



**Maxim in Haiku 80 - 82**

**If you have virtues,  
they come from God who alone  
knows who are holy.**

**You may have virtue  
but God's judging is unique,  
differing from ours.**

**The practice of zeal  
is desire for God's glory,  
a great gift from God.**

*Consider as certain that, when you commit fewer faults and practice virtue more easily, you are not more holy but only more indebted to God and to God's grace, such grace often makes beginners more devoted in good works and less prone to faults than those who have already made much progress. Be aware that holiness consists in something utterly hidden and known to God alone. Maxim 80*

*Whatever the virtue you recognize in yourself, never turn away from a true fear of God, conscious that God's judgements are unfathomable and that God's appraisals are quite different from ours. Maxim 81*

*Consider as certain that in the practice of zeal there is nothing so good as peaceful and disinterested desire for God's glory. God mercifully grants these desires to completely unworthy creatures. Maxim 82*