

could be done without coming to Him. "Speak but the word and my servant shall be healed." "And Jesus said unto the Centurion, go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And the servant was healed in the self-same hour." I would to God that we might experience the same things spiritually in our own lives that we might escape a life of torment and realize in its stead peace and quietude. That we might be preserved, feel a salvation, an eternal salvation here and now, not merely hope for one in the distant future when we are done with earth.

The law to us is the same as was given to Adam in the Garden of Eden. We are to keep the trees (our inherited propensities) in order. We are not to destroy a single propensity of the natural man, but to regulate them. We do not have to make the garden of the heart clean, as some would have us think, we have but to preserve its original purity. This is all there is in religion, in salvation, though theologians may weave in mystery after mystery into their theories about original sin, salvation, redemption, etc., it but tends to hide the simple truth. Every being must come to realize the work in the soul before he can understand it, and all attempt to explain the process without it tends to mystify more and more. There are none specially favored in this experience, but it is the privilege of every soul.

It is commonly overlooked that Jesus Christ in referring to His spiritual self speaks in the present tense: "I am the door," "I am the law," "I am the vine," "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," "I am the resurrection and the life." All of which is as applicable and necessary and may be experienced, and *must be* experienced in the present life if it is in any hereafter.

Jesus exhorts us to love one another even as He loves us. And we are to live out this love in our lives and practice it in all our dealings with man-

kind, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. A high attainment, but truly practicable, and really necessary to obtain perfection and be one with God. And when this Kingdom of Love is established in the soul the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We are then the Temple of God whence Christ has driven out the spirit of greed and of the world and given His own spirit to reign instead.

If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up the cross daily and follow Me. Let him lay up treasures in Heaven, where moth nor rust, nor thieves can injure them, for where our treasure is there will our heart be also. Then there will be peace and love in the soul, the Father will have entered in through the opened door and dwells there. He has given us the keys that He gave unto Peter. The incoming and indwelling of the spirit begets the Kingdom of Heaven in the soul. I will give unto thee, He says to Peter, the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and He never gave unto one of His children what He would not as willingly give unto another. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The waters of life is a free gift unto all. This does not favor slothfulness or inactivity. We must, according to divine command, earn our bread by the sweat of our brow. We have a work to perform in gaining the Heavenly bread to sustain our immortal souls. The lives of the apostles, of the patriarchs, of all true friends, bear witness to the relationship that we ought to sustain with our Heavenly Father. The Master looks into all our lives, and sees the very motives of all our actions, and has compassion on all, and why should we not live aright. Think of it, my dear friends, and if regrets come over us because of commissions and omissions, let these not destroy our life's comfort, put them aside, we are promised these shall all be wiped away, He will remember them against us no more