

of GOOD, no space is vacant of the fulness thereof! **They find the Spirit of the Consciousness of the Presence of GOD is the Source of all Supply!**

The Commission of Christ from the Sonship Degree was that His Name shall be called Immanuel, which is, being interpreted, GOD is with us. If mankind would have been fanatical enough and radical enough to have been converted into such an conviction, to believe superstitiously and then convincingly to themselves, that GOD was with them — no man would be in lacks and wants and limitations.

That's why not a true Follower of MINE is on the breadline! Not a true Follower of MINE is taking the doles! Not a true Follower of MINE will take relief! WHY? Because if they are conscious of GOD's Presence, the Actual Consciousness of GOD's Presence, which is the Source of all supply, it will satisfy every good desire.

This does not mean that GOD's Presence would create a whole lot of bums and create and multiply the slums, but to the extreme reverse. The Consciousness of GOD's Presence will supply you with the abundance of the fulness of the Consciousness of GOOD, and cause you to realize, no space is vacant of the fulness thereof. Aren't you glad! And that is what it is all about!

The material blessings you observe in our possession, they are but the outward expression as a sketch, as a reflection of a percent of a fraction of a grain, of a per cent of a fraction of a grain of what I AM actually doing and what I actually have.

I have further declared,

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY."

If you are conscious of GOD's Presence and will walk in the Light as has been given, you will have a shadow. The shadow is every desirable blessing for the sustenance of your bodies.

Why go around in lacks and wants and limitations? Why go around in adverse and undesirable conditions when GOD HIMSELF is with you — the Creator, the Author and the Finisher and the Giver of all good gifts and blessings.

You have not seen us go through the outward performance of the customary system of praying tonight, but I did say, as I said it Scripturally, "Pray without ceasing." Aren't you glad! ("So glad, GOD Almighty!" came the instant reply.) "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of GOD in Christ Jesus concerning you." You will pray without ceasing and will not pray to be seen and heard by men, as the hypocrites and the Pharisees do. GOD will hear your prayers and will answer them, for it is written:

"Before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

I mention these points of view because we do not want anyone to think that we think the Wisdom of GOD is meat and drink, but we want you to know that the Presence of GOD and the recognition and realization of GOD's Actual Presence automatically bring into outer expression, this, these and all other blessings.

There are many things I could say, but I thought to drop these thoughts for the consideration, especially, of our visiting guests as young ministers of the Gospel.

One writer said,

"Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto everlasting life."

But Christ did say,

"First seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all of these things shall be added unto you."

Therefore, as seekers of the Truth, if you will seek the Truth, and give praise and thanksgiving for the Truth we are receiving and we are giving — I mean, the Truth of the superlativeness and the supremacy of expression of the perfection of Democracy, of Brotherhood, of Christianity and of Americanism such as no man can give you, why then, you can see **Something** — and I hope you will see it next time you come. I hope all of our visiting friends will see Democracy in action the next time they come, and to see it and see the kind of world in which we shall live — that is, IF WE LIVE. The kind of world where there are no races. The kind of world where there are no creeds — where there are no colors — where all are living in the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose and there is no divisibility among us. I hope our visiting friends will visit, not only these but any and all peoples, wheresoever you may be found — visit our assemblies. **But do not base your thoughts on the material food and the material things alone, for the mental and moral things of Life, as I have produced and brought to fruition, is the Standard that no man is producing or reproducing, saving those who live the Life of Christ.**

In this audience not a true member of our Churches would smoke a cigarette. Not a true member of our Churches would indulge in human affection, lust and passion and self-indulgence after the manner of men. Those of our Christian world, especially, I stress it for your consideration, as Heirs and Joint Heirs with Christ, and as preachers and teachers of the Gospel — it is the Virginity of Mary and the Holiness of Jesus. We are teaching it in the actualized Words of Expression, not only in Words but in deeds and in actions. That is what I AM talking about. And demonstrating the mastery over human affection and lust and passion and self-indulgence. Aren't you glad! And they love to live it — these Attributes of GOD transmitted to the children of men, that I have impregnated them with.

I hope our visiting guests will be able to see such in them the next time they come, and any and all others hereafter — not only those Attributes and Characteristics I mentioned, but Honesty, Competence and Truth.

A True Follower of MINE would not find one penny on the street and keep it.

Now someone may come along and say, "I have seen some who are YOUR Followers or call themselves Followers of YOURS, who have not complied with nor come up to all of those virtues and requirements YOU represent" — but

I say, IF they are True Followers of MINE, if they would find one penny anywhere on the highway, or if they would find a million dollars, all in one-dollar bills, they would not keep one for themselves; they would advertise it so that those to whom this money would be due, it would return to them again. That is what I AM talking about. (Thunderous applause and shouts of "So true, LORD!" ring out.)

Words are inadequate to explain and depict the significance of MY Work and Mission, but I thought I would just give you a few sketches and a slight reflection of what I AM speaking of. I have people from all parts of the world coming, because they see and they recognize the reproduction as well as the reincarnation and the personification of the Virtues of Mary and the Holiness of Jesus. Those of us who represent this Truth as exemplified among you, present to the world a Sample and an Example of the Perfection of Honesty, the Perfection of Competence, the Perfection of Truth. **These Qualities are as Operative and Expressive for others as they are for us.**

Now let us live in this recognition and build upon this Foundation, if we wish to. If any of our visiting guests desire to bring any others any time they desire to come this way, they are welcome to do so. They are welcome to participate in our public meetings as well as in the Banquet Hall. They are welcome to participate in all we represent, and see the Virtues of the Presence of GOD. Of course, it is true, at times the great demonstration of the material things of life may cause you to overlook the significance of the Work and the Mission of the Truth I AM teaching and the very Work that saves men alive from death and destruction.

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SINCE IT IS A COMMUNION, LET THE WORLD KNOW IT IS A COMMUNION!

A D D R E S S

(In Part)

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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

THE ROCKLAND PALACE

155th STREET & EIGHTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

NOV. 30th & DEC. 1st, 1941 A.D.F.D.

TIME—12:20 A.M.

Peace, FATHER; peace, everyone:

I find that going up this way a thought appeared to me, if men and women and children outside of the Peace Mission Movement would just stop for a moment and take in consideration these banquets, so-called, and realize the real significance of it as the Holy Communion, that I believe the world would better understand. Of course, you say you speak according to your highest intuition. I feel that the word "Banquet" should not be used so broadly. Since it is a Communion, let the world know it is a Communion, because GOD said, "As often as you do this, you

do it in commemoration of my suffering until I come!"

We have studied in the old church that the oversight of the church was so evident by not administering the Communion every day, that that is why Paul said we should create the office of deacons to help the ministers carry out the Communion. It isn't anything to laugh at; it is a very, very serious problem, if you look at it in the right way; and it says if you eat this Communion with unclean hands, hold malice against your fellowmen, being deceitful, being a backbiter, a soothsayer, a trouble-maker, a liar; you eat d—nation to your soul. So, I feel as though sitting here partaking of this Communion, I examined myself to find out whether I was worthy. Feeling as I do, I feel that I am worthy.

Worthiness?

Sometimes if we should examine ourselves personally — I am talking about friends and members of the Movement — examine our own hearts and find out whether they are worthy of sitting around this Communion Table, I don't think that some of us would feel that we have been slighted because we are not invited. However, you may not like the gospel that I preach or the words that I use, but I have always been frank according to my belief. If I am for you, I will die for you; if I am against you, I will die against you. The truth will set you free, and if you are a true American, as we exemplify, you must be a brave man, you must be a brave boy; and let us think seriously on these matters, that when we go from place to place carrying out the Peace Mission Movement, that we carry out the entire truth as it should be carried out; then thousands upon thousands will be added to the faith and be able to stand before a mass that is here assembled and say, "Now, to all who might seek, yea, I declared FATHER DIVINE GOD."

If you don't tell the truth as it is, how can men believe? I have heard so many things myself and I have found it so different that when I attempt to explain the story now, people say, "Is that right?" I tell them, "Yes, because I have seen", and we feel as though that when the one has seen as they have seen in Philadelphia, in New York City more than any place else, and New Jersey, as they have seen in Texas, in Florida, in California, in Alabama and Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, as they see here; this great Movement will have ranking from the Gulf of Mexico to the Dominion of Canada and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and we would have everybody singing as the national anthem, "WE ARE AMERICANS!"

FATHER DIVINE delivered the following Message in reference to the above Address by Reverend Barton:

SINCE I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM OF COMMUNION AND HAVE MADE IT REAL, TANGIBLE AND PRACTICAL, WE WILL CALL IT OUR HOLY COMMUNION MORE AND MORE —FATHER DIVINE

When You Are Invited to Communion It Is Good to Examine Yourself and See if You Are Worthy to Take GOD's Materialized Body

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

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PEACE, EVERYONE!

I would just like to say before any or many of our visiting friends get away, what Dr. Barton said in reference to our Banquet Table as we reserve the right to appeal or amend any laws, rules or regulations or even our church discipline, I call your attention to the words he mentioned — our Holy Communion Table.

I would like to say this to you all: if there be any critics of the Reverend, I place MYSELF in a place for criticism that I might be criticized as adopting what he mentioned in connection with the Peace Mission Movement.

It is distinctly known among us that our Communion Services go on every day, but they have been called Banquets. But as he said, since it is a practical course in spiritual psychology — he did not use these words, but I AM using them — since I have brought to the surface the original system of Communion and have made it real, tangible and practical for the sustenance of our bodies and for the unification of our bodies, and souls, we will call it our Holy Communion more and more.

The Communion Is as Sacred as That of Any Church

It is our Holy Communion; and at tables where I preside, it is — for all, practically all of them describe our Holy Communion Table, which is as sacred as that which you have ever taken in any church with your respective ritual — ritual-ated devotion. **We shall express the actual words of expression of our ritual-ated devotion in the act of serving our daily Communion. Hence, we shall call it our Communion Service or nothing less than the Lord's Supper and Love Feast.**

Jesus told you about it; now we have it and we shall eat it and drink it anew in the Kingdom and we shall discern the LORD'S Body to keep us from being sickly and to keep us from dying. Aren't you glad! For if you do not discern the Lord's Body — it is written and you have said it in your respective churches,

"Take, eat, this is my body —"

we shall discern the Lord's Body and we shall take it and eat it and shall materialize it and spiritualize our bodies for,

"The little leaven leaveneth the whole lump,"

according to the promise of Jesus. If any of them can better it, tell them I said, come and tell ME. Aren't you glad!

Communion Guests Should Examine Themselves

Now the next thought. When we invited our special invited guests to partake with us if you desire to do so, when you are invited — when you are invited, you are welcome to do so; but it is good for you to examine yourselves and see if you are worthy to take GOD'S materialized Body for the spiritualization of your soul and your body that your soul and your body might be unified together so that the "other fellow," neither can GOD, get one without getting the other. I thank you!

There are those of our invited guests who are invited to partake of the Communion at any of our Communion Services. Just examine yourselves and see if you are worthy, and partake freely. Of course it is set apart originally and customarily for the coworkers who are fully consecrated to the service, but visitors at times are invited to have Communion with us.

It is set apart especially for those who are consecrated to the service, because when they are wholly worthy they should get everything they need for the sustenance of their bodies: food, raiments, comfort and convenience, because they are consecrated to the service. Those who are not fully consecrated, they have plenty of money or whatsoever they do have. They have no right to consecrate or contribute anything to or anything in connection whatsoever as far as the service is concerned unless they are actually a part of it.

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As I said last night, I say it again, we should stop talking about the banquet table and give it its rightful name as FATHER has given it, the Holy Communion, because it exemplifies the greatest principle in America. It exemplifies the solid claim of Unity of all races, tongues and languages and every man speaking in one accord; thousands, yea, tens of thousands of voices blended into songs of truth. Thousands, yea tens of thousands, yea, millions, upholding the Doctrine of the Peace Mission Movement — so many thousands who have not the opportunity that we have of looking upon FATHER DIVINE whenever we desire, ah — it reminds me of the Scripture that says, "Blessed is he that has never seen me." You know the story of Doubting Thomas; he did not believe until he saw. But GOD said, "Blessed is he that has never seen ME." I feel as though that there are so many thousands who need the truth that if we should go away with this little song in our hearts and preach the Truth as FATHER gives it to us, we would be able to bring more sheep in the fold.