

ON THIS TRINITY SUNDAY,

IT'S EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT GOD,

AND IN FACT THEY DO.

BUT WHAT IS INTERESTING, IS THAT, WHILE TALKING ABOUT GOD,

THEY ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT US.

AND IN THEM AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRINITY IN WAYS WE MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF.

THE TRINITY, IN GRADE SCHOOL THROUGH SEMINARY WAS ALWAYS A THEOLOGICAL ENTERPRISE

TO TRY AND EXPLAIN GOD.

TO SHOW, THAT IN EACH MEMBER THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL AND UNIQUE ABOUT THE FATHER,

THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

BUT TODAY'S READINGS TAKE IT A LITTLE DEEPER AND IN A MUCH DIFFERENT DIRECTION WHEN IT

INCLUDES US INTO ANY FORMULA.

FROM THE READING FROM DEUTORONOMY YOU COULD SAY THAT ITS ABOUT GOD THE FATHER.

BUT MOSES WAS TELLING THE PEOPLE SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THEY HAD TO REMEMBER.

THEY HAD TO REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAD DONE FOR THEM.

THEY HAD TO REMEMBER THE GREAT MOMENTS OF THEIR HISTORY AND IN DOING THAT THE GREAT

MOMENTS IN THEIR OWN PERSONAL LIVES.

IT STARTS OUT WITH REMEMBERING CREATION.

COULD ANYTHING HAVE BEEN MORE MAGNIFICENT OR MORE POWERFUL THAT THE TIME WHEN

HUMANKIND BEGAN TO WALK ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

WAS THEIR ANY HAND OR OUTSTRETCHED ARM THAT WAS MORE POWERFUL.

AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER MIRACULOUS MOMENTS.

SO IN CASE THERE WAS ANY DOUBT, AND THERE WAS PLENTY,

THE PEOPLE HAD TO REMEMBER THE LORD IS GOD IN THE HEAVENS AND ON EARTH.

THERE IS OR WAS NO OTHER.

SO IT BRINGS US IN TO A SIMPLE FACT.

IF WE BELIEVE THAT, THEN WE SHOULD ALSO ACT BY KEEPING HIS STATUTES AND COMMANDMENTS.

NOT OURS THAT ARE HUMAN MADE.

AND IT TELLS US WHO WE OWE OUR VERY LIVES.

IT TELLS US WHO WE BELONG TO.

NOT AN EARTHLY POWER, NOT TO A KING, BUT TO GOD FIRST, ABOVE ALL.

AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THAT SIMPLE MESSAGE HAS BEEN LOST MANY TIMES AS WE LOOK TO EARTHLY SAVIOURS WHO HAVE ALWAYS FAILED.

AND IN OUR SECOND READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS,

ANOTHER FACT ABOUT THE TRINITY.

AND AGAIN ITS NOT TRYING A THEOLOGICAL EXPLANATION.

IT GIVES US A CAUSE FOR OURSELVES AS TO WHAT IT MEANS.

THE ONE WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.

WE RECEIVED, SIMPLY BY OUR EXISTENCE,

THAT WE CAN ACCEPT OR REJECT,

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY GOD AND HE IS OUR ABBA, WHICH MEANS FATHER.

NOT A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS FAR OFF.

BUT INSTEAD ONE THAT IS CLOSE AND WITH THE USE OF ABBA,

ONE THAT IS LOVING.

AND ONE THAT CREATES A SPIRITUAL FAMILY.

IN THE GOSPEL READING,

JESUS TAKES HIS DISCIPLES TO A MOUNTAIN TOP WHERE HE COULD BE ALONE WITH THEM.



AND HE TOLD THEM SOMETHING THEY WOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER IN THE END.

AT FIRST WE'RE TOLD THAT THEY DID HIM HOMAGE,

BUT THEY DOUBTED.

AGAIN, A RECURRING THEM THROUGHOUT ALL OF HISTORY.

WHEN GOD DOESN'T BEHAVE LIKE WE WANT,

WE GET UPSET AND THE DOUBTS INCREASE ABOUT THIS ADOPTED FAMILY OF HIS.

BUT HE GAVE THEM A COMMISSION.

ONE THAT WOULD BE PUT ON EVERYONE THROUGH BAPTISM.

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.

THE GOD WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH,

LAYS A BURDEN ON US TO CARRY THE MESSAGE IN OUR OWN LIVES WHEREVER WE ARE,

NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT WE MAY FEEL IT IS.

BECAUSE WITH THE COMMISSION, IS ALSO THE PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BE PRESENT.

THAT GOD HAS AN ACTUAL PLAN.

AND HE MAKES THE PIECES FIT.

SO WE ARE NOT ALONE, NO MATTER HOW WE MAY FEEL AT TIMES.

AND WE ARE PART OF THE ORIGINAL CREATION THAT HE CALLED, "GOOD."

HOWEVER WE UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY FOR OURSELVES,

WE ARE TOLD THAT GOD IT IS THERE TO SERVE US, TO GUIDE US, TO GIVE US WISDOM

AND TO TAKE PART IN THE CREATION THAT GOD IS STILL HAPPENING,

THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP.

THE PARTNERSHIP OF GOD AND HIS ADOPTED CHILDREN.