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Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.
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Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,³⁰ because we are members of his body.³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Holy Gospel

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¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,

²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders,⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

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