

and forever! When you as individuals were sinking deep in sin far from the Celestial Shores, your dear Redeemer took you in, whilst you were sinking to rise no more.

Then I say, be watchful and mindful how you entertain strangers. Instruct and give advice to the best advantage according to your understanding. You will find people coming here asking how to get out to the fair grounds, find them asking different things—you should be courteous to all people, even as I have taught you; for when you came to ME, was I not courteous to you?

I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you into the right path. I have shown you the way to go, that you might have victory by being kind to others, that you might be able to be and to say with David and with ME,

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall abide in the house of the LORD forever.”

You will not be able to say this effectively and with the spirit of sincerity unless you express it and express it accurately—having goodness and mercy and passing it on to others, that you might be the reproducers of it and also receive at the hands of others just such as you have imparted. Take these thoughts to consideration.

Let Them Be Warmed and Cared for

As I say, when people come here seeking information, give them such information as is in your power to give—any constructive information that is necessary or that would be necessary for a person under such conditions or such circumstances, and when a person comes cold or destitute at that instance, especially if they are strangers, sick or afflicted, you can let them come in or you can bring them in or let those who may be in charge of them take them in until they are warm and cared for, even as you would desire others to care for you and even as I do care for you.

I have not left the point, although it may apparently be submerged, but the words I have spoken have gone down on record mentally and spiritually and even in your notebooks. They shall be recorded and you shall remember. You must be mindful how you entertain strangers. You must be true and do not be bribers, trying to bribe in the Kingdom of GOD. Do not be aggressive, expressing the spirit of aggression individually, trying to outrun some other person to get something.

Animals in the animalistic kingdom do such things, for they have no sense of reasoning or consideration to consider others effectively as they do themselves. They do not know it is a law that that which you do to others will come back to you.

The Majority in Hearts and Lives

Now take these thoughts to consideration and remember what I have told you. I may have to stand alone, even though I have been—at least I will have to—but if I AM in the hearts and lives of the children of men universally, I AM the majority, I AM the masses, I AM all after a while anyhow. For those bodies that will not adhere to MY Message, they will go one way or the other and MY Spirit will have free access over and above their opposition, yea, over and above every conflicting tendency within them,

and I will establish MY going effectively in the place of them and will cause others to be the reincarnators of their respective calling, if they will not live accordingly.

Those and many other things I will do, that you and all mankind might know GOD HIMSELF is here among you, and at this Name of Whom you say I AM, every knee must bow and every tongue must confess, over and above every sense of your feeling, over and above every opposition; for the mouth of GOD has declared it.

Now I would like to say again whilst I AM speaking along this line, paving out the way for the indwelling of MY Spirit or for the access of the expression of MY Spirit to express—as I have often said, in this and all other auditoriums and dining rooms, keep the way clear as much as possible in the entrance. Consider your fellow brother who may desire to enter, consider the one who may desire to pass out, and do not forget about everybody else; but to the reverse, try to forget about yourself. I thank you!

DO NOT TRY TO EMBARRASS OTHERS

EXCERPT FROM
FATHER DIVINE'S ANNOUNCEMENT
GIVEN WHILST AT THE
CIRCLE MISSION CHURCH, HOME AND
TRAINING SCHOOL OF PENNA.
764-772 S. BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 6, 1952 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 3:07 P. M.

PEACE, EVERYONE. I have arisen at this instance to say, there are some strangers here, some who are not accustomed of our Service. At any and at all of our Banquet Tables, we do use linen napkins and also paper napkins. The coworkers, the followers, friends and strangers and all alike are privileged to use the linen napkins on the Table, the paper napkins or any of the napkins they choose. I mention this because there are a few so-called followers around, egotistic, impractical, unprofitable and virtually good for nothing but to interfere with our guests and friends, who will try to teach others what they should or should not do.

I mention this because, as you heard read a little while ago from the pages of The New Day of nineteen hundred and forty-seven (I believe it was) that as it was with David, he said, “Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.” And also he said that I came to give you this new birth of freedom and that's what I AM giving you.

There are many too interested in others' affairs—I mean unconcerned others—even though if it would be some of those who are actually serving—MY Spirit and MY Presence supplies in the abundance of the fulness of every good and desirable blessing—and in serving the public or serving yourselves, I have given you that privilege to have access for expression in the way of service and serving, so that all might be served generously and be free to eat, to drink and to use the things that are necessary for them.

A good many of the different ones do not use the linen napkins when the paper napkins are

passed around, because they may not deem it necessary to use them; but all are privileged to use them—guests, friends and strangers, coworkers and followers alike. But if they do not desire to do it, they would not be especially required to do it.

So I AM saying this because we do not want anyone to be so egotistic and so anxious to try to embarrass others because your own sins have embarrassed you with afflictions and undesirable conditions. Do not try to embarrass others with your thoughts, your words and your actions, for your sins is it that have caused your conditions to result of such as you may express.

PERMIT MY SPIRIT TO SPEAK AND EXPRESS AND ACT, AND YOU KEEP SILENT

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE (In part)
AT THE BANQUET TABLE
152-160 WEST 126 STREET
NEW YORK CITY
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
OCTOBER 26-27, 1938 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 12:35 A. M.

I further wish to say, in reference to a remark I heard directly and indirectly a little while ago,—on this Banquet Table daily we serve the divers foods; in other words, the divers dishes of food. We serve a variety of food. Why is it we serve a variety of food? It is for the purpose of each and every individual getting something to suit his or her appetite. I do not coerce you into eating especially, some special dish I eat; neither some special dish some other individual eats; but I endeavor to supply you with the divers foods, which is to say, the variety of dishes, that you might have your choice to eat whatsoever you may desire as it is passed around to you.

If you notice carefully, the different courses of the variety of bread—we serve many courses of the variety of bread for the purpose of giving all of the diners a chance to take whatsoever he or she wishes to eat. I will not force nor coerce you into eating something you are not accustomed to eating, unless you wish to. You are privileged to eat whatsoever I serve at this Banquet Table when it is passed around to you, without comment or without criticism.

If you do not desire certain dishes or certain courses of the variety of dishes and of food, you are not obliged to do so. This is according to the Gospel. What said the Gospel, yea, the Epistle concerning the mystery?

“Where the Spirit of God is there is liberty.”

I have given you liberty and a privilege, according to the Gospel . . .

“He whom the Son sets free is free indeed.”

Therefore, in the name of the Sonship Degree, you and whatsoever is passed around to you, you are free to eat just whatsoever is set before you without comment or without criticism or without accusation.

Be True to Your Religious Conviction

Therefore I say, as in the experience of the variety of foods, consider the mystery of our Work and our Mission among this people. Mentally and spiritually you are not obliged to, nor are you especially required to take what we take here, or what I take as an Individual. If you choose to serve GOD in the name of Buddha, so long as you are true to your GOD according to your religious conviction, you are welcome to do so. If you are desirous or inclined to follow the Teaching of Mohammed according to your religious conviction, if you are true to your religious conviction, you are welcome to do so—and this without criticism. So long as you are true and faithful according to your religious conviction and your religious conviction will not run in collision nor conflict with others as persons, you are welcome to speak and express yourself accordingly.

If you are of the Jewish faith, if you choose to adhere especially to the teaching of Moses and the prophets, you are welcome to do so. Be governed by your highest intuition and be true to your individual religious conviction and I will lead you on to victory; for I AM the Victory-Getter. That is the mystery.

As this is true with ME, those who are of ME will not criticize another. Some individual back here said to a lady coming in a little while ago something about her religious belief. I wish to say, I rebuke such a spirit and mind! . . . It is not of ME! If you have the Spirit of Christ, you would be loving and kind to each other. If a stranger comes in your midst, you would know how to be mindful how you entertain strangers. You would not speak a word that would embarrass an individual: for, "That which you sow you must also reap."

Without a Change You Will Be Failures

Put these thoughts down in your vocabularies and stamp them in your memories once and forever; for MY Words shall stand throughout eternity, even though you as individuals—without a change you will be a failure. I mention this because it is not only embarrassing, if it could be, but it is ridiculous—claiming to be in the Kingdom of GOD and claiming to believe in GOD and trying to criticize another individual's religious conviction! You are not of ME if you do it.

What did you do before you knew ME? How did you live and what did you believe before you knew ME? I have forewarned you all from time to time, almost every day two or three times a day, or at times more than that:

"Be mindful how you entertain strangers, whereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Therefore, you should be **mindful** and **watchful** and be **careful** how you treat each and every individual; for,

"That which you sow you must also reap."

This does not mean merely here and now, but it means throughout eternity; for GOD's Words shall stand, even though the heaven and the earth pass away.

How glorious it would be if those of you who claim to be of ME would be true as you claim to be believers in ME. If everyone would be true

and honest and competent in words, deeds and actions, and produce the Spirit of sincerity, if you please, you would live eternally in Joy and Peace and your soul and body would be at ease.

What Ignorant Minds Can Do

Oh, what a privilege it is to be in the Actual Presence of GOD . . . But just think of how such erroneous and ignorant minds can do! Just think what they can do if individuals would come here and hear you speak as you do. You pretend to be MY real Followers, claiming to be true and faithful, claiming to be angels of the Kingdom, and then speak as you have spoken to others! They would think I AM false, even as you are false, if they do not know ME by the Spirit.

Now, jot these thoughts down in your vocabularies. As I have afore said, "Men may come and men may go, but I will go on forever." Those of you who call yourselves angels may come and angels may go, but I AM the Word of GOD. The heaven and the earth may pass away, but the Word of GOD stands firm forever. It is a matter of impossibility for ME to be a failure. Even though you may cause others to be losers, you will be the bigger or the greater loser! Oh, it is a privilege to observe the mystery and to see what GOD is here for and what HE is endeavoring to do for you.

I mentioned this afternoon, there are those who come in contact with ME, some may smoke, some may wear glasses, some may do many things—I do not Personally interfere with them. I did not Personally interfere with you, a good many of you, in your vice and in your crimes. Whilst you were committing vices and crimes and sin of every kind, I did not Personally tell you, "Do not do it." That is the reason why I could stop you from doing those things—because I did not depend on the words of men. MY Spirit has accomplished that for which I came; therefore I brought you your real delivery.

Truly might have one said:

"It is not by power nor by might, but by my spirit."

Permit MY Spirit to Express

Permit MY Spirit to speak and express and act and you keep silent. MY Spirit can and will save the universe if you get out of the way and let MY Spirit have its free access.

Oh, it is a privilege to observe the mystery and to be in the Actual Presence of your Savior, where the Joy that flows like a river will be at your disposal and at your service and will take you safely over all undesirable conditions.

Take these thoughts to consideration and live in this Presence! You will not have an occasion to fret nor worry; neither will you continue in the spirit of criticism, accusation or the spirit of condemnation; for you will consider if you condemn another, no doubt you are more condemnable! Many times you stir up antagonism in others and cause them to express what you would express because they might be free to express it.

MY Spirit will keep you from doing many things—things you might desire to do or would do if it was not for your faith you have in ME. What a privilege it is to be in the Actual Presence of GOD, I say, where you will find "rest for the weary, over on this side of Jordan, in the sweet field of Eden." Here is a Tree of Life blooming. Here is a Tree of Life blooming—it

is blooming for everyone.

FATHER Does Not Interfere with Others

As I said, I do not interfere with individuals with whom I come in contact. Those who are smoking or any such thing as that, those who may be wearing glasses; even if they are drinking, Personally I do not interfere with them so long as they behave themselves orderly, even if they come in our audiences. Why is it I do not interfere with them? It is because I know MY Spirit is sufficient and quite efficient to meet the issues of life from every angle expressible and to adjust matters satisfactorily; and when it is through with the individual, that individual will go away converted.

There are those who claim to know ME, they do not trust ME. That is not trusting ME when you are trying to force individuals to do something, trying to force individuals to believe in ME! It is evidently known you do not believe in ME effectively yourself, if you are trying to coerce someone else. That is why you do not believe in ME! It is because you are trying to coerce someone else into believing the thing you should believe. For if you sincerely believe and believe with all your heart, you would know GOD is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent, and can and will answer every problem and will adjust matters satisfactorily with or without you as an individual.

But when you think GOD is limited to HIS own Tabernacle—HIS Body—it is an open expression that you are not conscious of MY Actual Presence and you do not really know ME. I need not say a Word, I need not be anything Personally; for the Spirit of MY Presence, with or without MY Person, is Omnipotent. The Spirit of MY Presence, with or without MY Person, is Omniscient, and MY Presence is a reality universally, as Omnipresent I stand.

What a Privilege to Relax the Conscious Mentality

Oh, what a privilege it is to live in such a recognition, where you can still yourselves as individuals and bring your body into subjection and allow GOD to speak and act for you, by the relaxation of your conscious mentality.

"He who seeks to save his life shall lose it; he who loses his life for my sake shall preserve it."

The sacrifice of all of your self as an individual is the great essential, that GOD might speak and act in the fulness of HIS Power, when you shall have come to your destination, your extremity! I have stressed it over and over again:

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity."

If this is true, then permit yourself as an individual and as individuals collectively to come to your extremity, that GOD might be in evidence and come forth into expression.

When this shall have been once established in your memory, when you learn to deny yourself wholeheartedly, when you adhere to MY Teaching continually, the Spirit of Love will come upon you and you will be hospitable to each and all of the friends with whom you come in contact. You will express it in deeds. You will express it in actions. You will express it in words; and even in your emotions you will also reflect and express love and kindness one towards the other, and especially to those of our visiting