"To take the praises and scorns of creatures into no account"

Today I did my meditation on the harm that can come to our souls from the praises that other creatures give us.

While I was doing the application to myself,

- to see whether there was complacency for human praises within me, Jesus came close to me and *He told me*:

"When a heart is full of the knowledge of self,

- the praises of men are like sea waves that rise and overflow, but never go out of their boundary.

In the same way, human praises

- yell and shout,
- they clamor,
- they get close even to the heart.

But in finding it full and well surrounded

- by the strong walls of the knowledge of self, they are unable to find a place for themselves. And they draw back, causing no damage to the soul.

So, this is what you must be careful about:

taking the praises and scorns of creatures into no account."