

Twelfth Week

First Day

Thy Kingdom Come

Through the marvelous working of his subconscious inventive capacity, man has externalized into objectivity all the qualities within his being. Writes Vera Stanley Adler: "He has expressed his emotional and imaginative make-up in picture, in tapestry and in poem. He has externalized every muscle and sinew in his body in the form of tools, machines and engines. He has externalized his eyesight in the form of camera and cinema, his hearing in the form of music, telephone and wireless. At present he is endeavoring to capture in externalized instruments the very cosmic ray forces which play through him. His achievements are incessant, untiring and astonishing."

Jesus said that man may externalize also the soul forces which God channels through him. This he proclaimed in the Gospel. This was the Good News! So, we can externalize upon the outer world an inner peace of mind. But first we must have that peace within ourselves. When enough persons with love and meekness unite in a common desire to be instruments for the creation of a Kingdom of Heaven on earth, it too can come into manifestation.

All legislative bodies which earnestly strive to establish more reasonable justice in the affairs of men deserve our tangible and spiritual support. The United Nations can be an instrument for the creation of a peaceful world, on the government level. But it requires constant under-girding, with our faith and prayers and study and action!

Lord, make me an instrument of thy will; show me how to bring harmony in high places by establishing harmony in my own home. Give me a vision of thy Kingdom and a steady gaze so that I may see through the outer manifestations into the hearts of men. O Lord, dissipate the darkness and gloom from all chambers of human debate! Let the Light of Thy Presence clarify our common needs and give us courage to do Thy Will. I am Thy servant, prepared to serve thee, Master and Ruler of mankind. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:33)

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The Everlasting Hills

Though the reflection in the water may quiver and ruffle
And conceal Thy great beauty at the beck of the winds and tides,
We know that Thy Truth shall never be moved.
Though discord and misunderstanding may appear in the world below,
We know that if we lift our eyes unto the hills
We shall see Reality is forever clear and beautiful and harmonious.

We know that the more vibration there is from the wind and tide
The more stable and calm stand the everlasting hills.
And the further the mountain tip in the reflection sinks down into the depths
The higher the dome above it pushes into the heavens.

Give us grace, O God, to see the world of Reality right side up and not upside down.
May we see the mountain, not the reflection in the pool.
May we see behind every argument the Truth that draws it into Love,
And behind every angry thought the Love that vibrates it into eternal Harmony.
We pray, O God, that we may look up, and see Thee as Thou art,
And see Man as Thy child, made in Thy perfect and eternal image and Likeness,
Eternally reflecting Thy Harmony,
Filled with Thy Holy Spirit,
And abiding eternally in Thy Love. Amen

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? . . . Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. (Isaiah 40:18, 21-23)

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A Hiding Place

Once as I rode by train through our great American desert I saw a cow lying out in the blistering sun, and nestled close to her in the shade of her body was a newborn calf. That cow stayed in the intolerable heat to lend comfort to the calf until it would be strong enough to seek shelter in a barn. I recalled Isaiah 32:2: "A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Have you ever been in such desperate trouble that you went seeking help? And did you find what you needed in some huge, elaborate church made with costly skill, or even in a sermon? I think if you were in deep distress that you went directly to a man or woman who you believed would "understand" and love you.

Now you too can be a "hiding place" for others! When others come to you for help make sure first that you are not trying to win praise or admiration, financial remuneration or any other benefit whatever. For to mix love with any alloy renders you useless to others. And do not try to "do things" for them or "save their souls." Just get so close to God that His Presence manifests through you in peace and love. Then, like Sir Galahad, you will have the strength of ten because your heart is pure.

If someone comes to you for friendship even more than help you will be able to bless him more because he will be receptive to your love. You cannot force love upon anyone, but when one needs it you can give it in Jesus' Name, which means with perfect purity. Then expect the greatest blessings to come to him according to God's perfect plan, because he "hungered and thirsted" after righteousness and love.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:16-17)

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Fourth Day

The Soul of the Prophet

The prophet is one who knows death is a milepost on the Way to life everlasting. He smiles though fortunes vanish, for he sees no limit to the riches of God. He is calm and sweet though friends desert him, for he knows that real Love cannot be taken from him.

A man who has discovered the secret of keeping peace in his soul is worthy to make peace between enemies. Wherever he goes, in whatever circumstances he finds himself, there is within him a healing matrix which brings surcease to hate and wars.

Lincoln was a prophet not merely because of his political acumen or brilliant military strategy, but because of the quality of his mercy. These closing words of his inaugural address, the greatest inaugural ever given, express that quality:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Lincoln lived to make peace, and not war, for his country.

We must pray for guidance to elect prophets as our government leaders. And we have the responsibility to continue to pray for them when they assume the roles which give them control over the destiny of a nation. As we become united in a singleness of purpose we will have the right to make peace in the world.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:9-10)

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A Psalm of Gratitude

Our Father, we worked for Thee till we thought we should become weak in Thy service,
But Thou hast renewed our strength; we have mounted up with wings as eagles.

We gave unto Thee our all,
But Thou hast filled our barns with grain.

We gave ourselves utterly to Thee, without stint and without measure,
Only to find ourselves returning to meet ourselves, clad in garments of glory.

We made ourselves completely captive to Thy will,
And behold, Thou hast set us eternally free;
We let Thee have complete dominion over us;
And behold, Thou hast given us dominion over every living creature.

How can we ever thank Thee, how can we ever repay Thee, Thou Lord of our lives?

For even the thanks we send forth to Thee upon the wings of the morning
Return bearing gifts in the evening.
All we can do is to continue to give, give, give to the uttermost.
All that we have is Thine; all that we are is Thine.

Take us, use us, we cannot be exhausted;
The more we are used the more beautiful, the more eternal, we become.

Thou hast set a Light within our hearts that radiates eternal Love.
And the light of Love shining through the fountain of Life reveals the rainbow of Joy,
Joy that is eternal, unending, complete,
The perfect promise of Thy perfect fulfillment.

Accept our thanksgiving, our praise, our gratitude without stint and without measure, O
Father,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever.

Amen

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was
in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made
that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

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Sixth Day

“I Am that I Am”

When one views life from the highest dimensions he discovers that there is only one Being in all the universe and that one is God; there is only one Love and that comes from the Heart of God; there is only one Time and that is the Eternal Now; there is only one Space and that is the Infinite Here. And finally there is only one Motion and that is the motion of keeping in perfect balance in relation to all of these.

Perfection of any kind is attained when we discover our Center in God and learn to keep balanced there. When we have only one emotion and that one is Love, filling us so full there is no room for fear, then we know bliss. When we are content in the Now without regrets for the past and without concern for the future, then we have joy. When we are content in the Here without envy or yearning to be elsewhere, then we find peace. In other words when we are content with the motionless motion of resting in the Center of God's Love Here and Now, then we experience heaven.

And then we do not seek ideas; Love will draw them to us in perfect order and perfect sequence. We do not seek people; Love will draw the right ones to us when we want to be with them. We do not hunt for riches, Love will bring us our daily bread and all else as we need it. When we look carefully at the Lord's Prayer we find in that masterpiece Jesus' instructions for achieving this perfect balance in the Center of God.

Our father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

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Seventh Day

A Living Christ

To experience the power of Jesus Christ even for one moment is to experience him forever. One is never the same again. All fretfulness, triviality and self-importance fall like drops of water from the shaking aspen leaves. Nothing henceforth is without meaning to one who has seen the Christ, for everything henceforth is bathed through and through with the Love of God, partaking of the eternal values of heaven itself.

The touch of Christ has for me (and hence could for all) changed ashes to roses, restored the wasted years that the locust has eaten, transformed this world of war and hate into a heaven of love. And all because Christ was here in the body, and because he is here in Spirit. We who follow him, and grow still in the stillness of his presence, may have him with us now and forever.

Yes, I have returned permanently to Jesus. That is the one Reality I have derived from this precious journey, and that is what I hope you will continue to share with me. For "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). And everyone who has truly returned to Jesus can verify this. Henceforth let us go up and down the roads of America, yes, of the entire world, proclaiming the good tidings that Jesus is a living Christ, and today in this twentieth century he is the most real figure in all the world.

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: That the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17:26)