

His Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path... By. Fr. Francis 1/26/2020

We have just done what probably you have heard of for the first time: the enthronement of the Word. To enthrone means to seat on a throne or to invest with sovereignty power or authority. It is to accord something or somebody a highest place of honor. On this Sunday, instituted by our holy Father Pope Francis and called Sunday of the Word of God we enthrone the Word of God in our Church, affirming as it were that we want to submit to the reign of God's Word in our lives and our Church, in our society and in the world. This is so important especially given the times in which we live in. There is so much lack of peace, love, righteousness. In times like these, we like to turn to God's word and ask him to lead us on our journey.

John 1:1 has the answer... *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. (Here we find that everything in creation is subject to the divine word, indeed nothing was created without it...that tells us that God has a say in everything around us).*

John 1: 14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. What we have here in our hands is the printed version of the Word of God. We need to cherish and honor it.*

Hebrews 4:12 *says the Word of God is alive and active, it cuts more finely than any double-edged sword.*

2Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Here is a message of hope

Sometimes our hearts are like stones, hard and unbreakable; God's word like a sledgehammer can smash it open. Sometimes we are the arid ground unable to germinate any seed: God's word has the power to transform us to make us bear fruit. Sometimes we are so full of ourselves that we do not see what is wrong in us: the Word of God reflects our true image to us, guiding us to eventually resemble God's true image according which we were fashioned.

The Word of God calls us today to come and follow Him. He wants us to be his true disciples to bring others to him. He calls us to leave everything behind to follow him, to read his word and allow it to transform our lives.

Conclusion

Today, we have presented six items for your Christian journey: You need a lamp to lighten your path, you need a laver to wash you, a hammer to break the hard things, a fire to burn what cannot easily be done away with, a mirror to show you how you look like and a seed to sow to bring out the abundance of what God wants you to be. We renew our love for his Word today and ask for the grace to become people of the Word!