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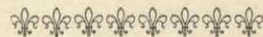
(THE TEACHING WHICH IS BRINGING NEW LIFE TO A SPIRITUALLY DEAD WORLD)

LESSON NO. 7

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JESUS--WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HE CAME TO DO--(Cont.)

I promised you in the previous lesson that in this lesson we should continue the study of the Galilean carpenter, and try to find out just who and what He actually was. Here again we find a mighty scriptural relation utterly stripped of its real meaning through superstition and human interpretations that have been tacked on to it. Half the present day religious world believes that He was the "son of God" and the other half believes that He wasn't. And if I were to ask either one of these warring factions to PROVE their contentions, neither of them could do it. They are arguing, therefore, in a circle and will go round and round until they get tired and find some new bone of contention, or until someone shows them some actual FACT about what they are arguing over.

You know--we humans are very much like a bunch of sheep. We will follow the leader, even though he lead us all over a cliff. And so in this "religious warfare" which is being waged today between those who believe that Jesus was the son of God and those who do NOT so believe, the poor outsider, trying to find the real truth, follows either one side or the other in their (to me) laughable and foolish arguments. Before they attempt to argue along these lines, either side, or both sides, should give to the world some concrete evidence taht they know anything at all of what they are battling over. But to get down to what this Galilean carpenter WAS--and was NOT.

I shall not enter into a discussion with anyone as to whether He had a "supernatural" conception or not. That fact makes no difference. It wasn't His birth which was so important--it was the fact that He arose from the dead that IS impor-

tant. It is reasonable to believe, however, that the mighty LIFE SPIRIT who formed the human race in the first place, had the authority, should He see fit to do so, to break or violate any law that He had made.

Whether this great Life Spirit did or did not so violate His own law, we shall not state here. Outside the birth of this Carpenter, however, there is no authentic record of His ever having done so. Whether He did so in the case of Jesus, we shall see as we progress. One thing is certain, and that one thing is all that matters, and that one thing is this: JESUS HAD A PERFECTLY NATURAL PHYSICAL BIRTH --JUST LIKE YOU AND I HAD. No one will deny that. Physically--He came into the world in exactly the SAME MANNER as you and I did. There can be no question on that point, either--the record is clear. He was fed as a baby in exactly the same manner as you and I were fed, and he went through all the physical functions of life--exactly as we did.

As a boy He was raised and He grew up--exactly as we did. He ran away from home, He got lost, and, in general, was just an average normal human being, just like my little son Alfred is. (Probably He was just as much trouble too.) I think all our warring Christian friends will grant me these facts. Someone trying to trip me, is bound to bring up at this point, his running away from his parents and going to the temple, and when chided for it, His reply that He "must be about his father's business." I shall be told that this early in life, at about 12 years of age, He Himself knew that He had a mission to accomplish in this world. SURELY HE DID--AND SO HAS EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING AT ALL OUTSTANDING ALONG RELIGIOUS LINES--KNOWN THIS SAME THING. At the age of 3 I knew that I had a mission to perform, and I do not claim to be God or to have had any "miraculous" conception, either.

Now follow me, please--I will concede that He knew, deep down in His own heart that He had a vital world message to deliver. That, I have already explained. BUT I WILL NOT CONCEDE THAT ANOTHER LIVING SOUL ON EARTH, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF HIS MOTHER KNEW IT UNTIL 30 YEARS LATER WHEN HE STARTLED THE WORLD WITH HIS TEACHINGS. For 30 years He had lived as a boy, and as a young man, among hundreds of other boys and young men, and, up to the time He began His ministry, NOT A LIVING SOUL EVEN SUSPECTED THAT HE EVER WOULD MAKE THE CLAIM TO BE GOD, OR TO HAVE A MESSAGE OF WORLD IMPORTANCE. I mention this point to show that He lived and was looked upon as a MAN--and NOT AS A GOD. Furthermore, I do not concede that He ever did claim to be God himself. He claimed on one occasion that "I and the Father are one" and YOU AND I CAN CLAIM THE VERY SELF-SAME THING WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHO AND WHAT WE REALLY ARE, AND WHEN WE HAVE GRASPED THE SECRET OF COMMUNION WITH THE LIVING GOD.

Please remember that you and I, in essence or in the first and, incidentally, the only creation of man there ever was, were SPIRIT or SPIRITUAL BEINGS. According to Moses, there was breathed into our nostrils BY GOD HIMSELF--HIS VERY OWN LIFE. It is true that we are now, through the "sin" or "disobedience" or "doubt" of our fore-parents, manifesting as physical beings, BUT THAT FACT DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT OF WHO AND WHAT MAN ACTUALLY IS. And I say to you, that man, as first created, was

essentially THE SAME AS GOD. And I will go one step farther with you, and say to you that RIGHT HERE AND NOW, MAN IS STILL ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING AS GOD. True--the blight of a physical existence is upon him, BUT--that blight is ONLY A TEMPORAL THING, AND UNDER THAT BLIGHT, AND BEFORE THE BLIGHT EVER WAS--MAN WAS AND IS--ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING AS GOD. Now let some of the warring theologians try to get around that fact. I have taken their own Bible for it, too.

What was very important in the ministry of this Carpenter was the fact that on one occasion He said, "I CAN OF MY OWN SELF DO NOTHING" and if that doesn't prove that He was a human being just like you and I are, then I do not know what it does prove. Furthermore, after years of the very closest scrutiny of the scriptures, I AM UNABLE TO FIND A SINGLE INSTANCE WHERE HE CLAIMED TO HAVE ANY POWER OF ANY KIND THAT DID NOT COME FROM THE GREAT LIFE SPIRIT THAT CREATED BOTH HIM AND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING YOU AND ME. On the other hand, I find Him asking specifically NOT to be worshipped as God. I find Him giving all credit for anything He ever did, TO THE SAME MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT I AM HERE TEACHING YOU ABOUT.

Now--we have thus far a picture of a man being born in a manger, which was nothing unusual in those days, and living a perfectly normal life as hundreds of others were living it, until He was about 30 years of age. Nothing mysterious or "divine" about that--is there? We are told that from His early childhood He manifested a great desire to learn the Old Testament, for that was the only Bible they had in those days, and we are told He loved to go amongst those who were teachers of it AND PUT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION UPON IT. This He did and on many occasions He confounded their teachings by giving them the TRUE interpretation of these same scriptures. Nothing remarkable about that, either--is there?

Every religious leader of importance since that time has done THE SAME IDENTICAL THING. And I imagine, it is still being done today. It was perfectly natural for this young man to manifest a pronounced interest in the scriptures, in view of the fact that He was impressed to the very core of Him with the belief that He had come to proclaim to the world a mighty liberating message, and to restore it to a vital living communion with a vital living God. Now, let me say at this point that if this Carpenter ever taught anything at all, He taught the restoration of the human race--not to Himself--BUT TO THE LIVING GOD IN THAT VERY SAME DAY AND AGE IN WHICH HE LIVED. It was not restored, because it would not believe Him. At no time in the three years of His teaching did He ever request any worship or attention from anyone. On the contrary, He hid away from the crowds, and when He worked a "so-called" miracle, He immediately requested the one healed to tell no one about it. SO LITTLE DID HE THINK OF THIS FLESHLY BODY THAT HE DID NOT WANT THE HEALING OF THE BODY TO BE GIVEN MORE CONSIDERATION THAN THE REAL TRUTH HE CAME TO TEACH, WHICH TRUTH WAS NOT THE SALVATION NOR RESURRECTION OF THE PHYSICAL BODY AT ALL.

So afraid was He that His message would be interpreted as applying to the body, that, I repeat, He was very specific in asking those He healed to tell no one. He even went so far as to say on one occasion, "let the dead bury their dead," and this when talking about a dead human body. And yet some would have us believe that the physical part of man is all that matters. His message was a mes-

sage of LIFE, and LIFE IS LIFE AND NOT DEATH IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM. Listen to Him: "I AM COME THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE," and, coming from the mighty Life Spirit we are here talking about, don't you see how His message can have but only one meaning? And again: "YE WILL NOT COME UNTO ME THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE." On one occasion He hurled a withering denunciation at the heads of the "religious" leaders of His day, and I want you to listen to it. Here it is: "Ye search the scriptures because YE THINK THAT IN THEM ye shall have life, but--YE WILL NOT COME TO ME TO GET IT." In other words, this is what He said to them: "You read the Bible because you think that by reading IT you shall have LIFE--and, it is a fact that this book testifies ABOUT ME--BUT YE WILL NOT COME UNTO ME THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE." Do you catch the remarkable significance of that statement? Then apply it to present day religious conditions.

Now, where are we? We have found to date that, leaving out of the question the supernatural birth of this Carpenter of Galilee, we have a mediocre, normal young man, and a carpenter--just like hundreds of other carpenters in that day and age, but with a decidedly religious tendency. Now please remember that up to this point no statement had ever been made by Him that He was God or any other statement anywhere near like it. A little later, however, He began His ministry, which was NOT A MINISTRY ABOUT HIMSELF, but a ministry ABOUT THE LIVING GOD. And it is perfectly easy for me to understand why the people of that day refused to accept either Him or His teachings. THEY HAD KNOWN HIM ALL HIS LIFE, and, knowing Him all His life, when He began to teach that He had COME FROM (not was) GOD, TO SHOW MAN HOW TO BE RESTORED TO HIS FORMER SPIRITUAL CONDITION, and to do many miraculous things, the people said: "Well--but isn't this Joseph the carpenter's son, whom we have always known--how comes it that He claims to know God?" You would have done the same thing had you been there at that time. And it is all perfectly clear and logical to me that they should so reason, WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE IDEA OF GOD THAT THEY HAD.

They could not conceive of God being close to them, although invisible--they had other ideas of what He should be--and so they rejected the entire message as Jesus gave it to them. This, I say, when considered in the light of WHAT THEY THOUGHT GOD SHOULD BE, OR OUGHT TO BE, was perfectly natural. They had their own ideas of God, and they would accept no other even though the preaching of the "new" God was accompanied by miracles never seen before. If they needed proof of the living, actual, reality of the great Life Spirit Jesus told them about, He gave them lots of it. But still they wouldn't believe BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT SEE THIS GOD, AND BECAUSE HE DID NOT MEET THEIR IDEA OF WHAT HE SHOULD BE.

And, my friend and student, the very same condition exists to this day, and right here in this same world. THE PRESENT RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF THIS CARPENTER AS HE TAUGHT THEM, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS AS TO WHAT GOD SHOULD BE. Now try and get that, please--it is very important. They will admit to you that their religion is utterly powerless, and yet, when the real truth of God is presented to them, they will deny it, and will call down heaven's curses upon the man who endeavors to lead them into the same truths that Jesus taught.

For instance, suppose that I go to a minister today and say unto him, "My little Alfred is sick--I want you to come over and heal him just like Jesus did"--would he come--or would he immediately look me over with a suspicious eye, wondering somewhat about my mental condition? You know the answer. And yet--and yet--and yet--did not this carpenter say, "THE THINGS THAT I DO SHALL YE DO ALSO," and many other statements of similar import? Now listen to me, my friend--either this Carpenter of Galilee knew whereof He spoke--or He didn't. And if He did--then my contention that the present day religious structure as we have it, has entirely missed the truth of His teachings--is correct. And if He did not--then He forfeited any claim He might have made to His knowledge of the mighty power of God. That--I will not admit. NO--MY FRIEND--THE MARVELOUS MESSAGE OF THE CARPENTER HAS BEEN MISSED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Only in the last few years has the real light begun to break. BUT IT IS BREAKING--make no mistake about that--AND IT IS BREAKING THROUGH THOSE WHO HAVE EARNESTLY SOUGHT THE TRUTH AS IT EXISTS, AND IN MOST CASES, THOSE THROUGH WHOM THIS MIGHTY TRUTH IS BREAKING--HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH OUR PRESENT RELIGIOUS SYSTEM AT ALL. And another thing--those who make no profession of religion at all, ARE THE VERY ONES WHO ARE ACCEPTING THE TRUTH AS JESUS TAUGHT IT, AND ARE RECEIVING THE RESULTS EXACTLY AS JESUS SAID THEY WOULD. The marvelous revelations of the Living God ARE NOT COMING TO THIS EARTH THROUGH THE MINISTERS NOR THROUGH THE CHURCHES--THEY ARE COMING THROUGH THE SCIENTISTS AND THROUGH THE PSYCHOLOGISTS. And if you doubt that--study the New Psychology--you do not have to take my word for it.

Quite recently I read in one of the Portland, Ore., newspapers a statement credited to one of the leading ministers of that city. It was stated from the pulpit, I believe, and, in effect, is as follows: "The churches as we have them today are EXACTLY AS WE WANT THEM. WE HAVE BUILT THEM AS THEY ARE, PAID FOR THEM, AND WE WELCOME NO CHANGE--NO MATTER WHAT NEW TRUTHS ARE DISCOVERED. I will admit that there is no question about the psychologists and followers of the new thought being far closer to the truth than we are, BUT THE CHURCH SYSTEM AS WE HAVE IT IS OURS--AND WE WILL NOT HAVE IT CHANGED."

It is easy to see why this brother is preaching--isn't it?

This world is on the verge of one of the most stupendous awakenings it has ever seen or experienced--mark my words. This new dynamic force in the world, which has been called by many different names, IS AT LAST COMING INTO ITS OWN, AND MEN AND WOMEN BY THE THOUSANDS WILL UTTERLY CAST OFF THE OLD SUPERSTITIONS, AND WHEN THEY DO--THEY WILL FIND THE LIVING GOD--BUT NOT UNTIL THEN. I have been severely criticized and told I was wasting my talents in not going into the ministry, and I speak truthfully when I say that had I done so I would have been a wealthy man today instead of a poor man. Many have been the openings and opportunities for that, but believe me when I say that I would rather be paralyzed in this chair than I would enter a pulpit and preach something I didn't believe in, and not only didn't believe in, but had not experienced. There are too many that will do just that, and as long as the ministry is looked upon as a "profession" just so long will the truths of the mighty God have to be discovered by outsiders.

shall never have very much of this world's goods--nor do I want them. Did I want them, I am equipped to get them, and know how to get them. But if I can pass along to you truths that will change your entire life, and which will reveal the Living God with all His power, I shall be amply repaid.

I believe that it is possible right here and now TO DUPLICATE EVERY WORK THAT CHRIST EVER DID, EVEN TO RAISING THE DEAD--WERE THAT NECESSARY, and were the same simple faith that this Carpenter had, used today. By the thousands, students of the New Psychology are curing functional and organic diseases that have been pronounced utterly incurable. The New Psychology is doing this by calling the power "subconscious" or "universal mind." Pretty soon they will awaken to the fact that this power is NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN THE LIVING POWER OF THE MIGHTY LIVING GOD, and when they realize THAT, and call it by its proper name, they will be giving credit where it belongs. If this mighty power is so unchangeable that it is effective NO MATTER WHAT NAME YOU CALL IT, just so long as the law governing it is complied with, WHAT MORE PROOF OF ITS EXISTENCE IS NECESSARY?

We have only skimmed the surface about the Carpenter in this lesson, but the next will be deeper, and the actual methods used by Him will be studied. I want you to spend this week in quietly listening to the Living God's still, small voice, and every other night you may repeat this statement: "I AM FEELING THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD." Do not forget to obey INSTANTLY the "leads" coming to you from this Life Spirit, and do not forget, either, to be constant in your silent hour. Literally obey me in my requests about this quiet period, for in quietness lays your strength. Just be intense in your affirmations, and do them faithfully --the Life Spirit is immutable Law--IT NEVER WILL FOOL YOU.

Many of you are probably very anxious to learn how to actually take from this great Spirit the things you need, while others have learned the lesson already, by obeying this still, small voice. To you all I say, please be patient till the last lesson--it will be made plain to you. Let your main line of thought be these affirmations--day and night. Do not try to force anything--you cannot do it--the Law of God works slowly--but very surely. Remember the lesson of the lily, and remember once more that you are now dealing with THE MOST DYNAMIC POWER IN THE UNIVERSE. EVERY PROMISE OF THE LIVING GOD MUST STAND. And they do. So quietly, happily, hold in your consciousness the thing you most desire, and continue to listen to the great Life Spirit.

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Cordially yours,
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