

*Meditations in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará*

**Meditation on Day 28 (March 16)**

*Place that the bibliography was taken from the book HEINRICH SCHLIER, Principalities and Powers in the New Testament.*

*"Saint Joseph Terror of demons"*

Saint Joseph is a powerful intercessor before the powers and attacks of Satan.

In the New Testament we read how "Jesus speaks of a victory in his farewell address: *Jn 16,33: "In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer! I have overcome the world"*. This is the world as it is presented by its master, that is, as a world of death and darkness, therefore also of tribulation. And the victory is what Jesus has achieved on the cross, precisely when in the eyes of the world He seemed totally defeated. For insofar as He has surrendered to the Father, He has preserved this world in His love.

There is also discourse of triumph and the victories of faith and the faith of believers: *1 Jn 5:4, "The Victory that has conquered the world is our faith,"* cf. also 2:13, *"I am writing to you, Fathers, because you have known Him from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have defeated the evil one";* 4:4, *"You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world";* Rev 2:26, *"To the Victor who keeps to my ways until the end, I will give authority over the nations"*

He who practices this faith (concrete faith in Jesus as the Son of God) overcomes by the victory of faith, which believes in the victory achieved by Jesus. He conquers to the extent that in faith he no longer believes in the world (and therefore neither does the interpretation of the world by the powers). Thus, once again receiving his life from God, he practices from this new life all the precepts of God (the commandments) in "love": *"Whoever is born of God conquers the world" 1 Jn 5:4a.*

Conquerors in an excellent way are those who *"have defeated the accuser of the brothers, the devil"*, offering in their existence the testimony of the One who has won, the lion, who is the lamb (Rev 5:5), and who will overcome (Rev 17:14). *They defeated him thanks to the blood of the Lamb and the word of testimony they gave, because they despised life before death* (Rev 12:11).

His victory, therefore, is based on the victory of Christ, which is accepted and repeated as a sign. In martyrdom, the continuation of Christ's fundamental victory over the powers of death is fully and decisively obtained. It is the on-going sign of the victory of Christ."

*"Do not be afraid of the devil, for he can do nothing against you";* Rev 4:7, The devil does nothing but inspire fear, but his fear has no strength; Rev 5:2, The devil cannot bring down the servants of God, who wholeheartedly trust Him. The devil can certainly fight with them, but cannot defeat them. Cf. 6:1 "For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night." (Rev 12:10)

For we believe "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2, 10-11)

We ask the intercession of St. Joseph to obtain for us the strength to fight against the forces of evil!