

Reflection Wednesday Week 9 – 2023

Isn't it good to be reminded that God is God of the living! The God who loved us into being and continues to sustain us with that love. God lives in the present, in the now and, wherever we turn, God is present within us and around us. The book of Tobit tells a story of how that divine presence watches over us and leads us through the most difficult of times, even those moments when we reach complete despair. It also reveals how much God cares for us and leads us to recognise that after this life we enter into an eternal presence. It is a presence filled with happiness and song, filled with the desire to praise and glorify God, an existence of exultation and beauty, harmony and reverence in which we are surrounded by holiness. Not only is it difficult to put into words but impossible; it is an experience like no other.

Union with God is the only heaven there is, and it begins here on earth.

Giving yourself up to love is melting into God. It is falling into the hands of the living God with complete abandon. This is the deep, interior prayer for which we have been striving. Here we must let go of our dependency on thoughts, words, and images. We go into the beautiful darkness. We stop struggling. We let the angels carry us. Surrender is the only word we know. Macrina Wiederkehr osb

A woman took her husband to the doctor and said "Doctor, for the last eight months my husband has thought that he is a lawnmower." "Eight months?!" the doctor said, "Why in heaven's name didn't you bring him in sooner?!" And the wife said "Because the neighbour only just returned him this morning."