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NOTES ON A SERMON

Listen! the bells in the steeples
In jubilant gladness ring
To welcome the coming of Christmas.
And the birthday of the King,
Who was born in the lowly manger
Of Bethlehem, long ago,
When the song of the herald angels
Was sung to the world below

Thou hast clad thyself in raiment
Of spotless white, O earth,
Like a bride on her marriage morning,
To celebrate Christ's birth.
O, were our lives as spotless,
Our hands unstained with sin,
And the latch of each heart were lifted
To let the Christ Child in.

Bring of thy pine and holly,
O earth, this Christmas day,
And wreath in their green the altar
Whereon our gifts we lay—
Gifts of most grateful homage
Laid low at the feet of the King,
Who lean from His throne to listen
To the sound of our worshipping.

Bring to the dear Lord's altar
The soul's white flowers to-day,
Let the rose of thy love shed incense
Sweet as the breath of May,
Let the lily of faith eternally
Lift its cup of myrrh to Him,
Whose love is the star that leads us
Through ways that are dark or dim.

O earth, send back to Heaven
The grand and the glorious strain
That startled the wondering shepherd,
On far Judea's plain.
Glory to God in the highest,
Sing it again and again—
On earth be peace, on earth be peace.
Good will, good will to men.

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"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

This precept shows that there is something in man that cannot be satisfied with the products of earth. It discloses a need deeper and within the outward physical man. It was to this that Jesus came to instruct men whereby he brought life and immortality to light among men.

The Jew in general had no idea of a future state. All their regard was concerned in the present and outward. Their laws touched only the act. They might be corrupt at heart, but if they did not carry it out in action the law could take no hold of them. But Jesus called men to a higher law—a law written in the heart. It is there that God speaks to the children of men to-day, impressing them with His will leading them in that path which will bring them into the Kingdom of God. We need not speculate about a life beyond and wait in expectancy till earth pass away before the Kingdom of Heaven can be experienced. No, our work is here. The Kingdom of Heaven may be here in our own experience. The Kingdom of Heaven is *within* you. Whenever the will of God is carried out there is His blessing, which is His presence. It is there, and only there, that we can meet with our Heavenly Father and receive His instructions. Anything that calls us away from there calls us away from the