

to do His will. This sounds to the human ear like a high attainment, but it is the purpose of our God that it should be so. But we must see to it that the salt does not lose its savor or saving power. We must be found faithfully doing what is right for us to do. We must do this in regard to our own lives. It implies self preservation of the physical, and just as much so in regard to our intellectual and spiritual natures. The leaven put in the three measures of meal leavened the whole lump. So the word of God operating in the soul will affect the three natures of man the natural, the intellectual and the spiritual making all *good*. This is what it means: The physical will be kept in better health, the intellect will be enlightened and instructed, and the spiritual will be divinely qualified to direct and control all and keep all in perfect harmony, and there will be nothing to harm or destroy in all God's holy mountain.

Let us bring religion right home into practical life, divesting it of the mystery that has been thrown around it by man. I believe in a natural religion, I believe it is natural to be good and unnatural to be bad. I do not think that God creates man so wonderfully depraved as mankind says we are. In His own image He created and still creates man. We will find these truths verified in the sermon on the Mount. We find there God's wonderful love for the human family, who desired that none should be lost in this present world—lost in this present life—alienated from the happiness and the heaven within. Jesus, a human being himself, not only taught it but lived it, lived a life of perfect peace because his mind was staid on Him. It was no wonder he taught the religious world how to pray. By it he was nourished himself. He knew the importance of asking and receiving daily his "daily bread." God is not very far off that the bread loses anything by coming down but it is found fresh in our own hearts. Let us enter into the secret of our hearts, closing to

the door, shutting all other influences out and there pray, "O God! make me subservient to thy will."

Thus the salt will not lose its savor. Our hearts and lives will be at perfect peace with our Heavenly Father. But there is great need for diligence and watchfulness, for temptations beset us on all sides and our greatest foes are those of our own household. "Foes of his household," do not mean his wife or children, but means all that is in the man, his desires, his propensities.

I've heard men say that it was impossible for man to say, "I am saved." This thing I know; if we are told not to do something and obey we may know we are saved ther. It does not say eternally saved. But if we obey each time the result will be eternal salvation.

If God is unchangeable, His truth is alike—unchangeable, and the effects of His Word will be the same. His command, "Let there be light" will be followed by light if we but let it. We simply have to let it be as He would have it. This is the most practical and reasonable religion that can be—to do our Heavenly Father's will in this our day. We will then be the true followers of Christ. If we are proportionately faithful we will be equally acceptable with our Heavenly Father as was Jesus. God, the Father, loves all his children alike. He has never made but one requirement of me, and that would fully compensate him for all he has done for me, and that is, "Give me thy heart." It will be saved—no fear. He will save it in the hollow of his hand. We would not then have to be groping in darkness. This life would not be all a vale of tears. There would be sorrows, and trials, and afflictions, and bereavements, but what are they compared to a lost condition. It is often better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting. What ever befall us let us rejoice. When the wave's affliction overtake us, and when temptations surround us, when trials weigh us down, let us resort with-