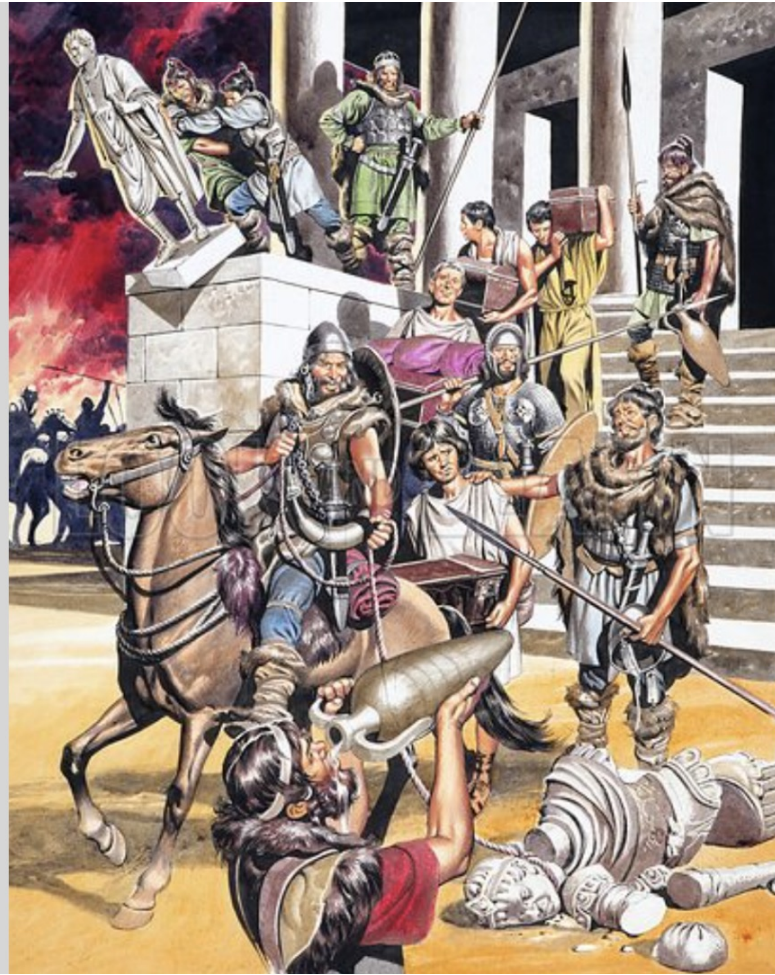
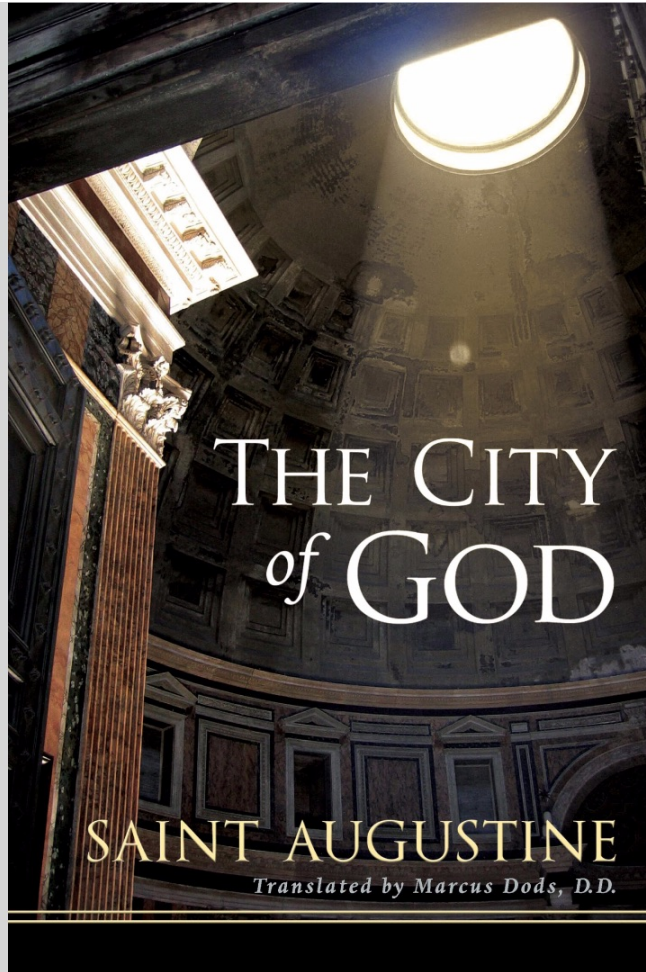


# BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

ordo amoris = order of love





# THE CITY *of* GOD

SAINT AUGUSTINE

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“When the miser prefers gold to justice, it is through no fault of the gold, but of the man; and so with every created thing.

“For though it be good, it may be loved with an evil as well as a good love: it is loved rightly when it is loved ordinally; evilly, when inordinately.”

Augustine

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

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“I do not deny, that the more closely any person is united to us, the greater claim he has to the assistance of our kind office.

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“For the condition of humanity requires, that men should perform more acts of kindness to each other,

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“in proportion to the  
closeness of the bonds by  
which they are connected,  
whether of relationship, or  
acquaintance, or vicinity.”

John Calvin



"I love mankind.... It's  
people I can't stand!"

Linus

“To love everybody in the world equally is to love nobody very much.”

Oliver O'Donovan

“The more I love humanity in general, the less I love man in particular. In my dreams, I often make plans for the service of humanity....

“Yet I am incapable of living in the same room with anyone for two days together. I know from experience.

“As soon as anyone is near me, his personality disturbs me and restricts my freedom.

“In twenty-four hours I begin to hate the best of men: one, because he is too long over his dinner, another because he has a cold and keeps on blowing his nose.

“I become hostile to people the moment they come close to me. But it has always happened that the more I hate men individually, the more I love humanity.”

Father Zossima

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

“But I say to you, Love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you,”

Matthew 5:43-44

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

“And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and  
whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:37-39

# 1. A family **interruption**

“While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.” (46)

“Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”

“And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

Matthew 13:55-56

“Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

“And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, ‘He is out of his mind.’”

Mark 3:20-21

- Lord of the Sabbath -

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- Greater than Jonah -

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- Greater than Solomon -

A textual question -

“Someone told him, ‘Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you.’” (47)

Why is it not included?

Why is it not included?

Should it be included?

1. A family interruption
2. A family **question**

“But he replied to the man who told him,  
‘Who is my mother, and who are my  
brothers?’” (48)

1. A family interruption
2. A family question
3. A family **definition**

“And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers!’”

Matthew 12:49

“For whoever does the will of my Father in  
heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:50

What do we conclude?

\* Well-ordered love enables **relationships**  
**to flourish appropriately.**

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

“who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 1:11-13



“To love you as I should, I must worship God as Creator.



“When I have learnt to love  
God better than my  
earthly dearest, I shall love  
my earthly dearest better  
than I do now.



“Insofar as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all.



“When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.”

C.S. Lewis

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“He must manage his own household well,  
with all dignity keeping his children  
submissive,

“for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?”

1 Timothy 3:4-5

“Learn how to be a good daughter, and you will know how to negotiate the dynamics of being a good employee.

“Learn to be a good father, and you will know how to be a good supervisor. Learn to be a good younger sibling,

“and you will know how to receive instruction from a teacher while maintaining a healthy degree of autonomy.”

Gregg ten Elshof

“What do you get when you invite folks steeped in the contemporary Western posture toward family

“to apply what they’re already doing in the context of family to their Christian communities –

“when you invite them to be extended family  
for one another?”

“Perhaps you get an association of folks who think of themselves in largely autonomous and individualistic terms

“and who slide in and out of connection with different churches over the years depending on where their life’s pursuits, interests, and preferences take them.”

Gregg ten Elshof

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:7-11