

**October 17 and 24, 2015
1953 Second Seattle Class
Tape 33, Side 1: "Living Divine Sonship"**

Summary

We ask: Why are there evils in this world? Why is there sin, disease, and death in this world? The world seeks a way out by physical might and mental power, but does not find it.

The one and only reason for all of the world's discords is that we do not know our true identity. This ignorance has set up a **sense** of separation between ourselves and God that separates us from our good. In the human picture, it would be as if you forgot that you had a large bank account and then suffered from lack or limitation. Remembering your possession of that bank account would restore harmony in your economic affairs.

The story of the prodigal son reveals the same thing. He had everything. He was the son of a rich man, and had a wonderful home and position in life. Then came the **sense of separation** that sent him out into the world to achieve something on his own. Soon he had used up his substance – the supply that had been stored up – for it was no longer being renewed by contact with its source, his father's house. The son realizes, *"Even the servants are better off than I am,"*¹ and he begins the return to the father's house. While he was yet a long way off, the father comes out to greet him and reestablish him in his sonship. He returned to the father's house; to the father's consciousness.

Human beings are prodigals. The "fall of man" is really the **sense** of separation from God. It is the descent from divine Consciousness to the belief and acceptance of a selfhood apart from God. The "return to the Father's house" is remembering that our selfhood, our true identity, our true being, is God. Yet we do not speak of this truth. We do not say to our relatives or friends, "You know, I have discovered that I am the Son of God; I am the Christ."

There is a better way, which is to show forth **by our experience** what our discovery has revealed. Instead of going out into the world and saying, "Look what I have discovered," we sit at home and go about our business. When others see that we have no fears, no doubts, less of sin, sickness, and discord, and more of joy, happiness, and prosperity, they come and say, "You have something. I want some of that." Then, slowly and gently, we feed them with the hidden manna. We share with them this water of life. The world at large would be shocked at the full revelation of truth and reject it, because truth is the very opposite of what the world calls "common sense."

The world will accept peace if it is on the human level of existence. It will accept supply if it comes in the way they are accustomed to having it. It will accept health if you can give it to them in a pill or a powder or a plaster. But the moment you speak of a new dimension, or you speak of Spirit, Soul, or God, you will find they are very busy with other things. So I caution you to be very sparing in your impartation of Truth, except to those who prove to be very hungry and thirsty for it – not hungry for healing or supply, but for truth. Then you will find receptivity.

The world cannot be saved by pumping truth into it. Let them come and imbibe truth from us, but **only when our lives testify to what we have discovered**, not when our lips tell people words of truth that they can readily see we are not demonstrating.

¹ Luke 15:17

There is only one reason that you are receptive and responsive to this message. You who are in this class have desired and sought for truth. You have studied, meditated, pondered, and attended lectures and classes. You have done everything in your power to open yourselves to truth, fitting yourselves for a further and higher unfoldment of it. That is why you are able to accept whatever of truth is revealed. You are not listening for more words of truth or wisdom, but rather for a **revelation of God within your own Soul**.

Ours is a new dimension. We do not seek the world. We just abide at the center of our own being, demonstrate the glory of God, and let the world come to us.

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."*²

"He that hath an ear" means he that has an inner ear, a spiritual ear; he that can hear what isn't audible. "Let him hear what the Spirit saith ..." In other words, let him hear not what I say; not what the books say; but **what the Spirit says**. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna ..." The whole import of the message of The Infinite Way could be summed up in that term "hidden manna." Hidden manna is like "My peace." It is something that the world wouldn't know if it saw it, and wouldn't realize if it experienced it. It is a peace that comes not because the body is healthy, or the purse is wealthy, or the home is happy. "My peace" comes from a hidden spring within, and when it comes, it produces more health, more wealth, more harmony, and more joy. Instead of receiving joy from an **external** condition or circumstance, you first receive "My joy" or "My peace" and then **it** changes the outer circumstance.

This is important because the health, wealth, or good that comes to you from the external today may be taken from you tomorrow. But if spiritual peace, "My peace," comes first, the good that it brings will never leave you. "My peace" does not depend on something good happening outside. God's peace is an inflow and an outflow from within our own being. It is self-created, self-maintained, and self-sustained. It is the hidden manna that flows out and forever establishes harmony in your outer world.

"To him that overcometh," – to the one who overcomes the desire to seek in the outer realm – *"will I give to eat of the hidden manna."* Manna is the hidden food, the inner food, "My peace." *"I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it."* That new name is "Christ." No more are you "Jones" or "Brown" or "Smith." No more are you "man whose breath is in his nostrils" seeking good outside. No more are you a prodigal, separate and apart from the Father's house. Now your name is "Christ." Christ is that which feeds and heals and satisfies. Christ is that which restores and resurrects. Christ is that which in and of Itself is the kingdom of all harmony.

But don't ever voice such things as, "I am God," or "I am spiritual," or "I am Christ," or "I am the Son of God." That wouldn't be true, and people will suspect you. The Master revealed his identity only a few times. He was very, very careful about that. Even when it was said to him that he was king of the Jews, he said, *"Thou hast said it."*³ In other words, "I didn't say it; you said it."

You have a choice. You can remain "man whose breath is in his nostrils" and continue your

² Revelation 2:17

³ Mark 15:2

search for God, for good, for supply, eternality, immortality, and peace. Some time or other you may stumble upon it. Or, you can give up your search tonight. You can give up your desire for good and your expectation of good, and you can rest back in the hidden manna in your new name – **in your divine Sonship**.

The prodigal son came home and received the gown, the robe, the ring, and the jewels because of his sonship. We can do likewise. We can return to the Father's house tonight. And even while you are quite a distance away from the **realization** of it, the Father is already on the way out to meet you and place upon you that purple robe of divinity and that jeweled ring of spiritual dominion and authority. That ring has a new gem with a new name: "Divine Sonship."

If you accept your divine Sonship, you will sit back, rest, and let your good come to you. No longer will you jump all over the city looking for apartments or homes. No longer will you go from shop to shop to find that dress or suit. No longer will you waste your time and energy in searching for things or persons. Rather you will **rest in the realization of your divine Sonship** and **let** your good unfold; **let** it come to you. Your good will never come to you from outside your own being; it must unfold to you from within your being.

All supply is hidden within you. It cannot come **to** you; it must flow out **from** you to the world. As a prodigal you were out in the world seeking, working, striving, getting. As the divine Son, the world comes to you with the riches that are yours by **inheritance**. We are heirs of God, not by might nor by power, but as children of God.

Can you imagine Jesus doing mental work or praying for health or supply for himself? It just doesn't ring true, does it? Jesus could heal and supply because of his awareness of his true identity, **his divine Sonship**. He knew that "all that the Father hath" was his, and he could share that with the world, whether it was healing, regenerating, reforming, resurrecting, or supplying. Likewise, "all that the Father hath" **is already yours!** Is any treatment necessary after you have realized your divine Sonship; after you have affirmed your relationship to God? No! Only one thing is necessary – for you to **stand steadfastly in truth**, remaining faithful in the understanding of the truth you have received.

*[At this point Joel goes through the "body exercise," in which he tells us to look down at our feet and ask ourselves, "Am I in these feet? Are these feet me, or are these feet mine?" In a similar way, he directs us to consider knees, waist, neck, and up to the top of the head, repeating the questions "Is this me, or is this mine? Am I in this body?" Finally he says, "Travel all the way from the top of the head to the tip of the toes, and from the tip of the toes to the top of the head, and ask yourself if you have discovered yourself anywhere within that space." He tells us to ask ourselves, "Is all of this body me, or is this body mine? Is this **my** body or is this body **me**?"]*

If you haven't found yourself in the body, the next logical question must be, "Well then, where am I? Who am I? What am I?" Once you have caught even a glimpse of the fact that "this isn't **me**; this is all **mine**," it must be clear that I am not body, and that I am not **in** the body. But who and what is this I?

Every revelator of spiritual truth has said that I am *I*. *I Am* is God. *I* is God. *I* am divine. *I* am true Being, real Being, eternal Being. *I* is the only God there is. That *I* is your real Being, the divinity of your Being. *I* is that of which the Master revealed, "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*"⁴ *I* is

⁴ John 14:6

not body. *I* is not confined in a body. As Moses revealed, "*I am that I Am.*"⁵ That *I* is one with God. "*I and the Father are one.*"⁶ That is why all that the Father hath is mine. "*The place whereon thou standest is holy ground*"⁷ because God is standing there.

If I and the Father are one, and I am **seeking** supply, what could be more ridiculous? Rather than seek, realize: "I **already am** in divine Consciousness. I **already am** in the Father's house. The Father's kingdom **is** my kingdom. I **am** the divine Son, and I wear the royal robe of divine Sonship and the jeweled ring of dominion over all that is."

Tonight we have received a new name: "Divine Sonship." We are in a new dimension where we find ourselves to be fulfilled with all that the Father hath. We need not search or seek. But we must **realize** this truth. Then we no longer **seek** love or gratitude or cooperation from anyone, but we give them, express them, letting them flow forth from within.

This new identity is not really new. It is the **revelation and reestablishment** of your **original** name and your original home. Originally you were of your Father's house, and human existence – the prodigal existence – began only when that sense of separation came up. Only in the secret inner place of your being can you realize your divine Sonship. Then without your voicing it, people will see it in the manner of your living.

If you attain your spiritual freedom in Christ, no man can take it from you. If you want the physical freedom of health, supply, or wealth, or the physical freedom we call "economic and political liberty," you can have those in two ways. You can fight for them, work for them, and strive for them in the external world. You may get them that way and then lose them. Or, you can **realize them within** and accept them as part of your true Being by right of divine Sonship. When health and wealth are external manifestations of an internal spiritual freedom, they are permanent.

So relax, sit back, and be thankful that all that God has is yours. Then be consistent and live in that consciousness, refusing to accept any appearances that seem to contradict the truth that "*I and the Father are one.*"⁸ Stand on that truth; hold it, maintain it, and sustain it until the outer picture conforms to the inner awareness.

⁵ Exodus 3:14

⁶ John 10:30

⁷ Exodus 3:5

⁸ John 10:30