

He was far from the Father's house, that is, as I understand it, he had but a faint remembrance of Heaven in the soul. Many of us are in this condition, and when we come to realize our necessities we too will be reinstated in the Father's love. Whatever our work may be, we will be taken by the hand and led step by step within the heavenly enclosure. Peace, joy, the adornments of the soul, and all the best robes of the Father's house will be ours. These robes are not wrapped up and laid away in the future world, but will be given us here. We must live a life of acceptance here, for there is no probation beyond the grave.

The life and doings of Jesus from the manger in Bethlehem all the way to the crucifix on Calvary embraces the experience of every human being. He is striving, He is pleading for a conception and a birth in the soul, and the whole world within may be laid upon His shoulder. And there would be joy and leaping of souls for a recognition in others of the same experiences in heavenly things, and prayer would go up from our hearts for the most vile person in the world. How my heart often burns for the redemption of every soul. God, for the salvation of all, sent His Son. He does to-day—His Son, the Spirit of Truth—to bring the soul up out of all error into a state of entire harmony to the laws of its being. There is room enough in Divine Goodness for the whole human family to stand. There are no sectarian walls between the living members in the Church of Christ. I do not object to the multiplicity of sects that are found in the Christian world any more than I do to the diversity of clothes that distinguish us. There is beauty in variety. We are endowed with different gifts, but there is one Spirit, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. This is the only baptism that ever saved a soul.

An honest reasoner reviewing the whole life of Jesus from beginning to end cannot pick a flaw in it. He was perfected through suffering, being obedient to the requirements of His Heavenly Father, and He enjoined upon all men to be the same. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." But human understanding says it is unattainable. Wait till the speculations and

imaginations of man—the tables of money-changers are overthrown, and the seats of them that sell doves by Christ coming into the soul and baptizing all with His Holy Spirit until the soul will come to be the temple of God, where He will teach His people Himself. When we are thus taught by Him He will be our God, and we will be to him a people. He will teach us the divine truths as He intended we should receive them, and will repeat the process till we will see things, not as trees walking, but as they are.

Jesus, on one occasion, asked his disciples: "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" They answered different ones of the prophets, whereupon Jesus put the question to them: "But whom say ye that I am?" And Peter, being more enthusiastic and energetic than the rest, answered: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus answered him: "Thou art Peter; flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven, and upon this rock—(not on Peter, for Peter was no rock)—will I build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This revealing of the Father's will to our understanding remains to be the foundation of His Church to-day. The love of God in the soul will preserve us from all evil and keep us free from the contamination of sin. It is our duty to be pure, for if we by our example lower the moral character of any, or if we do not lift them higher accordingly as God has given us power, their life blood will cry from the ground to our souls. We must stand firm—be bold—not egotistical, but fearless. We must be so baptized in the spirit and life of Christ, that even in passing through the valley of the shadow of death we shall fear no evil, that the Christ of God may be so raised up within us that we can say even as Jesus, "It is done." Religion is not merely faith, but an experimental knowledge. Those robes will be worn in that other world that have been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

There are some in this nineteenth century of enlightenment who say that there never was such a man as Jesus. This conclusion is the result of an improper speculation about and criticism of the records of Scripture, which,