

MARRIAGE A SCHOOL OF LOVE

Part 3

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What actually is the goal of the Savior's school of education in relation to his mother? He educates her to be a child of the Father. And if your motherly love wants something different: hands off! (The) Father is the main thing!

You have to think about it! What is more natural than that Our Lady says: Child, why did you do this to us? We have looked for you with great anxiety. You see, the Savior doesn't even (sanction) these noble, natural, motherly feelings. He simply says: You have to do the Father's will. (The) Father wanted it! Therefore, away with your motherly love! It now means: Yes, Fa-ther, yes!

The same when the Savior was in his public life and his mother heard that they wanted to kill him. What is more natural and more real (than) his mother going there to save him? You have to feel at once how harshly, almost cruelly, the Savior treated her. It's just as if he would say: Away with your motherly feelings! The Father wills that I shall die, so I will die. Stay away! (That is) harsh education. It's the education of a child. The Savior didn't only model it for her, but he really mediated educational wisdom to her: That's how one has to do it!

You see how the Savior bowed to the Father. The Father willed that he was to die on the cross, and what did the Savior do? When his hour had come, he put his omnipotence in his pocket and simply allowed himself to be

murdered like a little lamb that is led to the slaughter. (He) had shown earlier that he possessed the power. He made the whole company fall to the ground.

Do you notice how hard the Blessed Mother's school of education stands under the viewpoint of childlikeness towards the heavenly Father? Absolutely no caresses; that's out of the question. Here you see, the Savior educated his mother...

Maybe at times they were sitting down for a meal, and they discussed all kinds of things; perhaps then he also let his light shine. But on the other hand, his mother mediated to him speech, customs, and conventions of the people of that time. You see, that's what his mother gave him. Naturally, (she) also helped provide for his daily needs. (...)

What did the heavenly Mother learn from the Savior? To be a father child.

Now, I think that I should pause here a little and look into the heart and life of the Savior under the viewpoint of his relationship to the Father. You see, if I am to say that in a popular way, then I think I have to consider with you: What does the life's task of a person look like? Naturally, then you will tell me: One is a doctor, the other a teacher - the tasks very different. And in spite of it, there's somehow a common factor. In what consists our Christian task of life? I think that I may say there are three essential components: prayer, work, suffering.