
"Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifices."

"And Samuel said to Saul: Suffer me, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said to him: Speak.

"And Samuel said: When thou wast a little one in thine own eyes, wast thou not made the head of the Tribes of Israel? And the Lord anointed thee to be king over Israel.

"And the Lord sent thee on the way, and said: Go, and kill the sinners of Amalec, and thou shalt fight against them until thou hast utterly destroyed them.

"Why then didst thou not hearken to the voice of the Lord: but hast turned to the prey, and hast done evil in the eyes of the Lord?

"And Saul said to Samuel: Yea I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord, and have walked in the way by which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalec, and Amalec I have slain.

"But the people took of the spoils sheep and oxen, as the firstfruits of those things that were slain, to offer sacrifice to the Lord their God in Galgal.

"And Samuel said: Doth the Lord desire holocausts and victims, and not rather that the voice of the Lord should be obeyed? For obedience is better than sacrifices; and to harken rather than to offer the fat of rams.

"Because it is like the sin of witchcraft, to rebel; and like the crime of idolatry, to refuse to obey. Forasmuch therefore as thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord hath also rejected thee from being king." -- I Kings, chapter 15.

Sister Cecilia Is Dead.

Our Blessed Mother has a new happiness in Heaven today. She loves to reward her friends and she is now busy rewarding a true friend and client, Sister Cecilia, who passed away Sunday night.

Sister Cecilia didn't get much of a rest here on earth, but eternity is long, and her rest is just beginning. It was only this summer that she gave up her work in the Students' Infirmary, over which she had presided for twenty-two years. Crippled with arthritis for several years past, she found it very difficult to get about for her duties; but she kept going, and no student was ever neglected because she was less able than he to be about. She always maintained that she would not live long if she ever gave up, and for the past several years she kept going through sheer faith in the Blessed Mother and devotion to her holy obedience.

Do you remember the little china statue of the Blessed Virgin she kept on a shelf of her medicine cabinet? She used to say: "I put that there when I was given charge, and I told the Blessed Mother not to let me poison any of these boys." The whole house was under this heavenly protection. And the big Miraculous Medal, blessed by Pope Pius IX, she used to cure many a case of sore throat when quinzey was imminent.

She was good to us, and we must pray for the repose of her soul.

Prayers.

John Cassidy's brother died yesterday; five special intentions, three persons who are ill, and two deceased friends of students are recommended to your prayers.