

**"GOD SHALL DO A QUICK WORK AND CUT IT SHORT
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; YET IT WILL NOT BE DONE BY
POWER BUT BY MY SPIRIT" — FATHER DIVINE**

**You Know within Yourselves Definitely, It Is beyond Re-
proach, beyond a Reasonable Doubt and Criticism When
you Consider What GOD Has Done for This People!**

"OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE"

GIVEN AT

THE HOLY COMMUNION TABLE

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Only where GOD is a living reality could CHRISTMAS be every day in the year. Only where GOD is a living reality could there be ETERNAL YOUTH and all the blessings of every imagination of heaven multiplied and increased and actually enjoyed in this present land and in this day of crisis.

Mortality has laughed and talked and jeered at this beautiful HOLY LIFE, but now they can see that GOD HIMSELF, FATHER DIVINE, has not sought to get us to be righteous for foolishness but that He might prepare us for this day of destruction! For GLORY is to GOD in the highest and PEACE on earth to all men who dwell in the consciousness of FATHER DIVINE'S Actual Presence. Through the fire and brimstone of every destructive weapon the elect shall live, for GOD has given His invisible angels and His ministering spirits flames-of-fire bodies in which to enjoy His IMMACULATE BODY!

We thank Thee, O KING OF GLORY!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, and FATHER'S Message follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE!

At this particular moment I have arisen especially to call your attention once again to the way the people are celebrating, a day that has been set apart, as I said, to commemorate the birth of Jesus. This is done once a year by the masses and by the majority of the people, but since we have ONE ETERNAL CHRISTMAS DAY and ONE ETERNAL NEW YEAR'S DAY,

we do not set apart this day especially for worship. We realize every day with us is CHRISTMAS DAY!

This I must apparently emphasize and explain every Christmas because there are those who consider it is a special set time; but we realize Christmas is every day in the hearts and lives of Mine, and we realize because it is Christmas and ONE ETERNAL NEW YEAR'S DAY, we have practically the same mentally, spiritually and materially three hundred and sixty-five days to the year and every once in a while three hundred and sixty-six days. By this we are proving to the world conclusively GOD to us is a living reality, and CHRISTMAS or CHRIST MASS is put forth into expression every day in the year.

For this we can rejoice. It keeps us merry and it keeps us happy as a HAPPY NEW YEAR every day and as a MERRY CHRISTMAS every day! By such a recognition we are at all times in the days of our YOUTH, enjoying CHRISTMAS DAY. Aren't you glad? We should never grow old with such a recognition. If you grow old by the calendar years, you will not feel it. Aren't you glad?

Rejoice All the Time!

Then I say,

"Rejoice in the LORD always,

And again I say, rejoice!

Let your moderation be made known to all men,

The LORD is at hand."

Hence, by such a conviction and such a declaration and being conscious of it, it causes such conditions to result as would be when GOD is there in reality; because GOD is a REALITY as you think Him to be, as you take Him to be and as you believe Him to be.

So, it is a privilege to live in this recognition and to abide in this state of consciousness once and forever. You have no occasion whatsoever

to fear what may befall you, as a few of My followers from London in the immediate path of the air raids, wrote Me telling Me of how I had protected them.

How beautiful it is to realize you can be protected! Think about how you can be so protected until your heart, as said one, will not beat an extra thump. Aren't you glad? Even though the bombs and houses are falling near you, as it may be termed, those things do not come near you mentally and spiritually; that is to say, within; for the Scripture is actually fulfilled! Therefore, I say, rejoice and realize GOD is your REFUGE, your STRENGTH and your PROTECTION; you need not fret nor worry.

"The NAME of GOD is a strong tower . . ."

I did not try to get you all to be righteous for foolishness; I was preparing you for the day of destruction! When I encouraged thousands and thousands and thousands right here in New York City to throw away their equipment of destruction, of vice and crime and of debauchery of every kind; to throw away their burglar tools and to throw away their blackjacks and guns; and to throw away every destructive instrument devised by man and TRUST in GOD for your PROTECTION, to make you righteous for the coming crises; I did not do it in vain!

Fulfillers of Protection and Victory

Now,

"The NAME of GOD is a strong tower, and the righteous run therein and is saved."

This is not a supposition! Those who live it and believe it, stress it and express it sincerely; they are the fulfillers of that of which I predicted: they would be protected and would have the VICTORY in the time of the crises and in the day of trouble. Aren't you glad?

Then I say, this may have seemed foolish to tell them to even do away with the legal weapons of protection that were given them by the authorities, and launch out and TRUST the ALMIGHTY whole-heartedly. It was not in vain that I promulgated such a thing! Aren't you glad?

There are those who live exactly according to My Teaching; they are PROTECTED and the bombs may fall right around them; it will not hurt nor harm them! What said Jesus concerning this mystery?

"Upon this rock I shall build My

Church, and the very gates of 'the other place' shall not prevail against it."

This is the CHURCH of CHRIST, this is the CHURCH of GOD! You are PROTECTED withal, if you whole-heartedly TRUST in your LORD!

A Quick Work Cut Short in Righteousness

Live in this recognition.

"Fret not yourselves because of the workers of iniquity, for . . ."

what said the Psalmic prediction of David concerning the mystery?

". . . they shall be cut off."

GOD will do a quick work and cut it short in RIGHTEOUSNESS! Therefore, the RIGHTEOUS shall be saved, and the RIGHTEOUS, in whom CHRIST liveth, their bodies shall be saved that some flesh might be saved; for GOD shall do a quick work and cut it short in RIGHTEOUSNESS! Yet it will not be done by power nor by might but by My SPIRIT!

Then I say, live in this recognition. It may sound a little fanatical; it may sound a little radical; it may sound a little foolish but is not this enough to tell you?—for a little shows you what a whole lot means!

Look over this vast audience where for many years the citizens of New York can bear witness that not a true follower of Mine is on the relief! Even at the time of the crises and the depressions, GOD without any visible means of support, has given them the VICTORY over depressions; over lacks, wants and limitations; and has lifted them from the Relief Rolls and has established their going in the Land of the Living, and has taught them and given them a better education. Aren't you glad? Has lifted them morally and their morals have been established to PERFECTION above the critics of their fellow brethren, and have caused others to envy the blessings of SUCCESS and PROSPERITY in business, in labor, trade and profession. Aren't you glad?

In Another Day

Then I say, live in this recognition and GOD will bless you continually, even though all earth oppose you and all others who are not with you be against you. You are living in another day!

Just think of how it will be when all of the nations, languages, tongues and people shall have been UNIFIED together as I have the sample, as I have this example I AM daily demonstrating. This is the SAMPLE, this is the EXAMPLE, this is the way people should live. Can you not see the mystery?

Should they not live in UNITY if they are American citizens? E PLURIBUS UNUM! And should they not live in UNITY according to the States of the UNION, being called the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? Aren't you glad?

Then I say,

"Let this MIND be in you that was also in Christ Jesus,"

for to you it is TRANSMITTED. I have it! I AM willing to give it! And this MIND will give you the VICTORY over sickness and diseases, over disappointment and failure, over lacks, wants and limitations; and will establish your going in the Land of the Living, and will make you the head and not the tail! Believe it or disbelieve it, I have DECLARED it!

I need not say more, but I had arisen merely especially at this time to get on record in your hearts and in your minds, those of our visiting friends' hearts and minds who do not know My Work and My Mission, this is a matter of course with us, this is not a special day with us. But because it is commonly considered the people's Christmas Day, we thought to be here to give you a chance; whosoever you may be, to come and worship with us. This is our DAILY COMMUNION such as this each day! Aren't you glad?

Others Can Share in the Blessings

We have something to praise GOD for! And as I demonstrate this, it is a course in practical psychology just to look on this vast audience in UNITY, and speaking and giving thanks in UNISON! Can you not see the mystery? It is enough to tell you by observing the demonstration, you can be partakers of the selfsame expression in business, in labor and in profession. You can attract the abundance of the fulness and can cause your business places to be running over!

Visualize the ABUNDANCE, if I must drop back to the psychological world once again and speak as a PRACTICAL PSYCHOLOGIST for your consideration. If you VISUALIZE the abundance, you will reap the fruit of the same; but if you visualize "narrowtiveness," scarcity and limitation, you will reap the fruit of the same!

But just look over this vast audience and see what GOD has actually done without money and without price, without even so much as a lecture or free will offering or donation, or thing of that sort, absolutely GRATIS to mankind, as CHRIST, your GOD, your LORD (SAVIOR really is!
How dare any to rise in opposition or slightly

think in the way of criticism concerning My Work and My Mission! You know within yourself definitely it is beyond reproach, beyond a reasonable doubt for criticism when you can see what GOD has done for this people!—rescued them from vice and crime and changed their nature and changed their minds!

Transformation of the People

This is not reforming the people but I AM transforming the people by the renewing of their minds! I AM changing their minds! As well as I AM reforming them mentally, I AM actually TRANSFORMING them by the renewing of their minds! They have a different mind and different nature and different characteristics! I AM giving them NEW characteristics! They do not have the characteristics they had before they knew Me. They think, they act, they speak and they live and they even feel different, because they are NEW creatures, according to the Gospel! Aren't you glad?

Then I say, VISUALIZE the PERFECT PICTURE and reproduce it, materialize it and multiply it, and live in the CONSCIOUSNESS of GOD'S Presence! You will see you have the SOURCE and you have the SUPPLY, for "The SPIRIT of the CONSCIOUSNESS of the PRESENCE of GOD is the source of all supply." It is something to praise GOD for, and the more you praise GOD for the blessings you have, the more you will gain! But if you cease to praise GOD for the blessings you have, though they may apparently be small, if you condemn them you will diminish them; but if you PRAISE them you will automatically multiply them, increase them and multiply them again! Aren't you glad?

You know, I have another banquet to serve—it is commonly called a banquet but I know it is our HOLY COMMUNION, for I believe in serving COMMUNION for the sustenance of your bodies and for the redemption of your souls, if it may be termed that way; in other words for the sustenance of your souls and for the redemption of your body. This is what this food is for! It is to BLESS you spiritually and mentally and give you understanding! That is what I AM talking about!

Blessings of the Communion

If you eat this food and take it worthily and praise GOD for it whole-heartedly, it will inspire you mentally and spiritually and give you UNDERSTANDING (Aren't you glad?); will cause you to be second to none—second to none in WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE and UNDER-

STANDING and in the grace and the knowledge of our LORD and SAVIOR, Jesus Christ.

Why should you be second to it when you are heirs and joint heirs together with Him?—when of all of His FULNESS have all you received grace for grace? Then why be second to it? Why not be ONE with Him?

Live it and express it, be SUCCESSFUL and PROSPEROUS and be HEALTHY and HAPPY and have all WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE and have all UNDERSTANDING! As I said, I will say again: when the WORD was made FLESH and dwelt among us, "we beheld His GLORY as the glory of the only begotten of the FATHER, full of grace and of truth;" and because you beheld this which was so wonderful in Him, as it may be termed, "of all of His FULNESS have all we received grace for grace." Of ALL of His fullness—not part of it! We have RECEIVED it! You have conceived it automatically by concentration; you have reproduced it psychologically, mentally and spiritually. All you must needs do now is to develop it and bring it to fruition by HARMONIZATION.

As you have conceived it by concentration, GOD will increase it and multiply it by HARMONIZATION; and by CONCENTRATION you will develop it and bring it to fruition and you will be partakers of the same you beheld in Him.

"... of all of His fulness have all we received grace for grace."

Why Be in Need and Misery?

Take these thoughts to consideration and take them home with you if you wish to. Why be in lacks, wants and limitations? Why be in misery, disappointment and failure when GOD in His abundance has a full and plenty for all of you? The SAMPLE and the EXAMPLE has been demonstrated. I demonstrate the sample and I demonstrate the example. Then I say, copy after the fashion I have shown you on the high mountain of this understanding.

Moses and Elijah came, and Peter, James and John saw something on the Mount of Transfiguration. They saw the GLORY of GOD (Can you not see the mystery?)—where the GLORY shone around Him! I believe you have seen the GLORY of GOD now, for I told you about the angels that the Wise Men heard singing. I have shown them to you! I have reincarnated them in the angels and especially in the "Rosebuds." They sing so sweetly you know they could not sign it unless they had it—the SPIRIT of GOD'S ACTUAL PRESENCE, the ANGELS transmitted and reincarnated in them! That is what they are doing! I thank you.

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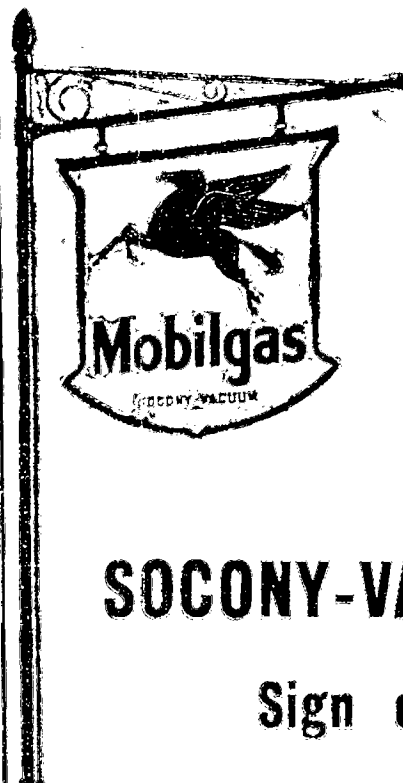
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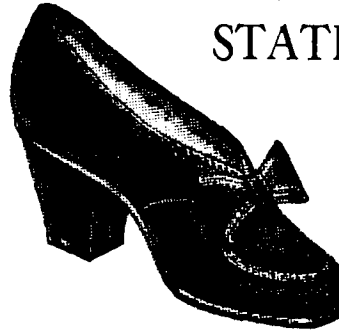
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