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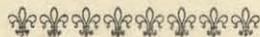
(THE TEACHING WHICH IS BRINGING NEW LIFE TO A SPIRITUALLY DEAD WORLD)

## LESSON NO. 4

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### THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN

This is a very important lesson we are to study this week. It deals with the creation and fall of man. The creation of man is not so important, but the fall is very important. Once more we find opinions differing as to how man was actually created. The story as given us by Moses was that God made man from the dust of the ground. That statement to the Scientist and trained Psychologist is probably literally correct. But not in the way it is interpreted by those who believe in the word interpretation of this story of the creation as Moses gave it to us. I shall not take time here to enter into a scientific discussion of this question, as it is far too deep for this sort of a work. Those who believe the Moses story verbatim will probably fail to see what I mean when I state that the story is scientifically correct.

But it is--so we shall let it go at that. We have seen so far that God is Spirit, and there is no record to date of anyone having seen God as such. Not even Jesus ever saw the Living God. Furthermore, the scriptures teach that "no man hath seen God at any time." Moses stated that God formed man out of the dust of the ground, but, God being SPIRIT, we cannot believe that He, with physical hands, moulded and shaped the dust or earth into the shape of a physical man, and then, when the man was made in earth, breathed into his nose the "breath of life." From what we have learned so far of what God essentially is, that would have been a physical impossibility. And besides--we shall see a little later that God does not create things in that manner.

So it seems that we must look for another explanation of the creation of man,

other than the one given us by Moses. As far as the creation of woman goes, I personally cannot accept that, either. Moses says that God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and, when fast asleep, took a rib from his side and made a woman. It would have been far more simple for God to have made both man and woman out of dust at the same time, than for Him to have performed such a delicate operation as removing a rib and then transforming the rib into a woman. However, probably the whole story of creation as Moses wrote it was only according to the wisdom of his day, and we shall not spend any more time discussing it--especially when we have a subject of far greater importance to discuss in this lesson.

We are told that after God had finished His creation of the man and woman, He planted a garden and placed both the man and the woman in it to care for it. Now please remember at this point that there was not another human soul on this earth but this couple. Then, we are told, God gave to this couple certain things to do, telling them just what they could do and just what they could NOT do. From here on I shall ask you to follow me very closely please, for to grasp the following truths fully gives one a grasp on this "so-called" fall of man that he has never had before.

Here they were, the man and the woman, fresh from the hand of the Living God, and both in each other's presence, NAKED AND NOT KNOWING IT. Now I ask you to try and conceive of what sort of a being a man and woman would be, to be both together and naked, AND NOT BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NAKED. For it was not 'til later that they knew they were naked. Spend a little time in thought here, and try to imagine a couple so constituted that the presence of each other in a naked condition has no effect upon them at all. In fact, THEY DID NOT KNOW THEMSELVES THAT THEY WERE NAKED. Now listen a moment, please. I want to ask you a question here. Suppose for a moment that you and I were of such a mentality that we could be placed in the same position as this first created couple were, AND NO THOUGHT OF THE PHYSICAL EVER ENTER OUR MINDS.

We would be a pretty spiritually minded couple, would we not? The fact of the matter is, however, that the first created couple, as this mighty Life Spirit made them, HAD NO SENSE OF THE PHYSICAL AT ALL. They could not even see the physical. For had they been able to see each other as fleshly bodies, they would have known that they were unclothed. BUT THEY KNEW IT NOT. I am of the opinion here that they were purely spiritual creations, having no such things as physical bodies at all--either that, or they possessed a physical body and were not conscious of it, which means the same thing. I am of the further opinion that this part of the creation of man is identical to the part of the creation of the universe UP TO THE TIME GOD CALLED IT INTO EXISTENCE BY WORD OF MOUTH. We have very plainly seen that the initial creation of the earth was a mental creation. I believe the story of the creation of man up to this point to be similar creation. It could not have been any other kind.

Now we shall see what happened to cause man to become a physical being, and what caused that event to take place. What a pity it is that the event ever took place --but it did--there is no denying that fact. The next step in the story of man's

creation (for you must remember that he is not yet in the form in which we have him today) runs about as follows: This first created man and woman had been told by this mighty Life Spirit which had created them that there were certain things which they MUST NOT DO. Whether it was a literal apple tree or a literal gooseberry bush does not enter into the discussion at all. It makes no difference whether it were such, or whether it were not. The fact of prime importance here is the fact that GOD TOLD THIS MAN AND THIS WOMAN THAT IF THEY DID CERTAIN THINGS, INEVITABLE DEATH WOULD FOLLOW. That is the prime factor just here. (And in passing let me call the student's attention to the fact that instead of the opening of the eyes of the man and woman bringing LIFE to them--it brought DEATH. Now note carefully: THIS DEATH IS WHAT WE CALL LIFE TODAY.) And then we are told God left them alone. We are to presume here that both the man and the woman BELIEVED GOD when he informed them that they would die if they did a certain thing--disobeyed Him.

At this point there comes into the picture a sinister figure--and a figure that is responsible for the entire suffering of the human race to date. Moses says a serpent entered the garden. It makes no difference whether it was a snake or a porcupine that actually entered this garden where those two created beings of God were. The whole picture is entirely illustrative. This snake, or whatever it might have been, speaking physically, went to the man and the woman, and asked them if it were a fact that God had told them that they would die if they did a certain thing. It makes no difference if that thing were the eating of an apple or anything else--remember that. The actual act is beside the point. On being told that it was a fact that God had so informed this man and woman, this snake, or something it represents, said unto the couple, in effect: "DID GOD SAY THAT YOU WOULD DIE? WELL, THAT ISN'T SO. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU WON'T DIE." Now, beloved student, hear me well. HAD THAT MAN AND WOMAN THEN AND THERE HAVE SAID TO THE SNAKE "OH, YES, WE WILL DIE--GOD SAID SO," I should not be here writing this to you, and neither would you be in your room reading it. NEITHER WOULD THERE BE A SINGLE SOLITARY THING IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE CONTRARY TO THE GREAT, IMMUTABLE GOD--NOT EXCEPTING THE EARTH ITSELF--for this entire world as we have it today is, in itself, contrary to and opposed to the great spiritual God. Had there been no disobedience on the part of that first couple, there would be nothing PHYSICAL IN THE ENTIRE CREATION. Remember that.

Had this man and woman taken THAT stand--how different it all would have been; but they didn't, and right here is the ACTUAL DEED THAT BROUGHT UPON THIS EARTH ALL THE MISERY, POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DEATH IT HAS EVER SEEN. AND THE ACT OR DEED WHICH CAUSED IT ALL WAS THE FACT THAT THE MAN AND WOMAN BELIEVED THE SNAKE IN PREFERENCE TO BELIEVING GOD. Do you see that? Not only did they choose to believe the serpent, or what it represented, but they deliberately SHOWED THEIR DISBELIEF IN THE SPOKEN WORDS OF GOD BY ACTUALLY DOING THE VERY THING THAT GOD HAD COMMANDED THEM NOT TO DO. In other words, they showed this mighty Spirit that had created them that they would rather OBEY SOMEONE ELSE THAN HIM.

Now listen to what happened--and listen well. THE MOMENT THEY DELIBERATELY CHOSE TO OBEY THE SNAKE RATHER THAN GOD, AND THE MOMENT THEY ACTUALLY DISOBEYED

GOD, THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW THEY WERE NAKED. If their eyes at this point were opened, then it must follow that they had been "closed" up to this point. Now, just what effect did the opening of their eyes have on them? Only one effect, and that terrible in its consequences. IT GAVE THEM THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF PHYSICAL EXISTENCE WHICH, UP TO THAT POINT THEY HAD NEVER KNOWN. So you see, prior to the disobedience of God, there was NO SUCH A THING AS PHYSICAL CONSCIOUSNESS. THAT came when man's eyes were opened. And I shall state, in passing here, that when the same eyes are closed that were opened in the garden, then, and only then, can man be what he was before the "fall." This, Jesus came to do, as we shall see later.

What happened from that time on is more or less history, and we shall not concern ourselves with it here. The purpose of this lesson is to show you the mighty significance of the fact of the "fall" of man, so that you may intelligently understand it, and understand the things which are to be told you further along in your studies. I have purposely refrained from considering the scientific explanation of the creation of man from the amoeba, etc., as it is beside the question here. Whether man was formed in a few seconds, or whether it took ten million years to bring him to his present state, makes no difference to the story as unfolded in this lesson. Neither does it make much difference whether the woman was actually taken from a man's rib structure or not. What a simple thing it seems to listen to this story of the "fall" of man--and yet what vital truths are herein contained.

By this time you are beginning to grasp the truth as it has been presented to you, and as you slowly, but surely, grasp it, you will most assuredly see that this earth, and everything connected with it, is the result of unbelief. You will also begin to grasp the truth that whatsoever we have on this earth is ONLY SECONDARY TO THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE. The REAL things are the UNSEEN things. The things which are seen are temporal--but the things which are UNSEEN--are eternal.

Another thing you can see is the fact that if the opening of the eyes of man to physical things closed his eyes to spiritual things, or, in other words, to THINGS AS THEY ARE, then, as long as we are physical, OUR EYES WILL STILL BE CLOSED TO THE REAL OR THE SPIRITUAL THINGS. This was a fact until the appearance of the Galilean Carpenter. Up to His manifestation it was NOT POSSIBLE FOR A SINGLE HUMAN SOUL TO PENETRATE THE VEIL OF CONSCIOUSNESS NOR TO GLEAN ONE SINGLE TRUTH FROM THE UNSEEN REALM.

His coming made a difference, however, as we shall see when we study about Him in some future lessons. I shall say to you here, by way of advance, that HE CAME TO SHOW YOU AND ME HOW TO RESTORE THE SPIRITUAL SIGHT OR VISION THAT WAS LOST WHEN MAN'S PHYSICAL EYES WERE OPENED, away back in the first creation. BUT--and it is a very big BUT--a lot of things happened, and the eternal truth which He came to proclaim HAS BEEN UTTERLY MISSED BY THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE UP TO NOW. And now, nearly 2000 years after His message was given, and after the liberating truths were proclaimed, is their profound significance beginning to be understood.

I shall now show you in this lesson how to actually SPEAK TO THE LIVING GOD.

The thought of being able to do this will probably take your breath away, BUT IT IS A POSITIVE FACT THAT YOU CAN DO SO--and I will show you just how to do it. It is so wonderfully simple, after all. And it is so charged with dynamic power that you will love to commune with this great Living God before you have held conversation with Him for many weeks. For HE ANSWERS, and, simple though the fact of talking to Him may appear, let me say to you, that THE DYNAMIC POWER OF THIS MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT WILL NOT FOOL YOU--YOU WILL RECEIVE THE ANSWER TO YOUR PETITIONS, when you learn how to TAKE them. You have seen from these studies up to now that God is Spirit. That is--LIFE EXISTING WITHOUT PHYSICAL FORM--or--INVISIBLE LIFE. You have seen further that He is everywhere. You have seen that you cannot exist without Him. NOW, IF HE IS EVERYWHERE, HE IS IN THE VERY ROOM IN WHICH YOU ARE SITTING, studying this lesson. With the physical eye you now possess, YOU CANNOT SEE HIM. Had not the spiritual or mental consciousness with which man was first endowed been SHUT OFF by the "disbelief" of the first created couple, YOU WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM SPIRITUALLY AND TALK TO HIM AS THE FIRST CREATED COUPLE DID IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. But, although YOU changed, NO CHANGE HAPPENED TO GOD--HE IS STILL THE SAME GOD THAT HE WAS BACK YONDER IN THE CREATION, AND, THIS BEING A FACT, YOU CAN TALK TO HIM TODAY SPIRITUALLY, JUST LIKE YOUR TWO FOREPARENTS DID--EVEN THOUGH YOU CANNOT SEE HIM.

Don't forget that there is still the "sense-veil" in between, and this "veil" very effectively shuts God off from your mortal vision. BUT HE IS ALL AROUND YOU AND IN YOU JUST THE SAME, AND WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT AND SHOW YOUR BELIEF BY COMMUNING WITH OR TALKING TO HIM--YOU WILL FIND TO YOUR EVERLASTING JOY THAT HE IS THERE. In order to talk directly to the Living God, I want you, when the time comes for your usual study of these lessons and your little "affirmations," to be very quiet. Close the eyes as usual, and, instead of speaking to yourself, as you may think you have been doing, SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF. And you may rest assured that whatever you say to Him will be heard. You may tell Him all the things you desire to have and be. You may tell Him the thing that is nearest to your heart, and you may bank upon it, HE IS THERE--AND HE IS LISTENING TO YOU, PLEASED BEYOND MEASURE AT THE LITTLE BIT OF FAITH YOU ARE MANIFESTING IN TALKING TO HIM.

A little later you will learn the lesson of how to TAKE from Him everything that you need. When you learn THAT, you will have learned that this mighty Life Spirit is a very real thing to you. At this point I shall not ask you to lay any special demands upon this mighty Living God, as you do not know at this time how to take from Him the things you want. And the taking is the only thing that keeps you from having these very things--you do not know how to take them. I will show you this later. Let your conversation with this mighty Life Spirit at this time be along the general line of what it is you most desire, in a general way. Maybe it is health--maybe it is wealth, and maybe it is business success, but no matter what it is, just talk in a quiet, reverent way directly to this unseen but very real presence. Instead of saying: I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD, you may say: "I AM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD, AND I AM TALKING TO HIM NOW." As you get used to this affirmation you can then talk directly to Him as you would to me if I were sitting there in your room with you. All this may seem rather strange

to you now, but I swear to you, on my honor as a man and as a Psychologist, that this mighty Life Spirit will assuredly make His presence known to you if you are faithful. And to know this mighty presence aright--is Life, is Peace, is Health, is Joy, and is your all-sufficiency.

Here you have the Bible formula of prayer stripped of all its mysticism, and put down on a common every-day basis, where even the simplest can understand it. This talking personally with God will bring you more peace of mind, and will open up the unseen spiritual realm as nothing else can. So BE DILIGENT IN THIS EXERCISE. Remember--you are dealing with the most dynamic power in the universe.

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Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I have received five lessons of your most wonderful course and I am indeed thankful for them. I do not seem to find words to express my appreciation of what they are doing for me.

When we needed seed grain for our fields and my husband had tried every means to obtain money for seed and failed--a way was very clearly pointed out to me with the results that we got the money with which to buy seed.

With gratitude,

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