

"PSYCHIANA"

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

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

In this lesson we continue the study of the Galilean Carpenter. Many people ask me why I do not allude to him as "Jesus" instead of "the Carpenter." Well--I'll tell you why. There has been so much superstition and misrepresentation around the name Jesus, and, while to me it is the sweetest name on earth, to my students it may savor too much of the "religious," and I do not want to be classed as a "religious" man. There are thousands of Jesus's in the Spanish-speaking countries, and as far as he himself went, his name might as well have been George or Paul or William.

The name itself means nothing, my friend--it's the man who counted. And, then again, the use of the word "carpenter" brings out the human side of this man. And if he was anything at all, he was a human being. Was he also God? --Form your own opinion when you have finished the course, although the last lesson gave you the answer to that. I will just say this much here, however. If he were God, then, JUST AS MUCH AS HE WAS GOD WAS HE MAN ALSO.

At this point I want to say to you, as I have hinted earlier in the course, that the answer to "prayer" or "desire" is an absolutely immutable law. Furthermore, let me say to you that the answer ALWAYS COMES IMMUTABLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY. Any other explanation of the answer to prayer is false. Many Psychologists, alluding to this great power as "mind," advocate the use of the "mind" by making "mental pictures" of the things you desire. They claim that this will help these needed things to manifest themselves. Well--dealing in the

term "mind" I am not surprised that they have to resort to "mental picture-making" in order to "help" the desire to manifest itself. The Living God, however, needs no assistance from any other source than himself, and I do not advocate the mental making of any pictures at all. In fact, I counsel my students emphatically not to attempt it. This great, immutable God of ours works only by his own fixed and immutable law established ages ago. He very seldom changes them. In the case of the birth of Christ he may have done so. But I think you will agree with me that it is immaterial whether he did or not. THE VITAL FACT INVOLVED IS THE FACT THAT THIS CARPENTER WAS BORN OR MANIFESTED ON THIS EARTH TO DEMONSTRATE THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE RESULT OF ADAM'S SIN MIGHT BE COMPLETELY WIPED OUT, AND HE DEMONSTRATED THIS BY RAISING THE DEAD--SOMETHING WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BY ANYONE, AND SOMETHING WHICH HAS NEVER SINCE BEEN DONE BY ANYONE.

There is no authentic record anywhere of anyone ever having raised a dead man outside of this Galilean Carpenter. THERE WILL BE SUCH RECORDS, HOWEVER, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. The vital fact about the whole message he preached was the fact THAT THE SPIRITUAL EYE OF MAN WHICH WAS CLOSED WHEN THE PHYSICAL EYE WAS OPENED, MIGHT BE AND SHOULD BE OPENED AGAIN, HE CAME TO DEMONSTRATE THE FACT THAT THIS PHYSICAL EXISTENCE AND DEATH WAS NOT PERMANENT--BUT ONLY TEMPORARY. Do you see that? AND JUST AS SURE AS YOU ARE ALIVE THIS SAME POWER THAT THIS CARPENTER MANIFESTED 2000 YEARS AGO, CAN, AND WILL, BE MANIFESTED BY THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE JUST AS SOON AS THEY LEARN THE LAW OF THE LIVING GOD AS THE CARPENTER KNEW IT. AND THAT LAW IS--THE BELIEF AS OUR FOREFATHERS HAD IT BEFORE THEY LISTENED TO SOME ONE WHO SUGGESTED THAT WHAT GOD SAID WAS NOT SO.

And you and I cannot put any limitations on the Power of the Living God any more than Jesus did, AND YOU MUST NOT SAY TO ME THAT THERE IS ANYTHING IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT HERE ANND NOW, AS FAR AS THE LIVING GOD IS CONCERNED. I KNOW BETTER.

I shall ask you to pardon me for alluding to a personal matter, and I only mention it to prove the truth of the above statement. The incident can be verified in its entirety by Mrs. Ellsworth, the proprietor of the hotel, or her sister, who was living with her at the time.

I was in the little town of Gervais, Ore., about 18 months ago on business. While there I stayed at the Depot Hotel, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth. One morning early I was awakened by the loud barking of a dog, and the terrified cheeps of something, I knew not what. On looking out of my window, I saw, on the lawn across the street, a little mud-hen, laid on its side, with a fox terrier standing over it and attacking it. A feeling of intense pity for the little mud-hen swept over me, and hastily dressing, I went over to the lawn and drove the dog away from the mud-hen. A pool of blood lay on the grass, and I knew the little creature was injured.

On picking it up and examining it, I discovered, and felt that it had a broken leg--the leg was hanging limp and I could fel the broken bone. As I held the helpless little thing, a feeling of intense pity for it crept over me, coupled with AN INTENSE DESIRE to heal the broken leg. I have already alluded to moments which occur in my life in which the power of the Living God makes itself known in

an unmistakable manner, and as I carried the little creature into the hotel, there stole over me a sweet peace, coupled with the assurance that God himself could heal that broken limb. So, knowing that He WOULD heal it, I thanked him FOR HAVING DONE SO.

Taking the hen into the hotel kitchen, I showed it to Mrs. Ellsworth and her sister, who, by the way, had seen it all from their own window and I asked them if I might make a nest for it in the barn. They granted me this permission, and I made the nest, put the little thing in it and returned to the kitchen with the remark that in a few moments it would be all right again. Both of these ladies saw the broken limb, and what is more wonderful, within a few minutes, THEY BOTH SAW THE MUD-HEN WALK OUT OF THE BARN PERFECTLY WHOLE, and without the slightest signs of the accident, evident.

I stayed in the hotel probably two weeks after that, and from that day to this have not seen them since. Here was a case where an INTENSE DESIRE TO HELP, COUPLED WITH THE FAITH NECESSARY TO BRING THE ANSWER, PERFORMED WHAT WOULD PROBABLY BE TERMED "A MIRACLE." But THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS MIRACLES WITH GOD. When Christ cursed the fig tree, on passing the next day, the disciples called His attention to the fact that it had withered up. The text states that a miracle had been wrought. NO SUCH THING. THE MIRACLE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD JESUS ORDERED THE TREE TO WITHER UP, AND IT HAD NOT DONE SO that is where the miracle would have been.

But let me say to my students that such happenings as this, or similar ones, are DAILY BEING MANIFESTED by Psychologists and Psychotherapists the wide world over. Remember, please, that the science of the New Psychology is only yet very young, and still, such manifestations as this, and far greater ones in the healing of so-called "incurable" diseases are happening. THERE IS NO SUCH A THING AS AN INCURABLE DISEASE WHERE THE LIVING GOD IS--THERE CANNOT BE.

Now, what is the answer? Here it is: The New Psychology has found something of the power of the Living God, AND HAS NOT KNOWN THIS POWER AS SUCH. It has applied the immutable law of the Living God, gotten the results, AND CALLED THE POWER MANIFESTED BY SOME OTHER NAME, NOT KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT THE POWER WAS.

It makes no difference, however, just what this Power may be called--IT IS THERE. Personally, I choose to call a spade a spade, and call this mighty, wonder-working power by its proper name--THE LIVING GOD. Jesus knew exactly how to call it into operation. And the means by which He called it into operation was to RECOGNIZE ITS PRESENCE AND ITS LIMITLESS ABILITY TO DO WHATSOEVER WAS NECESSARY TO BE DONE.

I shall ask you to tarry here with me a little while, and we shall review the raising of Lazarus from the dead. And let me repeat to you that I believe it to be entirely possible FOR YOU OR ME TO REPEAT THIS SEEMING MIRACLE, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO REPEAT SUCH MIRACLES AS THIS ONE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE--IN THE VERY MOMENT THAT WE BELIEVE WE ARE ABLE TO DO IT. THE LIVING GOD NEVER CHANGES, AND IF IT WERE A FACT THAT THIS POWER RAISED LAZARUS 2000 YEARS AGO, I believe that THE SAME POWER CAN RAISE JIM OR JACK, RIGHT HERE AND NOW.

Now follow me, please, closely, step by step and we shall see just exactly how the Carpenter of Galilee raised up Lazarus. Following the record as John gives it to us, we find that a man called Lazarus died. They sent for this famous Carpenter, presumably because they believed that He could raise the dead. Where they received their information we are not told, as up to this time there had been no dead men or women raised to life again by Jesus. But they HAD FAITH THAT HE COULD OR THEY WOULD NOT HAVE SENT FOR HIM.

The first thing worthy of note is that when the Carpenter heard the news, HE ABODE WHERE HE WAS FOR TWO DAYS. One would think that this was not very considerate of Him, but it is exactly what He did, and I believe I have an idea as to just why He did it. But He finally went to the house, and was informed by the weeping sister that IF HE HAD BEEN THERE, LAZARUS WOULD NOT HAVE DIED. And then the record reads: "HE GROANED within himself"--or to be exact, "in the spirit." NO WONDER HE GROANED. Here he was, preaching the LIVING power of the LIVING GOD, and not enough faith manifested on the part of the religious relatives of the dead man to do a single solitary thing for the dead man. NO WONDER I REPEAT, THAT HE GROANED.

Then He asked them where the dead man was. Did it ever occur to you that had this man called Jesus, this Carpenter man, been "divine," as He is supposed to have been, that He would automatically know just where the dead man was? But He didn't. He had to be shown. We are told here that some Jews that were in the crowd wanted to know if this MAN--not God--mark you well, could not have caused that Lazarus had not died. And at that the Carpenter groaned again. And it seems to me that I now know why He groaned this second time also. But we will pass over that.

Arriving at the grave, He commanded them to take away the stone, and now watch what happened--and watch carefully, as the point seems to be universally missed by those who preach sermons on the raising of Lazarus. After the stone was taken away, Jesus, we are told, lifted up his eyes and said: "FATHER, I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME." Now, remember, this was before He had commanded the dead man to get up, and yet, here He was, THANKING GOD FOR SOMETHING HE HAD DONE--BEFORE HE HAD DONE IT. (I mean, of course, before God had done it.) And then He goes on and states that He KNOWS that God always hears Him, and further states THAT IT IS UNNECESSARY FOR HIM TO PRAY ANY SPOKEN WORD AT ALL, as far as He was concerned, "but because of the people which stand by, I said it." In other words, in order that these interested bystanders may know that it is YOU, MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT, who are doing this raising--and not me.

I said a little while ago that BELIEF ITSELF WAS THE ANSWER TO THE PETITION. Now, mark me--HAD JESUS, AT THIS POINT, HAD ANY DOUBTS AT ALL AS TO HIS ABILITY TO CALL A DEAD MAN BACK TO LIFE AGAIN, you can safely depend upon it that Lazarus would NOT have been raised. But He had NO DOUBTS at all. He had the courage of His convictions. He depended utterly on the power of the Living God--and the same immutable Law which did not fool the geese, and the same immutable Law which did not fool the robins, and the same immutable Law which does not fool the Idaho farmer, DID NOT FOOL JESUS--AND LAZARUS WAS RAISED.

Now let me take another example of the same power, only this time from an en-

tirely different angle. The man in this case was alive--but seriously deformed. He had a withered hand. This man, being alive, they brought to the Carpenter, who, after looking him over, asked him a question. Just one question He did ask him, and that question was: "WILL YOU BE MADE WHOLE?" Just as if there were any question about that. But there was a very big question involved. The question so pertinent here was whether or not the man WANTED to be made whole. Was there a DESIRE on the part of the afflicted to be made whole. And had there been no DESIRE to be made whole, then under no possible circumstances could Jesus ever have healed him. This remarkable statement is proven, as the record tells us that there were cities IN WHICH JESUS HIMSELF COULD NOT HEAL. Why?--was His power or the power of the Life Spirit on the wane? No--not that. The reason, as given by the record, is that it was BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.

And oh, WHAT A SUPERHUMAN THING IS IT GOING TO BE, TO DYNAMITE THROUGH THE UNBELIEF OF THIS PRESENT DAY AND AGE! That, by the way, is always the reason for not obtaining anything from the Living God--THEIR UNBELIEF. It all goes directly back to the first creation and ITS unbelief. Don't you see it?

This man who had the withered hand, however, stated that he was willing to be made whole, and now I want you to pay special attention to the manner in which the Caprenter healed him, or rather, in the manner in WHICH HE HEALED HIMSELF, for that is exactly what he did. You will note that after the question as to whether he wanted to be made whole or not, JESUS DID NOT LAY A FINGER ON THAT MAN--but here is what He DID do--HE TOLD THAT MAN HIMSELF TO DO SOMETHING THAT HE THOUGHT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO FROM BIRTH, "Stretch forth your hand," said the Carpenter, and in asking him to do that, I repeat, He asked him to do that which he had come to have the Carpenter do, for HIM. Now what happened? The man made AN ATTEMPT TO DO THE THING HE WAS ASKED TO DO--AND WITH THE ATTEMPT CAME THE CURE. He stretched forth his hand, and it was immediately restored as the other one.

There is the secret of all healing. That one instance proved the absolute power of this mighty Life Spirit to do WHATSOEVER THE ONE DESIRING IT WANTED. If this man Jesus ever used any "supernatural" power, that YOU AND I MAY NOT USE, then I am utterly unable to find any record of it in the entire canon of the scriptures. But He did not. All He ever did was to try to "put across" the message that THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD IS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE, and that ACCORDING TO THEIR FAITH IT SHOULD BE DONE UNTO THEM. And in preaching THAT message, HE PROVED THE TRUTH OF IT BY ACTUAL DEMONSTRATIONS. Do you see that? At no time in His entire career did He ever claim to be possessed of any power THAT YOU AND I CANNOT HAVE. Oh, that I might only be able to drive this mighty truth home to my students! They will slowly grasp it--because it is the TRUTH, but what a world of power is going to waste because this doctrine of the EVER-PRESENT POWER OF THE MIGHTY, IMMUTABLE, LIVING GOD HAS NOT BEEN PREACHED AS JESUS PREACHED IT.

One of the things that used to puzzle me in past years, and that still puzzles hundreds of thousands of honest inquiring souls, is that word "believe." We are told by the preachers on every hand that if we "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved," and I question very much if there is a single preacher in the country that can define that word "believe." I have explained that if you believe on me, you do not believe on my physical body, because you have never even seen

that, and you cannot believe on or in THAT. But if you believe on me, then you can only believe WHAT I SAY.

And you can believe with your "head" that Jesus was the son of the Living God for a thousand years if you want to, and such a belief as that will never get you one single solitary thing from this great Life Spirit. That sort of a "belief" is not a belief at all IN THIS GREAT CARPENTER OF GALILEE--it's only a belief ABOUT HIM--that's all. And that sort of a belief can never get you anywhere.

And if you ever come to know this mighty Life Spirit I am teaching you about, you will go farther than just to believe that He was the son of God--depend upon that. Millions believe that today, but the same millions are utterly impotent when it comes to manifesting that belief, or to giving some concrete evidence that they know the first thing about Him. Sermons are preached by the hundred, ALL AROUND THIS CARPENTER. You can get accurate data proving that He was born, etc., and can get almost any fact ABOUT Him that you want to get. BUT IN MIGHTY FEW CHURCHES CAN YOU GET VITAL, LIVING TOUCH WITH THE POWER HE CAME TO DEMONSTRATE. There may be such a power in the church, but if there is, after years of honest, consistent, intelligent effort to find, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO.

It has been quite a while since that Galilean Carpenter was here on the earth, but the spoken words of very few men have endured as His words have. That is because they were living, vital truth, and truth crushed to earth shall rise again. Two thousand years of false teaching and mysticism has only buried the truth temporarily for that length of time, but just as sure as you are studying these lessons, THESE SAME TRUTHS, staggering as they may seem, ARE RAISING THEIR HEADS AND COMING TO LIGHT AGAIN. May the Living God hasten the day when the last iota of superstition surrounding His name shall once and for all time be banished, so that we may see and know Him as He actually is.

I was informed by a Presbyterian minister that the Presbyterian denomination is including in its curriculum at its theological seminaries, A COURSE IN THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY. I make the prediction to you that if this statement is a fact, THIS DENOMINATION will be among the FIRST TO SEE THE REAL LIGHT AS IT BREAKS. Study the New Psychology--a thousand times, YES! Swim in it--learn every truth it teaches--practice it--and it will not be long till the theological seminaries which are turning out unbelieving preachers by the thousand will be TURNING OUT INTO THE PULPITS MEN WHO CAN TEACH THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF to their congregations. And it's coming--never doubt that. There will probably have to be a few martyrs lose their jobs first but what of that? TRUTH IS TRUTH, AND WILL ENDURE FOREVER.

This lesson has been somewhat prolonged, and I must bring it to a close, much as I should like to talk further on this marvelous character. You have been spending your "silent hour" for the past week in listening to what the Living God has to say to you and waiting for Him to speak to you. Now, for the next week, use this affirmation of truth please: "I BELIEVE IN THE LIVING GOD--I BELIEVE IN THE LIVING GOD." Let this thought day and night, be the one predominating thought you have. REPEAT IT--REPEAT IT--REPEAT IT, and as you repeat it, realize that it is rapidly becoming an absolute fact.

"I BELIEVE IN THE LIVING GOD."