

LECTURE III -- I

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Now this is our last night together and I would like to do or say something which would be helpful for all. I don't know just what I shall say, what to say, or what to do. If I knew the message that you needed most it would be easy. Perhaps you tell me what message you would most like to hear. What is the one thing above all else, in the Spirit-Realm that you are interested in? What can I help you the most with? Let me have a few suggestions--

(Audience) "The Power to bring true healing."

"How to abolish war and bring peace."

"To know God."

"Difference between Spirit and soul."

All life is God manifesting and operating through you. Some call it Spirit, and some call it soul, but you are God in essence and every man and woman is a living manifestation of God in actual demonstration.

Would you like to have the Power to explain to the world what "Psychiana" means to you? Have you had an experience with it? Yes? Get up and tell the people, please--

(Woman Student) "All right, for years I have been hungering and searching for the key that would lead me and open up the way for me to realize how to come in contact with the Power of the Living God. I have studied and gone to church but I didn't get the right understanding. So one day I called a friend and she said, "I'm so glad you called." I asked her what it was and she said she couldn't tell me over the phone, but would I come over? Well, I received my first Lesson and began studying it. I began to say, "I believe in the Power of the Living God."

(Dr. Robinson) "Did you find the Power of the Living God through this Teaching?"

(Student) "Absolutely!"

All right, that's enough, sit down. Any more suggestions?

(Audience) "The past, present, and future of religion."

No, I am not a fortune teller. I am not interested in the past or in the future, but what I AM interested in is HERE AND NOW. I believe the best suggestion I heard was "To know God." Does that meet with the approval of the audience?

Scriptures say, that's life eternal. To know God is to know yourself, for man in essence is God. Now that clashes with church dogma which says that you cannot know God except by believing in something else but I am telling you that man and God are one in essence. There is only one Spirit-Life in this universe. It manifests in a thousand and one different ways, but fundamentally, first, last, and all the time, God is invisible life. There are many other things which God is, such as love, peace, Power, but first of all God is eternal life and to know God, know yourself so closely that you know the part of yourself through which God manifests.

"Well, but Doctor, is it possible for me to know God, here and now?"

Well, if it were not, I wouldn't be here. Last year I refused a business paying \$25,000.00 a year and expenses, to write advertising for a large New York concern. That's a lot more than I am making now.

Yes, to know God here and now is the secret, not only in success in this life, but it will answer every one of life's problems.

One lady said to me a moment ago, "How to abolish war and bring peace." Only by recognizing the present existence of the Spirit of God in human lives will peace come to this world. Here's the Jap. He flies up and then ruthlessly drops tons of bombs on women and children. I saw in the paper today where they tore down the flag, and if they did, this country should go over there and wipe out a few of this earth. Is the Spirit of God manifesting in those lives? I think not. What is manifesting? A Spirit of anti-God which is the negative to the positive Spirit of God.

To know God, find out, I repeat, who and what you actually are and you knock the theory of inbred sin right on the top of the head, where it should be knocked. For to tell the human race that it was born in sin and shapen in iniquity, is one of the rottenest lies ever taught to the American people. The God of this universe is not in the habit of operating that way. That is not his handiwork and I would get out of any organization which has to exist by preaching such tommyrot as that is. Where do we find them? Oh come to us, we have the answer to that. Beloved, it isn't true, it never was true and it never will be true. And I would rather worship no God at all than worship one who laid down any such law as that and that is <sup>a</sup> /man-made theory like most of the rest of it. If I could blot out of the minds of you tonight all religious superstition and fear, I have enough people here to change the entire United States through the Power of the Spirit of God. But how to get it out--I can tell you how. Let God. Take the larger picture and give God credit for God's sake, for knowing how to manifest the Power through you, here and now. Do you believe that? Not at some future time and not after you have complied with some church ritual. No, because man has come from the hand of God, his highest creation and furthermore, at no time has the Spirit of God ever left man. Man has closed his eyes and churches have raised barriers between them but in spite of all that the Power of the Spirit of God still exists and exists to restore man to his God.

Where? Here and now. I am talking serious truths to you and I am talking in the hope that you catch the picture. There is only one Spirit--God. There is only one human race, and all of God exists for all of that human race.

In one of my Lessons I drew a picture of a bucket of water dipped from the Pacific ocean. Now you do not have all of the Pacific ocean in that bucket, but you do have in that bucket all the Pacific ocean the bucket will contain. And the same way with you and I and the Realm of the

Spirit of God. It would be foolish and untrue to state that I have all of the Power of the Spirit of God. I haven't, but I have all that I can contain, have you?

Here's another big mistake in finding and knowing God. We look for emotion. Now the Realm of God is not a Realm of emotion. It is true that emotion may and will come when a man or woman recognizes the unity with God, but to state that a spiritual birth is signified and witnessed by emotion is stating an untruth.

Last night or the night before, I drew the picture of the magnet. There is power in that magnet--it is invisible power. You can put your finger on the magnet and not feel anything, but the power is there. Put a pin close to it and see how it will draw. That is the way with the Spirit of God--you can stay that far away from it and it won't do you any good, but you get a little closer and what do you know? You are being drawn to the point where you and God are united and what does that make you? A guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner, in need of a Savior? No, it makes you a reflector, if you please, of the Spirit of God and God never was anything else than Spirit. At no time was God ever crucified on any cross. Let me repeat that--at no time was the Supreme Ruler of this universe ever crucified on any cross, and don't ask me to believe that. And Jesus Christ didn't teach it. That's old pagan mythology and I wish the story had never been told for it is the greatest stumbling block in the path of the work of the Spirit of God this world has ever known. In dealing with the Power of the Spirit of God, such stories as that, beloved, will not live.

Whosoever, what? "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely.." and he is not going to be asked the question of what church he belongs to. This universal conception of God is not a theory. It is a Power which can be manifested and demonstrated by even you.

"Well, Doctor, do you mean to tell me that I, John Brown, in Portland, can know personally the Power of the Realm of God?"

Well, I don't mean to tell you anything else than that. How will

you find it? You think by telling God of your want? I don't think so. You think by going through some ritual or dogma? I don't think so. Take your Bible answer, "Be still, and know that I am God," and if you are looking for God in any other way than that, I am afraid you will never find him. But you can and will find him by knowing who and what you are.

Well, but you say "Doctor, how is it possible to know God if there is no emotion attached to it?"

It is a good thing there isn't any emotion, but Power. What sort of Power? Spiritual Power. How is it recognized in a human life? By that still, small, spiritual voice which, in spite of anything you can do, and in spite of all your opposition, will make its presence known to you in the very minute you let it.

"Well, Doctor, will I be just the same as I was before, after I have experienced this Power? You say there is no feeling to it, no emotion. How shall I know?"

Through a peace which passeth all understanding. That's how you will know, and beloved, the first instant you recognize the Power of the Spirit of God, you WILL know it. There is no question about that. Infinite peace? Yes. I have never been able to put into writing or printing anything pertaining to the Realm of the Spirit of God because it takes a spiritual discernment to know that, but you will know it in the very moment that connection is established. I have no better word in my limited vocabulary, none whatever.

All religions, or all religion rather, (there is only one religion) is but a means to an end. There should be, and is a reconciliation of man ~~with~~ with the Spirit of God. If the means fail, we will get another sort of means.

You say, "Then, Doctor, the Spirit of God is in this Masonic Temple?"

Just as sure as you are alive and in this hall at this moment.

"But, Doctor, I would like to know that Power, what can it do for me?" Infinitely more than you can think and ask, beloved, and yet it can only do one thing and that is a far greater thing than you will ever be able to comprehend, because it can reveal to you and change your life into a kind of life it would be if God personally lived it for you. That is exactly what happens.

My good sisters and brothers have said to me, "But, Doctor, you don't believe in any second blessing or any complete sanctification." A lady said to me, "Now, Doctor, do you believe in the gift of tongues?"

I said, "Anyone is crazy who fools with them." There is only one important thing and that is to know God. It doesn't depend upon whether you smoke tobacco, play cards, dance or drink--it depends upon the one supreme question, have you recognized and do you now recognize the Spirit of God in your life?

But what about sin? Oh, there is only one sin in this universe and that sin has cursed this world plenty. Do you know what it is? Yes, you have it, unbelief in the present existence of the Spirit of God is the only sin in this universe. And who suffers by the sin, God? No! You do. Why? Because you are blindly living a mechanical sort of existence, not recognizing the greatest Power this world has ever known. Let me repeat that--you suffer because you are living a mechanical existence without the greatest Power the world has ever known--that's sin. And as I said a moment ago, if I could get all fear and all unbelief out of your minds here, I could upset this country for God. When the picture of the existence of the presence of God is known and catches fire in this world, it will sweep from coast to coast.

I read from Dr. Milners book last night the closing paragraph which said that if the Christian church does not enfuse itself with the Power of the Spirit of God, or words to that effect, that Spirit will not leave the earth, but will operate through institutions other <sup>than</sup> their own.

Let not any church organization hump its back and state that there can be no Power of God behind this Movement of mine, because if there isn't, it's riding for a fall. The church can go on if it cares to, preaching about clairvoyance, etc, but that has lead it already to the brink of disaster. But let it accept the Power of the Spirit of God and see where it leads it. And I, in Portland, tonight throw out a warning cry to every preacher in the city to get acquainted with the Power of the Spirit of God. How will you find it? First, an earnest desire; second, a recognition of that presence; third, a keeping quiet long enough for it to manifest itself in you. Then what happens?

Well, what is God? Let me illustrate by a very crude illustration and then we'll close. There was a time in your life, when what is now your body was just simply a combination of two little bugs--the spermatazoa and the ovum. Your parents complied with the Law of nature and with the Law of God and that was all they could do. That isn't sin, that is the closest thing to God--the transmission of life. Now listen, at that point in the building operations, some outside Power stepped in and took complete charge of the building operations, until nine months later a perfect body with a human soul. The law which built this body was a law over which your parents had no control whatsoever. No, they couldn't do that--but what did? God in operation. Now, I shall ask you a simple question. Do you think for one moment that after that operation, you were left alone, without that Power? I don't think so, , but I think that that same Power exists here and now. I don't think so, I know so, and what I am trying to do with you is to get you to recognize and use it because only through a recognition of the present existence of the Power of the Spirit of God, can this light even faintly shine. You can accomplish some things of course, without it but you can accomplish far more with it.

I am giving you the message, what you do with it is your business and not mine. For three days I have preached in your city the Power of the

Realm of the Spirit of God. Now you can do just exactly as you want to with it. My task is completed this night, but you will find that there will follow you from these meetings something which you will not be very apt to forget in a hurry. And if so be that you have caught the first, faint glimpse of this God-Power, then cherish it and nurture it because it just simply means that the Power of the Realm of God is just knocking, trying to get in and trying to open your eyes, which have been blinded by dogma and tradition.

I am going to ask you a plain, simple question as one man to another. I am not going to ask anybody to come up and do penance for anything, but I am going to ask you as American men and women if you will allow with an open mind, what has been said to you for the past three nights, to sink in. And if you will at least try to recognize in your life, the Power of the Spirit of God. I am going to ask everyone who will do that to raise his hand. That's practically the entire audience, and it makes me happy, I'll tell you. If I can satisfy only in one town, the desire of that town or city for God, Beloved, I will start a Movement which will sweep from coast to coast. It will welcome any message of God with open arms, but you better be careful what you come with, because you can preach until you are black in the face for the people of this day know of the complete and utter failure of this church system which has coined a philosophy and then says to the world, "This is it." The world says, "Maybe so, but I am not interested," and drifts away and yet seventy five thousand men and women will jam a football game, and I'd like to see any preacher get that many in the church.

The organization through which the Spirit of God should work is the Christian church, but it is not working through that organization. Now, only two things remain---get it into that organization, or preach it on the outside. Arrangements were practically completed today to put into Portland a unit of this Teaching of mine, and one in any other city of any size. I am going to do that and do you know why I am going to succeed? Be-

cause the Power which is for me and with me is far greater than any Power could be which is against me, for I know Beloved, in whom I believe and am abundantly persuaded that just as long as I stand on both feet solidly, with a life in tune with the Infinite, this Teaching will never be stopped. I don't care so much about this Teaching, it isn't that, and if anyone, more capable than I am with a larger organization, can do more for the kingdom of God than we are trying to do, I will be happy to step out of the picture. But don't think for one minute that my life is an easy one. It is a hard one. Many and many a night have we sat up, not knowing what would happen next, with a beautiful wife and two beautiful children, not knowing whether I would be with them again or not. But I knew, I knew. Why? Because I know my God. I say that not in a bragging way by any manner of means, but just to give credit where credit belongs and show you what God can do for those who believe in his presence.

(Song: "Lead Kindly Light")

-----Frank B. Robinson