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Singing Psalms in Babylon.

" Upon the river of Babylon, there we sat and wept: when we remembered Sion.

" On the willows in the midst thereof we hung up our instruments  
" How shall we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land."

-- Psalm 136: 1-4.

We sing Psalms in Babylon.

We live in the world-- in Babylon. And we have to "sing the song of the Lord;" in Babylon. We have to save our souls.

The Difference.

Before God gave us the Blessed Sacrament, the Chosen People had to live apart from the world to keep the faith. The Blessed Sacrament makes it possible for us to live in the midst of Babylon. And daily Communion is "the song of the Lord in a strange land."

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten

"Let my tongue cleave to my jaws if I do not remember thee."

-- Psalm 136: 5-6.

Another Objection to Daily Communion.

"I quit because I wasn't as fervent as I was at first."  
Leave joy for heaven. Did it make you avoid sin and grow in virtue?

"I won't be able to keep it up."

Behold a prophet! Our Lord said of the man who built new barns to hold his bumper crop: "Thou fool; this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Go while you have the chance.

"I have a habit of going once a month."

You can still keep up the habit, and go the other twenty-nine days out of devotion.

"It is apt to become a sacriligious habit."

No one with so tender a conscience would be able to perform the first sacriligious act necessary for the formation of a habit.

" It is too big a jump from monthly to daily Communion."  
The jump from mortal to venial sin is much greater, and that's what it means for some people.

"Some daily Communicants scandalize me."

"Judge not....." But supposing you are right, be good enough to allow them the benefit of God's mercy, and think what they might be without that grace -- and how wonderful you might be with that same grace.

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