And the Lord, Seeking His Laborer

by St. Benedict of Nursia

The Lord invites us to a life of obedience and relationship, promising to be present with us and listen to our prayers.

Scripture: Psalm 34:13, Psalm 34:16, Isaiah 58:9, Isaiah 65:24
Topics: "Following God", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of seeking true and everlasting life by keeping our speech pure and turning away from evil, while actively pursuing peace. He reminds us that God's eyes are on those who follow His ways, and He is attentive to their prayers even before they call upon Him. St. Benedict highlights the sweetness of the Lord's invitation to walk in His ways and experience His loving kindness, which leads to the path of life.

Transcript

And the Lord, seeking his laborer

in the multitude to whom He thus cries out,

says again,

"Who is the one who will have life,

and desires to see good days" (Ps. 33[34]:13)?

And if, hearing Him, you answer,

"I am the one,"

God says to you,

"If you will have true and everlasting life,

keep your tongue from evil

and your lips that they speak no guile.

Turn away from evil and do good;

seek after peace and pursue it" (Ps. 33[34]:14-15).

And when you have done these things,

My eyes shall be upon you

and My ears open to your prayers;

and before you call upon Me,

I will say to you,

'Behold, here I am'" (Ps. 33[34]:16; Is. 65:24; 58:9).

What can be sweeter to us, dear ones,

than this voice of the Lord inviting us?

Behold, in His loving kindness

the Lord shows us the way of life.

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