA. In the morning I must do more repairs on the Land Rover, but Stephen asks me to visit the area commander with him, which I agree to do. He also asks for money to buy the commander a gift, which I provide. I return to our camp, after reminding Stephen that we must leave early the next morning.

The new day dawns, but when I emerge from my tent, Stephen is not here. He shows up in the afternoon, still drunk and too late for us to reach Yabus Bridge, a Christian community where we can spend the night.

I forget the Lord's teaching; I forget the Lord's Prayer. I lose my temper. I scream and yell.

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People run for cover. They are not used to exhibitions like this, especially not from white folk. But Stephen is interfering with MY mission! As St. Paul says, I speak foolishly.

It is early the next morning as we leave and I am still in a black mood. After two hours of silence, Stephen says quietly, "Peter, Jesus says we are to forgive, and you haven't forgiven me." After a couple of minutes of contemplation I tell Stephen, "I forgive you". We have been friends ever since. God is wonderful!

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Forgiveness is an essential gift for Christians living under persecution. They would have no inner peace without forgiving their persecutors. Jesus says, **"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven".** Mt.5:44-45. I have yet to meet a persecuted Christian who does not seem to live by these precious teachings, but some show it more than others.

Manini Digal is an Indian girl who at the age of 16

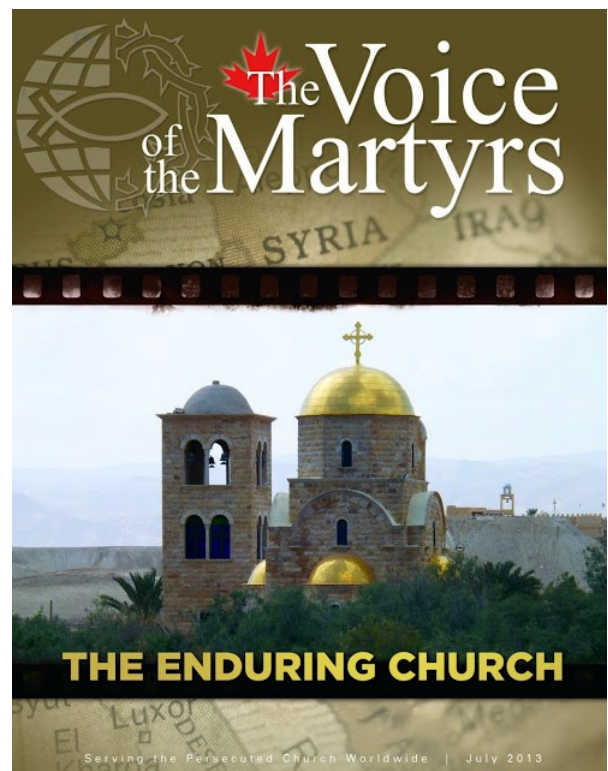
was attacked in a wave of violent persecution by Hindus. She was beaten unconscious, raped by several of them and then had kerosene poured on her and ignited. When I, with other members of the VOM Canada team, met her we asked her how she felt towards her attackers, two of whom she recognised as being students in her school. Manini said, "I have forgiven them, because they don't know Jesus Christ". Her face bore witness to her sincerity. After months of skin grafts, Manini is studying so that she can go back and help those in her community.

Recently Greg Musselman from VOMC was in

Iraq. There he met a Christian family who were actively preaching the Gospel to Muslims. The dangers of this hit hard when one day the husband did not return home. Greg interviewed his widow and she told him her husband was missing for several days before being found dead. Her response was remarkable, "I am praying for the man who killed my husband that he will have a Damascus Road experience". This lady lifts her cross daily, and carries it faithfully.

The stories from the Persecuted Church can be shocking, but we cannot fail to draw great encouragement from them. Some

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years ago, the leader of a Chinese Christian group in a conference on the west coast of America was asked what they wanted from us. He asked that we stop praying for the persecution to end, because it strengthens them. After a pause he added that they are praying that we will encounter persecution, because our part of the Church is so weak without it. A sobering thought, but

I cannot disagree with him.

I will close with a quotation from Greg Musselman's leader in the August issue of VOM's magazine. It deserves a great deal of prayerful thought. *We asked "Peter" why these people (in North Vietnam) are so persecuted, while believers in other parts of the world (like Canada) are not. His answer was*

*straight to the point: "I think one of the reasons people are not persecuted is because the church has not sent them out to evangelize and do something for God. The reason we are being persecuted is because we are active in sending people out to evangelize and get others saved."*



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good profession before many witnesses. (Timothy 6.11.)

We also receive the opportunity in this feast of the Falling Asleep of the B.V.M. of honouring Mary herself. On the topic of the honour due to Mary, I defer to the 17th century Bishop John Pearson in his classic work *An Exposition of the Creed* devoted 18 pages to the third Article of the Apostles' Creed, *Born of the Virgin Mary*.

This whole section of the *Exposition* is well worth the reading and meditation,

and I, personally, have had many occasions to return to these particular lines:

*"The necessity of believing our Saviour thus to be born of the Virgin Mary, will appear both in respect of her who was the mother, and of him who was the Son.*

*"1. In respect of her, it was therefore necessary, that we might perpetually preserve an esteem of her person proportional to so high a dignity. It was her own prediction, "From henceforth all generations shall call*

*me blessed;" (Luke i.48;) but the obligation is ours to call her, to esteem her so. If Elisabeth cried out with so "loud a voice, Blessed art thou among women," (verse 42,) when Christ was but newly conceived in her womb; what expression of honour and admiration can we think sufficient, now that Christ is in heaven, and that mother with him? Far be it from any Christian to derogate from that special privilege granted her which is incom-*

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*That there is no one stronger than him who enjoys the heavenly help; and no one weaker than him who is deprived of it. (St. John Chrysostom)*



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municable to any other.  
We cannot bear too  
reverend a regard unto  
the mother of our Lord,  
so long as we give her  
not that worship which  
is due unto the Lord  
himself. Let us keep  
the language of the  
primitive Church: 'Let  
her be honoured and  
esteemed, let him be  
worshipped and  
adored.'" (pp 261-2).

The hymn writer, Athelstan Riley cried out to the Blessed Mary:

"Higher than the Cherubim, More glorious than the Seraphim, Lead their praises, Alleluia!

"Thou Bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord."

Hymn #398 Book of Common Praise (1938) v.2.

In his well-loved hymn,

*Sing of Mary*, Fr. Roland F. Palmer, SSJE addressed Mary:

"Glorious Mother now rewarded With a crown at Jesus hand, Age to age thy name recorded Shall be blest in every land."

Hymn #807 Book of Common Praise (1938) v.4.

Fr. Palmer wrote this hymn for the 1938 Hymn Book to fill the need for a hymn long enough to serve as a hymn for a procession on Marian festivals. It is definitely worth taking the time to reflect prayerfully upon the whole hymn and then responding joyfully with Blessed Mary, and all the saints living and departed:

Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.  
From the Heart of blessed Mary,

From all the saints the  
song ascends,  
And the Church the  
strain re-echoes  
Unto earth's remotest  
ends.



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