

haughtily, "I pay tithes of all that I possess", and all the rest. Let us not fail to keep well in mind that his entire spiel was made and said AS A PRAYER! With never a word about his failures and sins, boastfulness alone was in the mind of this man, and how noticeable is his own concocted standard of excellence as he "prayerfully" compared his excellence to the inferiority of the "rest of men".

At this point it simply has to be further noted that in the words of the Pharisee nothing can be found of petition. His self-sufficiency oozes out of his every word. There is nothing in his word to indicate his realization of his need of Divine consideration. There is nothing to indicate that he felt the slightest dependence upon God. This added dimension is as serious as his boastfulness. He went all the way to the front of the Temple - most likely in the view of other worshipers - and there he bore public testimony to his good works. He gave no hint of any failures or shortcomings on his part, nor did he seem to have any concern about the usual temptations that besiege even the righteous. He was so secure in his own abilities, and his confidence in himself was so unlimited, that expressions concerning his personal unworthiness would have been, for him, unseemly and inappropriate. He brashly flaunted a strength that is not found in weak human nature. Therefore, secure in his belief that he was, indeed, "not like the rest of men", and with unlimited confidence in himself, he began his thanksgiving to God - "O God, I give Thee thanks", which, in simple hypocrisy, is nothing more than open indulgence in self-glorification.

(To be continued)

1. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez, Miriam Roy, and Ann Roberts. Pray also for all the sick and needy, the suffering and hungry, the oppressed of the world. Pray for all the children of the world. Pray for all Priests! (Please pray especially for Miriam Roy who is very sick.)
2. Tuesday, August 20, 2002 is the Feast of the great St. Bernard.
3. Thursday, August 22, 2002 is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Have we ever had need of special prayer to our Most Blessed Mother - more than at the present moment? Our only security is in Prayer - so let us pray unceasingly.
4. Saturday is the Feast of the Apostle St. Bartholomew.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special Int. Anna Rita Huelskamp
 - TUESDAY: Dec. John Lavretta
 - WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls
 - THURSDAY: Special Int. Mrs. Norman Kinnett
 - FRIDAY: Special Int. Gerald Lutz
 - SATURDAY: Dec. Father Robert McQueeney

! Important Notice !

**Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham for the Month of AUGUST
must start promptly at 9:00 A.M. - We must be out of the Chapel by 10:00.
No confessions after 8:45 A.M.**

*Pity the nation divided
into fragments -
each fragment
deeming itself the nation!*