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THE RESURRECTION OF THE JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

Towards the home of Jairus

Jesus calming the sea with one word of His, proved that He is Lord of irrational creation. A little later casting out with one command of His, demons from the possessed man of the Gadarenes, He revealed that He prevails over the angelic powers. Subsequently, granting, again with His word, the resurrection of Jairus's daughter, He revealed that He is master of life and of death. Everything immediately obeys His word, because He is God and the creator of everything.

Jairus was a leader of the synagogue in Capernaum. Previously he had not approached the Lord. Now however, due to the grave illness of his 12-year-old daughter, he goes to Him and begs Him to heal her. From here it clearly shows that afflictions, when we face them correctly, prove a great opportunity, for us to approach God and to be saved. Because Jairus did not have a high faith in the person of the Lord, he asks Him to proceed to his home, in order to grant health to his daughter. Jesus condescending to Jairus' weakness, but also because He foreknew what would occur, in other words, the death and resurrection of the daughter, accepts to walk with him up to his home.

Many people were following Him, some, in order to see the miracle, others because Jairus was an official person, others because they were seeking their own physical cure, while others out of curiosity. Few were those who, as the sacred Chrysostom observes, were following Him, because the first thing which interested them was His word and teaching.

The hemorrhaging woman

Among the multitude was also a woman who was suffering from hemorrhaging for 12 years. She secretly with much faith touched the edge of the Lord's garment and immediately became well. The fact is not by chance that for as many years as this woman was suffering, so many years old was Jairus' daughter. This shows that when the hemorrhaging woman became ill, then God brought to

the world her who would become a cause for her cure. No person, no matter how much they are suffering, is outside of God's wondrous providence and care. For everyone God cares and strives in a perfect manner. So for this reason it is necessary for us to think that our afflictions and pains come only from our own mistakes and never from God. If we keep such an attitude, God will give us the spirit of repentance and the solution to our various problems at the appropriate time.

The hemorrhaging woman secretly approached the Lord, because from a legal viewpoint she was impure and ought to not touch anyone. The Lord however revealed her, to show that He does not avoid the even the impure people. He came to Earth, in order to seek, to correct and to save the impure ones, the sick ones, the sinners, and whoever is in delusion. Also, with her revelation, He delivered her from the censuring of conscience that she stealthily broke off the cure from Him. Furthermore, in this way He corrected the naïve thought that she could escape His attention. Simultaneously He revealed her great faith before everyone, so that others could also be urged to imitate her. The leader of the synagogue, seeing this great miracle, was becoming firm in His faith and was being protected from the danger of the subsequent frustration, when in a little he would learn that his daughter died. So for this reason furthermore, the Lord was delaying, in order for the messengers to arrive and announce the fact that the girl died. Thus also her death would henceforth be manifest and much more so the resurrection which would follow.

In Jairus' home – the resurrection

As soon as the Lord entered into Jairus' home he saw everyone crying and mourning his dead daughter. Then He told them the unexpected word for them to not be crying, because the girl did not die but she is sleeping. He did this, initially to show that even before He performs whatsoever miracle, He knows very well what will happen, as also that it is very easy for Him to resurrect whoever He wants. Simultaneously, He reveals that He acts and creates as God. He merely wants, and immediately what He wants takes place. He merely says, and everything is created. Also, saying that the girl is sleeping, He reveals the great truths that since He now came to the world, death henceforth was abolished. It was altered into a simple sleep. We all will, according to the pre-imaging of the resurrection of Jairus' daughter, hear His voice and resurrect. The righteous ones on the one hand will be rejoicing eternally, while the sinners on the other hand will be being punished eternally.

So for this reason we should not fear physical death at all, neither be sad about the reposed people, like whoever does not believe and does not hope in anything. We should just be overcome by one fear. That we not appear unworthy of God's love and so remain eternally separated from Him. If we preserve in us this blessed fear, then gradually it will be altered into love full of piety towards God, which will witness within us that we moved from death to life.

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