

The Upward Look

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God is love. 1. John IV. 8 and 16. Much of our unhappiness comes to us because we do not realize and truly believe that God is love. We are apt to think of God as the stern Judge of all the earth, the Creator of the Universe, the mighty Jehovah, but to comprehend Him as the Spirit of Love, yearning and hungering for our love and longing to shower every good and perfect gift upon us seems to be more than we can grasp. "I used to," said Dwight L. Moody, "think much of Christ's love, which led Him to die for us, but since I have become a father I have thought more of God's love which was so great that He was willing to allow His only Son to die in our stead."

God is the spirit and source of all love. The love that we see shine from our parents' and our children's eyes, is but the love of God manifesting itself to us through them. Every kindly deed that is done or word that is spoken is prompted by the love of God. "If we love one another," said John, "God dwelleth in us and His love is perfected in us." "He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." It is a beautiful picture of God's love John has given us in the third and fourth chapters of his first

epistle and we will do well to study it often with an earnest, humble desire that we be permitted to grasp and understand its inner, spiritual meaning.

It is because we do not trust God's love that we sometimes find life so hard to bear. We do not understand the reason for our troubles and disappointments and we faint under them or rebel against them. In this way we miss the blessing God desires to bestow upon us through their agency. A rebellious or complaining child is not in a frame of mind that enables it to profit fully from the lesson its parents would teach. When we doubt God's love and long to be permitted to have our own way in regard to earthly affairs, we may gain our purpose but it will be at tremendous spiritual loss. Every time we insist on asserting our will for ourselves as against what our soul whispers, or loudly proclaims, is God's will for us, we beggar ourselves in the riches of Heaven and some day we will stand in an agony of repentance before God because of our lack of treasure in His sight.

Do what we may, let us be as clever as we will, we will never be fully equipped to contend successfully with the seen and unseen forces of this life until we learn to understand something of God's love for us and to give Him our love in return. Love is the fulfilling of the law. We may do all things for Christ but without love they profit us nothing. If we lack love in our hearts there

is only one way in which we can obtain it. We must meditate much upon His love for us as described in His Holy Word and pray to Him earnestly and persistently for it. Such a prayer is one that He delights to answer "exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think" and we may know with absolute conviction that such a petition will be richly blessed. When once we have discovered the meaning of God's love for us and are willing to trust it fully and to serve Him faithfully we may look with confidence for God's blessing upon all that we do—I. H. N.

Washing the Separator

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When the milk has all been run through the separator, a quart or two of warm skim milk, or better still, clean, warm water run through will remove the cream from the bowl. The separator is then taken apart and all parts washed with luke warm water scrubbing with a brush to remove milk alime from the crevices. On no account should soap be used in washing the separator. Merchants who handle large quantities of home dairy butter say that the flavor of the soap used in washing the separator and other utensils can often be detected in the butter. Such butter must be sold to bakeries and other places where inferior butter is used. The wholesale price at the present time for bakery butter is 15 cents while that of first-class dairy butter is 22

cents. If washing powders are used in place of soap no bad flavors will result.

Special attention should be given to thoroughly cleansing the bowl of the separator. The slime that will be left in the crevices of the disks affords an excellent opportunity for bacteria to develop that will cause bad flavors in the cream. It is a too common practice merely to flush out the disks in the separator bowl, washing them thoroughly but once or twice a week. A thorough brushing should be given once a day and preferably twice. All of our separator manufacturers furnish appliances with their machines that make the separation and scrubbing of the disks an easy matter.

It is not advisable to use a cloth in drying. Boiling water poured over the separator parts will thoroughly sterilize them, killing all bacteria, and leave sufficient heat in the metal to dry it. The objection to the cloth is that unless great care is taken it will absorb bad odors and dirt and become a distributor of injurious bacteria. Where water hot enough to dry the separator parts cannot be had, a cloth may be used but it should be boiled before again using.

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