

only source and means of our salvation. Whatever is to be known of God is to be known in and through the soul and obedience to His will therein made known is the only avenue that will lead to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Heaven is a condition of the soul, not merely a location to which we pass when the curtain of this life is drawn aside. It is a condition that is to be witnessed in our own hearts. When all our actions are brought down under the direction of the Divine will there is heaven—a heaven that can be witnessed by us all, for this law is manifest to every individual according to his state and condition.

Man may be successful in the accumulation of this world's goods and yet feel not satisfied in his soul. There will be a hungering and a thirsting for something more, something higher, a hungering and a thirsting that cannot be fed or satisfied with earthly things.

We should be grateful for all blessings, earthly as well as spiritual. We should put our hands in the fields of labor to produce them. But when we put supreme affection into the things of earth the holiest thirst is not satisfied, the highest good and blessing cannot be attained. It is necessary to overcome everything that contravenes this higher life or the result will be disappointment and misery.

It is very important that the young, while yet in the years of early development, should turn to the inward teacher that they may be instructed and grow up in the right way, that they may be sustained in every circumstance and justified before the face of their Heavenly Father.

We are pointed to a judgment day in the far future when all the nations that ever lived on earth will be summoned before the Judge and their eternal fate will be allotted them. This view turns the mind away from the judgment that now is that accompanies every act of the soul as a natural and inevitable result. The apostle

John says: "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." It is now, Friends Turn within, and behold the judgment seat is there set. Turn over the pages kept by conscience, open the heart and read the record there, and see how we stand. How often do we hear it said, and say it ourselves: "O, if I knew the will of God concerning me how gladly would I run to perform it." To find this we need not enquire of men or books, however good. But turn within our own hearts, we will there find the will of God. It is a great mistake to ignore our own wills, thinking thereby to please God. Our will is one of the Almighty's greatest gifts to us. It is the organ that executes purpose in conjunction with the will of our Heavenly Father. It is the executive power in man. It is only second in all the blessings given to man next to reason itself. It is within the realm of reason that the light of the Divine Father shines and meets and quickens the understanding. When the understanding is thus enlightened it is the province of the will to join in and work out our salvation. God will not work it out for us. He will do His part. He will furnish the power, light, wisdom, but we must put our hand to the work also. It is a joint work—just as much so as the husbandman's. He must till the fields or he cannot reap the harvest. Man must bring to the work his experience. Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. All past experience must be brought forth, but he cannot rest here, the present demands a larger experience. Just so in spiritual things. What we have experienced that we know, for we have proved them. But if we wish to advance we must bring ourselves into a condition to receive new experiences, and the advancement will be in proportion to our capability of utilizing the gifts that God furnishes.