

March 2025 Knights Reflection

I watch a lot of EWTN on television and listen to a lot of EWTN on Radio. Other than the genuine Catholic Content in general, I enjoy the focus upon Catholic Teaching – as contained in their moniker and sort of a **Theme-Song** of “Live Truth – Live Catholic”. The theme song is set to some very stirring music. For me, every time I hear it --- it stirs my Faith --- raising the hair on the back of my neck, every time I hear it!

Tonight, let's talk about whether, or not, we as Catholics are living in the “Live Truth – Live Catholic”. Talking not from the 10,000-foot level; but, as our God is the God of the Universe --- at a level of the entire Universe.

So, starting from the beginning, at a point, God recognized humans as being the ones of His entire creation on the whole Planet Earth as being of a certain “Quality” to share in His eternal Kingdom.

God then probed whether His recognition of humans was true and/or achievable in Humanity. This resulted in what we call God's Covenants with Mankind. In the past and today, we call them Covenants with Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, and Moses. Covenants, all of which achieved some sort of --- both positive and negative results, but in each case, some obvious degree of positiveness for God to proceed with the Human Race.

God then realized that Man, with his granted free-will, was always apt to fail individually. In this understanding, God then selects a group of peoples that have demonstrated a certain degree of character to live by --- at least, by His prescribed ethics on Earth --- the Israelites.

God then, through Moses, gives them the Ten Commandment to live by. Although written as true guideposts, it was likely very painful to Him at times, as He sees the Israelites quickly living outside of those precepts.

During the years following the Covenant with Moses, and viewing even the failures of Moses himself, it is apparent that God begins to reconsider as to whether mankind will ever be able to oversee themselves through a Human Leadership on Earth.

Although, the prophecy of a Messiah is present in the early Scriptures, we see an accentuation of Messianic Prophecy. This is a period where it is more than evident that God is planning to send the Messiah --- **and soon**.

This increase in Messianic Prophecy, in addition to saving us from sin, dramatically becomes more definitive in several areas:

1. The Messiah will be of human form – yet **GOD** on Earth
2. The Messiah will cleanse the sin of all that believe in Him
3. The Mesiah will be the “Last Prophet” on Earth
4. The Messiah will not endorse another Human for Mankind to follow; but leave a Church as His Guide, until the end of time when He shall return.
5. Yes, Peter will have the “Keys”; but the Church will escape all effects of Earthy time.

God then puts His “**Salvation Plan**” into motion with some very rare direct intervention with the Human Race --- like:

1. The Incarnation of the Virgin Mary with Saints Ann and Joakim
2. The Annunciation to Saints Elisabeth and Zachariah (John)
3. The Annunciation to Mary who is to bare the Messiah (Jesus)
4. The Direction to Joseph that he is to be the Earthly father and protector of the Messiah
5. Followed by the events from Christ’s Nativity though Resurrection. Likewise, as we have discussed before as, ***not by chance, but very carefully orchestrated by God’s Hand***

So, this brings us back to whether the Catholic Church has us “**Living in Truth**” or not. In only a few minutes, I have taken us through six or seven thousand years of history to point-out that the Catholic Church was formed by God as the Alpha and Omega, and not by Human Circumstance or modified for Human Purpose or Comfort. Therefore, although we realize and understand that other faithful Christians can gain Heaven, ***we are living in the Truth*** though the Church formed by God’s Hand through the Holy Trinity. We, as Catholics, **are** the new “**Chosen**” – ***let us make the best of it!!!***.