

Born in 1723 in county Fife, Scotland ... Adam Smith was a Scottish moral philosopher and is considered to be a pioneer in the field of political economy. He is best remembered for two works: *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, written in 1759; and *An Inquiry into the Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, written in 1776, and often known by its shortened titled, *The Wealth of Nations*. From this, Smith is often cited as the “father of modern economics” and to this day is still considered one of the most influential thinkers in the field of economics.

The word, *economics*, traces its roots to two Greek words: *oikos* meaning ‘home’ or ‘household;’ and *nomos* meaning ‘law.’

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “*In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.*” The original text, in Greek, has Jesus saying, “*In my Father’s [oikos],*” as such it might be rendered, ‘in His Father’s home,’ or ‘in his Father’s household.’

In this sense, Jesus is telling His disciples that they are now considered members of His Father’s household ... and that His home in heaven is also their home.

This is more than a polite rendering of “*mi casa su casa.*” Rather, Jesus goes on to say that there are many ‘*dwelling places*’ in His Father’s home.

The word here in Greek is *topos* which classically means simply ‘place’ ... but has a broad meaning ranging from a person having seat at table, or a rank among others ... to the Temple mount or the entire Holy Land itself.

And so, it is only right that the disciples ask how to get there? How can they find the way to God’s home? To this divine land ... this holy table ... this eternal mountain.

Jesus’ reply is quite simply: “*I am the way and the truth and the life.*”

The economics of eternity require us to invest in our future in God's household. If we hope to take our place at the table of the Lord in eternity, we need to engage in the economy of the divine ... where the coin of the realm is love, mercy, and grace.

And the way that we do this ... and the truth of this way ... and the life that we are to live ... is quite simply to follow Jesus Christ ... with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We must follow Him, and live our lives for Him and for Him alone.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... let us pray that we might abide in God's love, grace, and mercy ... in the Person of Jesus Christ ... so that we may find our rightful place in God's household in eternity. May Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life ... direct our steps ... every moment of every day. May He be for each one of us ... our Way ... our Truth ... and our Life.