An ideal world where no one lies

What do two newly-weds want from each other? Not first of all money, beauty or success, but integrity and sincere love. Each of them wants a partner who will not lie, who will not cheat, whose word can be relied on and who will stay faithful whatever happens. They sense by instinct that only on these things can a lasting home be built.

Where each one knows the other is telling the truth, trust is born. Trust brings stability, and stability brings rest in the relationship: there is no more need for suspicion, for checking up, or for the fear of being betrayed. And where the heart is at rest, joy and happiness follow. On the other hand, a single lie found out can shake a trust that took years to build.

What a husband and wife wish for their home exists fully and forever in God's world. The Bible calls it the Kingdom of God. It is an ideal country where no one lies, no one cheats, and everyone can rest in the faithfulness of the others.

Not the beauty of the place, but the character of the people

The Bible describes the place where God dwells as a place of a beauty beyond all imagining. And yet beauty is not what makes it what it is. If we imagined the most beautiful place possible, but inhabited by people who were selfish, dishonest, envious or hungry for power, that place would soon lose its beauty. Humanity's hardest problems do not come from a lack of resources, but from human character.

That is why God's world is defined by the character of those who live in it. There is no lying there, no manipulation, no fraud, no corruption and no injustice. No one tries to take advantage of anyone else, and honesty is the rule, not the exception. In our world, police, armies, prisons and courts are necessary because evil exists. In God's world they are absent. Not because there is no law, but because there is no one who wants to break it.

Like an orchestra

Think of a great orchestra. On the stage there are dozens of musicians, each with an instrument: violins, cellos, flutes, trumpets, timpani. Each has his own freedom and talent, but they all play from the same score and follow the same conductor. When every instrument is in tune and every musician plays his part faithfully, out of hundreds of different sounds a single harmony is born. Yet a single instrument out of tune is enough to spoil the whole harmony. One wrong note is heard throughout the hall.

So it is with the Kingdom of God. Its people are not all the same, without personality; each keeps his own gifts and his own place. But they all live by the same "score", the law of love, truth and justice, and follow the same "Conductor", God Himself. No one "plays" as he pleases at the expense of the others.

In an orchestra, a wrong note lasts a moment, and then the concert is over. In an eternal world, a single wrong note would sound on forever and spoil everything. "Perfect" means brought to completion, lacking nothing. That is why perfection is not a luxury of that world, but the condition of its eternal existence. It is not a cold, frozen state, like a flawless statue, but the fullness of life. Only where everything is perfect can there be a peace that never ends. This is the world for which man was created.

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