

This Truth Is Capable and Qualified To Be Tested On Every Side

If There Is Anything Comes Better Than ME, You Can
Have It — FATHER DIVINE

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

at the
BANQUET TABLE
20 WEST 115th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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The great Banquet Table of FATHER DIVINE shone in all its splendor Monday evening, December 11th at the New York City Headquarters, 20 West 115th Street. It was the third time HE Personally served; and one of those in the afternoon included feeding the unemployed absolutely free.

A testimony was given by an individual who declared FATHER was the identical One who had fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes. Following the testimony FATHER sweetly sang the following song, then delivered this very weighty Message.

"Something like the two small fishes,
Something like the two small fishes,
Something like the two small fishes,
When the five thousand were fed.

"Jesus had them to sit on the ground,
When the five thousand were fed,
They all obeyed the Lord's command,
When the five thousand were fed.

"So it's something like the two small
fishes, etc.

"They all did eat and all were filled,
When the five thousand were fed.
They all obeyed the Lord's good will,
When the five thousand were fed.

"Something like the two small fishes, etc.

"They all did eat and they had enough,
When the five thousand were fed.
Then twelve baskets full were taken up,
When the five thousand were fed.

"It's something like the two small fishes, etc.

Jesus blessed and He brake the bread,
When the five thousand were fed,
They all did eat and all were filled,
When the five thousand were fed.

"It's something like the two small fishes, etc.

"Some of the prophets had prophesied,
When the five thousand were fed.
But Jesus blessed and He multiplied,
When the five thousand were fed.

"Something like the two small fishes, etc.

"Five thousand besides the children and
wives,

When the five thousand were fed,
They all did eat without any forks and
knives,

(Holding up knife and fork in HIS hand.)
When the five thousand were fed.

"Something like the two small fishes, etc.

"A better way now, I have prepared,
When the five thousand were fed.
They sat on the ground and not on chairs
When the five thousand were fed.

"It's something like the two small fishes, etc.

"HE can feed ten thousand more,
Right now HE can feed ten thousand more.
HE can feed ten thousand more,
Than when the five thousand were fed."

FATHER speaks: It is indeed Wonderful!

PEACE EVERYBODY! Good Will and Good Appetite to one and to all! That is the Message of the Lord coming through the angels as it was at the day the Babe was born in Bethlehem. The Wise Men heard the angels sing—although they were invisible to them—but you are now visible to us for GOD has visibilized and materialized, or "physicalated" spiritual things. Hence, spiritual beings GOD has given spiritual bodily forms that they might be manifested on the material plane and that they might be personally seen as the children of men.

The angels sang at the time the wise men were going down to Bethlehem—they sang the song that we are now singing at times, "Glory to God in the highest, On earth peace, good will toward men." Although they were invisible then, GOD has brought them into visibilization, for HE has materialized HIMSELF, as being called the Babe of Bethlehem. It is indeed Wonderful!

The Change from Mortality to Immortality

As a sample and as an example of the visibilization of the whole Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus the great Love Master came, expressing and manifesting Himself and His majesty in the likeness of the children of men, that they might understand how they could be transformed by the renewing of their mind and that they might be changed from mortality to immortality, and hence, become truly spiritualized through the spiritualizing process that goes on in the hearts and lives of men through the realization of the actual materialization of Him.

For this cause I came, and for this purpose I stand, as the great materializer of spiritual

things and the spiritualizer of material things. For this cause Christ was both GOD and man, humanly speaking, that He might reach their conditions and transform them by the renewing of their minds. It is indeed Wonderful! Taking on a visible form, GOD, in the Name of the Son, came, supposed to have been born in Bethlehem as a natural child, but as a sample and as an example to show you how you must be born out of mortality and out of the bondage of that which is termed to be even so much as wedlock. It is indeed Wonderful!

Man Must be Born Again

That first birth was of the earth, earthy. That first birth was of the flesh, therefore Christ said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." So mankind, they must relax their conscious mentality and cut loose from the preconceived versions, ideas and opinions concerning things of the children of men, and be born again into the recognition and conscious conviction of being the sons of GOD as He did. Hence, He put on a bodily form for that purpose, showing you that you can be spiritualized even as He was materialized. He was materialized for your sakes that you might be spiritualized for His. Spiritualize I, the material things for the common good of mankind, and materialize I them that are spiritual that they might be manifested on the material plane also for the common good of men, that they might see and understand for the material plane how man should live and how he should be, and how he should express the Life and Love of GOD.

Manifestors of Identical Principle

For this cause I came and for this purpose I stand in the midst of the children of men as a sample and as an example for them. And of this Mission, of this Calling and of this Office I AM not ashamed, verifying that which the Apostle said as he spoke, being moved by the Spirit of GOD: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth . . ." So it is today, these lights of Truth are lifting you above your limitations and lacks and wants and undesirable conditions, and they are establishing you in the land of the living and bringing you to perfection in the midst of the people that you might be the manifestors of the identical Principle that I AM advocating.

This Principle has ever been here!

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

It was essential for the Body of GOD to come as a sample and as an example to introduce HIMSELF to the children of men as being termed the Son, that they might copy after the fashion that He showed them. For this cause HE said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

A Privilege to be Tested

It is a privilege for you, dear ones, to be tested to the height of Perfection or "testation", that your perfection might overcome the opposition. You cannot bring forth the Christ to fruition until you shall have been tested to perfection. The opposition must come to you to the highest degree of "testation", that you might bring forth the Christ to fruition. In that you will have the victory, for only through such can come perfection. It is indeed Wonderful!

I was thinking, while sitting and listening to the songs and testimonies, and hearing some slight words of opposition seemingly conveyed for the purpose of throwing a dampness on the people—and I was bringing to consideration this conscious realization for you—your "test-ation" or your tests, must come to the height of your ambition, that you might bring forth the Christ to fruition in you and that you might have the victory over the adversary and over the adverse conditions, by their coming to the height of their standard of perfection in opposition to you and your perfection. The height of opposition must rise in an open expression that it may bring the Christ in you to fruition and manifest perfection in you over the adversary, through overcoming the adverse condition. "It is needful that offenses come." If there were nothing to come in opposition to you, how could you or anyone else know the mystery of the meaning of GOD for you? How could you know anything about the light to enjoy it, if there were not, or had not been darkness? It is indeed Wonderful!

If there is Anything Better than ME then Have It

This Truth is capable of being, and is qualified to be tested on every side, and if anyone can bring any message in opposition to ME that can cause the whole of you—all of you collectively, the whole assembly or all of the assemblies, including the several million in distant lands—to go astray, or turn away, it is immaterial to ME! It is indeed Wonderful! If there is anything better than ME, then have it! It is indeed Wonderful! These thoughts are well worth considering. I have in MY own hand the victory, being the Master of Omnipotency and the Controller of your destinies. Then I say, if there is anything comes better than ME, you can have it! When you know you are right, then go ahead. This Life and this Love, if it cannot stand the test, why then you need to go and get another GOD. It is indeed Wonderful! It is indeed Wonderful!

Spirit and Zeal Stirred in Opposition

Therefore, from henceforth now and forever, remember, your tests must come to the height of the human understanding, that you might bring forth the Christ to fruition in your lives and manifest the victory over all mankind. I need not say more in words. If I do not speak another word, I will speak in actions continually, for I have established MY Kingdom on the earth among men. It is indeed Wonderful! It shall

go from land to land and from shore to shore just as it is right here under MY Personal jurisdiction. That is the way it shall be all over, and none can hinder ME. I don't care anything about what the mortal mind says, every time something rises up in opposition, why, that stirs the zeal and spirit of MY coworkers and followers, and causes them to increase in number much faster. It is indeed Wonderful!

Take these thoughts into consideration. I will speak in your actions; I will speak in your deeds; and I will spread this Truth more and more daily, and none can hinder ME!

Eradicating First Heaven

And there is something else I want to say! There may be some around that have been thinking about GOD in heaven. I AM dispelling even that imagination from the consciousness of the people. I shall eradicate it from their systems, and after a while they will not even think about heaven—I mean heaven as they have supposed. Talking about heaven up above the sky somewhere! I will get it out of the minds of the people and all of them will think just as these do right here. Now these are facts and figures too stout to be denied, and it is also Evangelical. The Bible plainly says: "The first heaven and the first earth were passed away."

Now I AM not studying about the first heaven, and I AM going to get it out of the minds of the people; then when you go back and read your Bible, you will see that it is according to the Scripture, for it shall not be called to mind any more. You have been calling it to mind too much now, and as soon as I get this new heaven established in the consciousness of the people, I will cast the old heaven completely out of their consciousness and they will remember it no more. It is indeed Wonderful!

It is written: ". . . and it shall not be called to mind . . ." That is what GOD spoke through the mouth of the Prophet even before the body called Jesus was born. Heaven was not to be called to mind again.

No Righteousness in Imaginary Heaven

This is the beginning of the erasing and the cancellation of every imagination of that imaginary heaven that was in the consciousness of the people, for GOD has created a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, right-use-ness. That imaginary heaven did not bring right-use-ness in reality, for those that lived in that imagination concerning that imaginary heaven that they thought they would enter after dying and going above the sky, they felt within themselves they could live practically any way they pleased here and now, just so they said, "Lord have mercy", before they died. If they had time to say, "Lord, have mercy", before they died, why then they would go to that heaven above the sky and they would be all right—but not so!

Therefore, in their imaginations of that imaginary heaven, did not dwell right-use-ness, which is righteousness, the right-use-ness of their personal activities and of their lives and their service to GOD and to man. They failed to live according to the Gospel and they failed to keep HIS commands, and they thought within themselves they could inherit life by saying, "Lord, have mercy", when they came down to die. We are privileged to know your lives are ". . .

hid with Christ in God", if you will but live Evangelical and walk in the light as it is turned on. It is indeed Wonderful!

No Man has Ascended up to Heaven

Get your minds out of the sky! Make up your minds to live Evangelical here and now, and let this Kingdom of GOD be wheresoever you go, by living and expressing the Life of Christ, and the imaginary heaven and heavens will be no more. They were heaven's imagination. You did not know anything about a heaven above the sky, for Jesus, the great Love Master even said as a person as a direct expression and manifestor of GOD's Presence, "No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven . . ." Now how can you say you are going to heaven when Jesus, whom you call your guide, said, "No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven . . ." And John saw, in Revelation, twenty-first chapter, first and second verses,

". . . a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven . . ."

Don't you see it was this Message that has come down out of your imagination into your conscious realization, and into materialization manifestedly?

GOD Himself Shall be with Them

It is such a glorious privilege, "And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes . . ." You have never seen such audiences as these that believe in ME, that would not and could not cry if they wished to.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

And, "The tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself" — it did not say the Son of GOD—"shall be with them . . ." Now if you read that chapter carefully, you will see where it says, ". . . and God himself—not the Son, not the Holy Ghost, not the Spirit, not the angels on earth, but—"God himself shall be with them." It is indeed Wonderful!

Take these thoughts into consideration, dear ones, and if you would only read that chapter, you would see that this day the Gospel is fulfilled in your hearing. "God himself shall be with them . . . and shall wipe all tears from their eyes!" That is a wonderful thought, dear ones. You have been taught and you have been teaching that Jesus would come, the Son would come, but it says that ". . . the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them . . ." It did not say HIS Son, but ". . . he shall dwell with them, and God himself shall be with them . . . and shall be their God . . . and they shall be his people." These are facts and figures too stout to be denied. They cannot be criticized, they cannot be refuted; they cannot be rightfully nor Evangelically, according to the Scripture, disputed, for they are fulfilled this day in your hearing and you can see it. It is Wonderful!

If I say no more but these few words, read

for yourselves the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, from the first to the seventh verses, and you will plainly see this great mystery that has been fulfilled. Now having been revealed, it is no longer a mystery to the children of men. Some day, somewhere and somehow it must have

had to be fulfilled, if it had not already been. Therefore, it is being fulfilled this day in your hearing, "The tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and God himself shall be with them and shall be their God, and they shall be his people." It is indeed Wonderful!

Take these thoughts into consideration and you will not have an occasion to reckon any longer, but you as well as I will come to this conscious realization of the actual materialization of this Scripture that is now being fulfilled in your hearing. I thank you.