

of His spirit until the heart grows into unison with His divine will, and ye will become fruit-bearing vines in the vineyard of the Lord, ah laden with luscious fruit. If there are some who do not understand, who are not yet prepared to follow the teachings and guidings of the still small voice to which we have been drawn this morning, let them turn more earnestly within, for it is there they must become acquainted with the requirings of divine truth. Others may call us to it, tell us about it, but there is a voice that speaks to everyone, there are impressions made upon every soul; may we realize that it is the voice of our Heavenly Father, only the infant life possibly has not yet known it. Nor do we ever grow beyond the necessity of listening to the still small voice. Whatever our intellectual attainment, whatever our social standing, that that chiefly should concern us comes through our spiritual natures alone. May we know then of that blessed season when we withdraw from the engrossing cares of life into the secret of the closet and let the operations of the holy spirit work upon our hearts. As ye come into this place in this attitude, this silent waiting, desiring earnestly what yestand in need of, with the imagination quiet, the mind bowed in stillness, He will behold the secret tear, the prayer will be answered. None are disappointed that go to his love. How it overshadows you and enters into your very hearts. You may feel, some of you, that life has been hard, but ye dare not say but that God is *only* love. Let us look clearly at it. As we journey along if we step aside we bring upon ourselves these bitter experiences. God is not angry with us for our shortcomings. He stands ready to receive us back, and manifest to us His unabating love. It has been declared that the rain falleth upon the just and unjust, and so those who will not harmonize with the divine love bring sorrow and bitterness upon themselves. God never visits his children with his wrath, but he permits our disappointments and

sorrows to come for neglect of duty. He uses these out of His infinite love and goodness lest we might keep on in the path of error.

I feel there are some of you here who have known of these misfortunes and you may ask why it thus falls upon you. This we do not know, but, we do know that there is a source that ever brings a quieting assurance, that shall give a peace unto our souls that shall find for us a resting place in every time of trial. Though the billows are boisterous about us there is within us a power that can still the tempest. We remember the disciples of old in the vessel. While everything was favorable they called not upon the master, they left him in the hindermost part of the vessel. But when the tempest arose and the waves dashed them to and fro, in their extremity they called upon him and he rebuked the waves and stilled the tempest. This witness for God is present in every soul. But we are too much as these disciples were, we neglect it, we let it become dormant, we do not keep staid on this that can still the tempest. We are too prone to look forward and to fear that the labor of our hands will not be blessed. We look away, we compare our work with others, and become discouraged, and then how troubles thicken, they seem to take advantage of the weakness of our hearts, and we are compelled for very life to call upon the master whom we have permitted to remain in the hindermost part of the ship. I have gone forward in my human strength, in my human nature, and have allowed this divine principle to slumber for want of attention, but I know, and you know, that as we have looked unto it we have never been disappointed, we have never gone away empty, and when we look for the breakers and billows about us they seem to have disappeared. Then beloved people who are accustomed to gather here desiring and seeking that blessed influence, may you know of a renewal of your strength.