

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

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“My Immaculate Heart will triumph!” This prophecy of Our Lady of Fatima, unlike most of the others, is unconditional; it will come to pass, and nothing will prevent it from happening. The Triumph is a certainty. To achieve, it is the very purpose for which the Mother of God has been visiting and importuning us for so long a time. *“In the end,”* she assures us, *“My Immaculate Heart will triumph.”* At the climax of the battle between good and evil, between the Church (Mary especially) and the Dragon (Satan and his followers), goodness will be totally triumphant over wickedness. The struggle will be over. The Evil One will be defeated, his head crushed by her heel. The Woman shall conquer.

The meaning of *The Triumph is victory over sin*. In Mary’s own Heart, good has already triumphed absolutely. There is no sin in her. She is already glorified in heaven, untouched in any way by evil’s contamination. Victory over evil has reached its zenith in her Immaculate Heart. The coming of The Triumph of that Heart, however, must signify more than her own personal triumph. The prophecy refers to her triumph happening in us, as sin is cast out through repentance, and love reigns in the world. In *The Triumph, our hearts will become like hers. Her Triumph is victory over evil in our own hearts. This is what happens at the moment of our conversion from sin.* The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart takes hold when a heart turns toward God with Mary’s faith and surrender. When we say “Yes” to God, declaring our “fiat” as she did, *The Triumph* begins in us. She allowed God to be all in her. As God’s messenger, she invites us to accept the saving power of God calling us to repentance. Our triumph begins when we say “Yes” to Him, and it grows and puts down roots more deeply until that Day when we



will be raised up with Christ, just as Mary was raised up in her Assumption. The Triumph will appear on earth, *“in the end,”* when everyone in the world consents to repeat the “Yes” of Mary given to God when she consented to become Mother to His Holy One, Jesus.

The Triumph has already begun, therefore, because many, the world over, have already listened to the Marian messages over the years, and have made the choices she asked for. They have said “Yes” to the Lord, and joined with Mary in prayer and sacrifice to help save us all and bring in the Era of Peace. In some, this triumph of a faith-filled “Yes” has been in their hearts for many years, even from childhood. The prayers and virtuous lives of these people have certainly brought blessing and protection to an undeserving generation, but for the vast majorities, The Triumph seems to have not yet begun. It is to these children of hers that the Blessed Mother directs her appeals. She does not want them to be lost. They must and will turn to the Lord and be saved. In them also, the Triumph will come. By her prophecy quoted above, the Queen of Heaven assures us that the present situation will be reversed by the intervention of God. By His great mercy, by the intercession of the Immaculate Heart and of those who join with her in her efforts to turn the world around, it will happen. Not only Russia, but the whole world will be converted. Mary has promised that conversion. The Warning, when it eventuates, imperiously demands it.

The Miracle soon to be seen in Garabandal has world conversion as its purpose. The Punishment, if it comes, will guarantee it. The conversion of the world is sure to come. The world will become His by our conversion and His intervention. The Triumph the Immaculate Heart will arrive.

The Triumph will glorify Mary, the Mother of God. God *“wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart.”* He wills to glorify His Mother on earth. His intention in this regard is obvious when we consider the implications of her Assumption, a mystery which assures us that He has personally already given to her all the glory she can receive. He fills her with glory through Jesus, her Son, who has that glory as His very own. He who is *“full of grace and of truth,”* the *“Only begotten of the Father on whom His favour rests,”* wants to glorify His own Mother to the utmost, by giving to her the fullness of Resurrection that He himself has received from the Holy Spirit.

We are to support Him in this enterprise. We glorify Mary with Him. We must acknowledge before all men and women the marvellous work He has accomplished in her, making her more beautiful than the sun and stars, more comely than the moon, crowning her Queen of all in the dazzling raiment of the Lord's light.

We will glorify her by obeying her perennial summons to repentance, by imitating her response to Jesus, by proclaiming her name as *Mother of God and Mother of the Church.* God wants it to be known the world over that the triumph of good over evil is meant to come, and certainly will come, through her Immaculate Heart. She will be glorified by both God and us on earth, for it will become manifest that God has worked The Triumph through her.

The Triumph will be a conversion event that will be so powerful and universal that all will be compelled to praise God for the magnificent works He has done in His creature, Mary. The awesome might that this humble handmaiden possesses as she shares in the redemption of the world will be abundantly clear before all eyes. The Triumph will be recognizable in the total conversion of the world an historical event of such magnitude that it will make all former moments of glory seem like shadows.

God will accord immense glory to Mary, the Immaculate Heart, and we will then begin to comprehend with what glory He intends to adorn each of us, in our turn. Mary will show forth, in her Triumph, the inestimable glory promised to the Church (to each one of us). Our destiny is the same as hers, if we repent of our sins and seek the Lord with our whole heart. We too will be glorified by God with Jesus and Mary, and with the same glory of the Holy Spirit they have received from the Father.



St Joseph Hears God's Word



A Reflection by St Pope John Paul II

St Joseph is great in the spirit. He is great in faith, not because he uttered any words of his own but above all, because he heard the *words of the living God.*

He listened in silence. And he became a witness of the *Divine Mystery.*

The *Word of the living God* fell deeply into the soul of that man – *that Upright Man.* And we, do we know how to listen to God's word?

Do we know how to absorb it in the depths of our human “ego”?

Do we open our consciences to this word?

Do we read Sacred Scripture?

Do we take part in catechesis?

We have so much need of faith!

Great faith is so necessary to people of our time, the difficult modern age.

Great faith is necessary today to individuals, families, communities, the Church.

People of God!

Fear not to accept Mary, together with Joseph of Nazareth.

Fear not to accept Jesus Christ, his Son, all your lives.

Fear not to accept Him with faith like Joseph's. Fear not to accept Him under the roofs of your houses.

Fear not to accept Christ in your daily work.

Fear not to accept Him in your “world”.

Then this world will be really human. It will become ever more human. *Only the God-Man can make our “human world” fully human.*