

(From the Red Book - Pray with Your Heart)

(P. 74 - )

"Here heaven is speaking"

Every Thursday, Our Lady is giving messages through Marija Pavlovic. On the one hand these messages describe our present situation whilst, on the other hand, they are an impulse to go further and further ahead in prayer, in fasting, in our abandonment to God - a letting ourselves be guided by the Lord.

Last Thursday's message is very simple, but also very deep, "*I am inviting you once more to prayer. Satan now wants to use the grapes of your vineyard for his purpose. Pray the he may not succeed.*" What does this mean ? Look, the vineyard is one word or one parable of the Gospel. Our Lady talks biblically.

So many times one reads in the Psalms of how the Lord has planted a vineyard, or how He wants to keep it ... On the other hand Our Lady is a good teacher - She borrows images and symbols from everyday life. Now it is the vineyards. She is using the grapes of the vineyards as a symbol for any form of materialism. Your vineyard or your grapes in the vineyard, even though you may live in town and only see it on television, could be your money, something bothering you so much that you are not able to pray or be reconciled or forgiven.

A third consideration, strictly in basic terms, which we often preach from the altar about is this: there are people - even around here - who, having noticed the flow of foreign pilgrims, are selling grapes at an incredible price, much too high, much higher than they are worth.

So this is a test, a temptation for those who are attached to money, who want to earn. Therefore, Our Lady wants to educate us at different levels and to tell us to 'pay attention', because any attachment to materialism of any sort is a danger to man, to faith, to love, to reconciliation, also to peace, since wars come because we want to take from others ...

... I can tell you of my experiences here - I have been here forty months now and I do not know how much longer I shall still be here. I see us receiving a grace in advance here. There are many people coming here who are ready to pray, fast, be reconciled, confess; really wonderful conversions. And this has not been going on for one month or a fortnight, but fifty one months. Every day, this is for me, a new proof to see Our Lord is present in a special way and that He is inviting us through Our Lady.

Who can possibly, at this time, invite us to peace in the world ? If a politician does so, people do not believe his words and say; 'Maybe it is sheer diplomacy'. If someone else says so - it is the same again.

Here the visionaries convey messages, they convey them to us and say, 'Be reconciled, peace.' and more and more people come from all over the world. At four o'clock I was speaking to a group of people coming from Egypt. In these days there is a book being published in Arabic in Egypt. Already there are some booklets in Chinese, too.

I seem to be able to explain it in this way - here Heaven is speaking. Yet again, it is the word without politics or diplomacy which can find its direct path to our heart. I know many people having already come once, tend to come again. This is quite inexplicable to me, since anybody can see that we do not have good parking spaces, we still do not have proper facilities, we do not have good homes to lodge people or good hotels.

But I can see that, all of a sudden, when essential things are at stake, all this becomes a question of secondary importance. Then Heaven surely is speaking and inviting us. I can honestly say that many people in the world, millions of people are now fasting, praying for peace, getting ready to be reconciled.

(Fr. Slavko Barbaric - 5th September 1985)