

READING “FACE AND HANDS” PASSAGES FROM THE WORD



“The doctrine of genuine truth can also be drawn in full from the sense of the letter of the Word, because in this sense the Word is like a man clothed whose face and hands are bare. All things that concern man's life, and consequently his salvation, are bare; but the rest are clothed.”

(Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture 55)

The truths of the Word about a person's life and salvation are clearly taught in the Word. They are like the face and hands of a person, uncovered by clothing.

What might be some of the face and hands passages?

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39).

“What does the Lord require of you, but to love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

A Discussion Idea

One family likes to think about a passage from the Word such as the Golden Rule:

“Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise” (Luke 6:31).

Even with a “face and hands” passage such as this one, where the spiritual meaning shines clearly, children of different ages will have a different understanding of it. It can be interesting for family members to reflect on such as passage, jot down some thoughts about it, then come together to share their ideas.

With the Golden Rule, some people may *think* it means “do to others what they do to you”, so a group discussion can be useful.