

2022-2023 BSP#9 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. 談及「那無法無天的人」時，保祿說他「要坐在天主的殿中」(2:3-4)。「天主的殿」對保祿來說是甚麼？(請考慮兩件事：當時的耶路撒冷聖殿在 70AD 被羅馬人完全毀滅；格前 6:15, 19 關於基督奧體和聖神宮殿的教導。)
 - a. 是當時的耶路撒冷聖殿。
 - b. 是天上的耶路撒冷聖殿。
 - c. 是梵蒂岡聖伯多祿大殿。
 - d. 是世上任何的人、地、事物。
 - e. 所有都不是。

Speaking of "the lawless man", Paul says that he "sat himself in the temple of God" (2:3-4). What is the "temple of God" to Paul? (Consider two things: The Temple in Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Romans in 70AD; 1 Cor 6:15, 19 about the teaching of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.)

- a. The temple in Jerusalem at that time.
 - b. The heavenly Jerusalem temple.
 - c. St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.
 - d. Any person, place, or thing in the world.
 - e. None of the above.
2. 在 2:15，保祿要求教會「你們要站立穩定，要堅持你們或由我們...所學得的傳授」。然而，在馬竇福音 15:6 中，耶穌說：「你們 [法利賽人和法學士] 就為了你們的傳授，廢棄了天主的話。」我們應該如何解釋這兩個看似相互矛盾的有關傳統的觀點？
 - a. 保祿指的是傳留下來給我們的神聖傳統，正如他在格林多前書 11:2 中教導的那樣：「我稱讚你們在一切事上記念我，並照我所傳授給你們的，持守那些傳授。」。
 - b. 保祿所指的傳統是引導我們進入真理的神聖傳統。
 - c. 耶穌所譴責的傳統是會分散人們對真理注意力的人類傳統。
 - d. 保祿提到的傳統是「生活的」，因為它們反映著天主子民在聖神指引中不斷地尋求主的面臉(若 16:13)。
 - e. 保祿所指的傳統總是決定性的，即使與信仰的教導相悖，也必須遵守。

In 2:15, Paul asks the Church to "stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught". However, in Mt 15:6, Jesus says, "You [Pharisees and scribes] have nullified the word of God for the sake of your tradition". How should we explain these two views about traditions that appear to contradict each other?

- a. Paul is referring to the holy traditions that are handed down to us, just as he teaches in 1 Cor 11:2: "I praise you because you remember me in

everything and hold fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you”.

- b. The traditions that Paul refers to are holy traditions that guide us into the truth.
- c. The traditions that Jesus condemns are human traditions that distract people from the truth.
- d. The traditions that Paul refers to are “living” because they reflect the people of God’s ongoing search for the face of the Lord under the guidance of the Spirit (Jn 16:13).
- e. The traditions that Paul refers to are definitive and good; they must be followed even if they are contrary to the teaching of the faith.

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

得後 2 章對「無法無天的人」的描述與默示錄 20:8-9 中邪惡勢力給天主子民的最後攻擊的記述非常吻合。在解釋默示錄的記載時，聖奧斯丁說：「這顯然並不意味著他們聚集或將聚集在聖徒營地和心愛的城市所在的某個地方。因為這座城市是基督的教會，遍布全世界……她將被她所有的敵人包圍，與他們交織在一起，就如他們現在和將來都會和每個民族一起……她被那巨大苦難的壓力所包圍」（天主之城 20 11-12）。鑑於聖奧斯丁對無法無天之人最後苦難的理解，你會怎樣看今天包圍著教會信徒的邪惡勢力？您認為審判日子臨近了嗎？這一切會怎樣影響您如何在現世生活呢？

The description of “the lawless one” in 2 Thes 2 fits in well with the final account of evil’s assault on the people of God in Revelation 20:8-9. In explaining the Revelation account, St. Augustine says, “This obviously does not mean that they gathered or will gather in some one place where the camp of the saints and the beloved city is to be. For this city is Christ’s church, which is spread over the whole world... There will she be surrounded by all her enemies, intermingled with her as they are and will be in every people...encompassed by the pressures of that mighty affliction” (City of God 20 11-12). Given St. Augustine’s understanding of the lawless one’s final affliction, how would you see the evil forces surrounding the church people today? Is the Day of Judgement imminent in your view? How does all of this affect the way you live in today’s world?