

Touching the Untouchable – Jeremiah 22: 1-5; 13-17

Jeremiah 22: 15 - Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him.

The 8th wonder of the world – Is it the Taj Mahal? Or is it the Palm Islands in Dubai? Maybe the Petronas Towers of Malaysia? No! It is the human ego. If you opposed something I said the day before, then I will speak against you today, no matter how valid your points. If my wife tells me something uncomfortable to hear, then I respond with a “Mind your own business” or a more colloquial phrase. If my friend has a new job, then I must ask him about his salary. If he makes less than me, then I am satisfied. If he makes more, then I am envious. My dear brothers and sisters these are all empty vanities that drive us further away from our God. The vanity of the kings of Judah drove them to acquire more and more cedar to build even more palaces, to the neglect of their God and their subjects. In the same way, our own ego-driven vanities drive us away from our God and our brothers and sisters. We must humble ourselves before God and before our fellow man if we are to be nearer to our God.

Therefore, during this great season of Lent let us rededicate ourselves and shed our vanities. Christ in His infinite power and glory humbled Himself on the cross for us. He humbled Himself so that we too may partake in His glory. Through His humility we have been given the privilege to touch the untouchable majesty of God. So my dear brothers and sisters, let us use this time wisely and reflect on how we may follow the example that Christ has set for us, so that we too may humble ourselves before God and our brothers and sisters.