

instance, it does not mean that it is always a rule this way, but this morning those who did not want to take their medicine according to the D.D., they may have the required request by the M.D. not to eat any sugar or any starches at all.

Now there are those who do not want to obey ME just in one instance like that, when I try them out. They are not willing to suffer the punishment to go to "the other place" with ME to eat oatmeal with sweet milk one time without sugar. That is as hard for them to do, as it is for those who are true to go to "the other place" with ME, because some of them did not do it and did not want to do it. Some of them did not want to do it and some would not do it; yet they say they are following ME and are willing to go to "the other place" with ME; and that is not even grapefruit sour. If it was that you were eating grapefruit, you would have an alibi, or lemons, but you know it is not something sour or something of that sort that would actually change the taste in your mouth.

So, I thought I would try you all out.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Now, this is not a law that a person cannot eat sugar in their oatmeal if they want to, but at this particular instance, at this particular time I was trying out those who call themselves MINE, to see if you were willing to suffer and punish yourself with ME and go to "the other place" with ME, to eat a serving of oatmeal without sugar, having nice sweet fresh milk. I know that some day, no doubt, if you do not want to obey the D.D., the M.D. will tell you not to eat any starch at all at any time and not any sugar even in your coffee, nor in anything else. If the M.D. does not tell you, the Secretary of War may tell you.

It is not a law or a rule that you should not or could not use sugar with your oatmeal, but at this particular service, I just tested you out to see if you would suffer such punishment as to eat some oatmeal without having sugar in it. In their ways and actions by their actuated words of expression and in their actuated illustrations, they would be saying that it was such a punishment that they could not nor would not eat it, or rebelled against eating it without sugar at this particular time, you see.

Now, I want you all to understand this is not a law that I send out that MY followers cannot eat sugar in oatmeal nor in any other cereal, but at this particular instance it was an expression of a sketch and a reflection to give them the test of it, to see, were they willing to deny their human appetite at this particular time to please ME; and those who were willing to do it, they willingly did it without a comment, without a drawback; but those who were not, they balked on it, you see, and did not want to do it. And after I passed the sugar, I thought I would give them a chance to accept of it if they wanted to, by passing the sugar for the coffee, tea and postum, and I gave them the test of it — and those who did, they know whether they did or whether they did not.

(As FATHER stopped speaking, a sister from Minnesota testified stating that she thanked FATHER for the whipping. FATHER question-

ed her as to why she felt she had been whipped when HE was speaking to those at the table concerning the oatmeal. She replied that HIS Message had hit her because she had even failed to deny herself in the simple thing of not holding a conversation with the brakeman on the train. Then FATHER continued as follows:)

Well, of course, that may be true — still it may be true but that was a different subject at this particular instance, you see. The words I had spoken in reference to that, it did point out to how the different individuals are not willing to sacrifice their lives and deny themselves for ME as they should be, but I was especially speaking to those whom we were serving at the table at this particular instance. But it does point out, as I say, the acts of others, how they disobey through self-indulgence and through an attempt to appease the greedy appetite of selfish human tendencies or human fancies or human pleasures, you see. It does point out such. Those who are true, when we branch off, when we start at the table, then we can expand.

Those who are true will deny themselves of every mortal thing that would apparently be required by ME that they deny such things. The sacrifice of the mortal is the gain of the immortal, so you lose to gain. You see the mystery?

As I often say, I AM demonstrating it in MY daily activities, in MY daily going to and fro. If I feel you are in perfect harmony with ME and you are not confining in the least and do not have the spirit of a mind that is in opposition to ME, I may at that particular time even say, allow you to go with ME some place — I mean if you would be around where maybe I would not want you to go if I knew you were not in harmony. Therefore you may, if you be living in the city, like some of these here who come with ME from time to time, miss a ride two hundred miles. Of course, that does not amount to much, but so many others do think it is a great thing to have the pleasure to ride even say on a train in which I ride. You see the mystery?

But more so when they consider riding with ME privately in the privately owned car, you see. Some people would think it was a great thing. Some people would think it was a great thing to have the pleasure and the privilege to come in the audiences in MY dining rooms and just stand and look. So many people cannot get in; but oh, how marvelous and what these should think who have the privilege and the pleasures of sitting with ME all the time, if they obey MY Commandments and love GOD.

There are others who come all the way from Europe, Asia and Australia and elsewhere just to get a chance to sit at this Table. Whatever Table I AM officiating at, I AM serving, they think it is such a glorious thing and a great honor. Here are these who have the chance daily if they love ME and obey ME. But then, perchance it may be that they may disobey sometime and may miss a ride a hundred miles and around about in and out of the different Extensions and return back to the New York Kingdom. So then, it is a blessing in consideration to those who see such things as a blessing. See the mystery?

But oh, how glorious it is to live in the Actual Presence of GOD, for if GOD pleases you in ev-

ery degree, you please GOD. If GOD does not please you, you do not nor cannot please GOD until GOD can please you; for GOD must please you firstly before you can please GOD. You will not have any pleasing to please GOD with, unless you get your pleasing or your pleasure from GOD. Then when GOD pleases you in all things, you will please GOD in all things. It is vice-versal. It works! So it is a wonderful privilege, when you crack the shell of mortal limitation and get home where GOD is.

When you are lost in the Will of GOD, GOD is lost in the will of you. As far as you are concerned, GOD is lost in your will as you are lost in HIM; and GOD does not care much about what you do, when you are lost in HIM, because HE knows you can only do as far as HIS Will allows. So it is a wonderful thought.

Truly might the Spirit have said through one in the name of such a one through which the composition came:

"Oh to be lost in the Will of  
FATHER DIVINE."

You see how wonderful it is. It makes you feel good! You feel pretty good then, do you not. Miss N.? But you do feel good though. That goes to show you how sweet GOD is. It is Wonderful! If you don't want to be in GOD'S Will, you don't have to stay in it. (At this point FATHER began to sing this little song, joined in by all present:)

"Oh, to be lost in the Will of FATHER  
DIVINE. (I heard you say)

Oh, to be lost in HIS Holy and Righteous  
Mind,

Free from all sorrow and worry,  
Free from all misery and woe.

Heaven we once knew,  
FATHER has made it all come true —  
HIS Love and HIS Joy shall abide.

Keep HIM in your breast, and you'll find  
eternal rest —

Oh, to be lost in HIS Mind."

(FATHER continues speaking as follows:)

It is Wonderful! It is all in getting in the Will. Let GOD'S Will be done in you and your will will be done in GOD. You know it is true! It is Wonderful! You don't know how good you feel until you get in the Will of GOD.

(And again the assembly took up the beautiful song just sung, the many voices blending together in sweet harmony.)

## I WILL NOT ALLOW APPETITE TO CONTROL ME

FATHER DIVINE'S OFFICE TALK

GIVEN TO SOME OF HIS  
SECRETARIAL STAFF

AND SOME OF THE CO-WORKERS  
of the

RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHERS' HOME  
RIVERTON MANSION, RIVERTON

NEW JERSEY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1945 A.D.F.D.**  
**TIME: 12:30 P.M.**

As FATHER had just shortly arrived and was sitting in HIS study at HIS desk, one of the co-workers remarked to HIM that she had just said the evening before to another sister that she was going to pop some corn for HIS study, not knowing that HE was Personally coming the next day, and that she wished she had carried out her plans, because then she felt she would have been in the Spirit. As the sister finished speaking, FATHER gave this constructive little talk for the benefit of all concerned, that they might know from now, henceforth and forever, the ways of GOD are past finding out, for as high as the heaven is from the earth, even so are HIS Thoughts above ours, for whatsoever HE might Will to do at one time, HE cannot be confined nor bound to it, for HE might Will to do just the extreme reverse the next time.

**THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!**

(The foregoing statement is that of the transcriber, and the following is the brief Office Talk.)

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

I said: "A little while you shall see ME and again, a little while you cannot see ME." So you cannot confine GOD doing or being the exact same thing or eating the exact same thing HE did, for I will not allow appetite to control ME! That is the Mystery of the Omnipotency and Omniscience of GOD! Many different things, such as soda pop years ago, around ten or fifteen years ago, they started using soda pop in our places and of course, the orange soda pop was pretty nice in the beginning and I drank it for considerable length of time and it was very delicious for a season, for an instance, and of course the companies got MY publicity I gave them and they sold all flavors of sodas at a price according to MY request, less on the case than what other companies could sell them for at retail. But we bought them by the wholesale, by buying thousands of cases, in a way of speaking, at the different places, and of course I made it possible for everybody to drink soda at three cents a bottle, and everybody sold the same bottle for five cents at least, and the refreshment places and places of resort and the like and on boat excursions they would sell them for ten and fifteen cents and the like, but I would not allow the followers to sell them but at the same standard price of 3¢ a bottle for the ordinary would be called five cents a bottle; boat excursions and everywhere and all resorts of our connections and wheresoever they would go and hold public meetings — not more than three cents a bottle, and the soda was very delicious.

#### **Mystery of Growing in Grace and Knowledge**

But I was not confined to it and I would not allow appetite or the taste of anything being delicious to control ME continually, not even to control ME instantaneously, but for a purpose I allowed MYSELF to use it and speak of it. But shortly thereafter, I discontinued it, and the same like manner about "Seven Up", for an instance this summer, just for an instance, just for an instance I thought to drink some, and so

I did, and lots of them take it for granted that I especially care for it. But I did at that particular time I called for it, but I could not be confined to that particular beverage, hence, I refrained MY consideration for it and no longer have an appetite for it especially. That is the Mystery of growing in Grace and in Knowledge, also the Mystery of not being confined nor bound to any limitation. So that is the way those things go.

So the popcorn, it just came on the spur of the moment and as it was here the other day when I came in — for MY office and MY office staff, why of course I tasted it and it did taste very delicious and I ate considerably for a while, while sitting here; but after this or that time, I may not care for it. So I do not want you to put yourself out for anything like that, because you can never tell what I may do or how I may like anything after the first time. The Spirit will take care of the situation without any premeditation or preconsideration. That is the Mystery.

One of the housekeepers: I thank YOU, FATHER.

FATHER: So I appreciate your effort in trying to get it and produce it, but I do not require you to do it, and the same like manner about anything else. I AM one with those who are one with ME, therefore, whatsoever they have, if they desire to express hospitality or be hospitable when I come, I want them to know, with them I AM one! Whatsoever you have and can serve, be the same with ME as with yourself and with others, and be the same with others as with yourself and with ME! By this, we are universalizing this Universal Brotherhood, for Christ in the Sonship Degree came as the poorest among men, yet making many rich; yet He was an Heir to the Throne of GOD as being termed, to the throne of DAVID. But He made you heirs and joint heirs together with HIM. So it is a wonderful privilege.

(With a few more remarks, this brief constructive Office Talk concluded.)

## **NECESSITY OF DENYING INHERITED FANCIES AND PLEASURES**

**TALK GIVEN BY FATHER DIVINE  
 IN HIS TRAVELING OFFICE  
 EN ROUTE FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH  
 THURSDAY MARCH 21, 1946 A.D.F.D.  
 TIME: ABOUT 10:45 A.M.**

Just before the transcriber commenced recording, FATHER mentioned why HE did not eat certain foods, like ice cream, etc., such as humanity generally, indulge in. HE also brought out the fact that a drunken person, when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, will indulge in other vices because of the germ that is in it.

(The foregoing statement is that of the transcriber after which our FATHER speaks as follows:)

For this cause it is essential to deny one's self of hereditary tendencies, of family, race, or line-

age, whichever, in other words, hereditary tendencies of family or lineage, whichever, or race, or color, and any of those hereditary customs and fashions and characteristics handed down traditionally are detrimental, for they are not uplifting and are not bringing to your conscious mentality and establishing within it, the Higher Things of Life. For this cause we abstain, and by being an abstinent from all of those hereditary tendencies, fancies and pleasures and all of the traditions of ancestry and national origin, everything that is not constructive, advantageous and progressive, you gain victory over them through self-denial and abstaining from the slightest indulgence or compromising with them.

For this cause many things you may have an appetite for, with an ordinary taste and with an ordinary human taste to do things — fancies and pleasures, yielding to those tendencies and fancies; but when you abstain from them for Righteousness' sake, you master your own self and conquer your own will.

"He that conquers his own will is greater than he that taketh a city."

I may bring into MY Personal Tabernacle expression of the reflections of others, in other words, the reflection of the expressions of others that are not advantageous, but to the extreme reverse, detrimental. But those sketches and reflections of the expression of others that are detrimental are brought into subjection by the great Fundamental Principle of GOD established and GOD HIMSELF will not allow any of those mortal tendencies and characteristics to have access for expression. Therefore, master the situation and bring it and them into subjection. By it I conquer and control the masses by conquering and controlling the common tendencies, fancies and pleasures of humanity.

#### **How FATHER Controls the People**

Why is it they are all so crazy about FATHER DIVINE?" some have said; and why is it they move at HIS slightest wish or Command?" Because I have conquered those things psychologically, hereditively and prenataly and associately within ME, I have conquered them in others. Hence I have brought others into subjection; and they, as the tendencies within you and as the fancies and as the pleasures and as the characteristics of yourself as an individual, when you have conquered those things they are conquered with them, for these external personages will be and express or reflect those characteristics, tendencies, fancies and pleasures and hereditary traits, ideas and opinions and even your hereditary instinct if there be an expression as such in humanity. When you shall have conquered them within you, you have conquered others who are the personages of such things. Hence, the Scripture is fulfilled:

"He that conquereth his own will is greater than he that taketh a city."

You see the mystery? You have brought all humanity into subjection by conquering your own hereditary tendencies, fancies and pleasures, whether they be good or evil.

You have conquered others automatically, and psychologically and they will move at your slightest command and will readily obey you.