

The Teacher Sent From God

- The Word of His Power -

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‘LEARN OF ME,’ O mortal man, what I have brought from the Throne of God to tell you. I am competent to initiate you into all the divine mysteries entrusted to Me on your behalf, to lead you step by step, and lesson after lesson until the eyes of your understanding are enlightened, and you are filled with all the fulness of God. I know that which you can never discover by analysis, nor demonstrate by synthesis. The secrets which the Father in heaven has entrusted to Me, must be whispered by Me in the quiet cloister of the soul of the listening man. Will you listen to Me while I speak to you? Can you be still enough in thought, in desire, in will, and listen to Me only? Busy, busy people that you are, so full of your own ideas and your own self direction, no wonder that you go so far astray from divine truths and divine Persons.

“Learn of Me.” Sit at My feet and let us reason together. I have come all the way from the Father to speak to you. I know His language, and wish to vocalise it to the lowliest among you. Shall My coming be in vain, so far as you are concerned? Some, doubtless, will be wise enough to listen and understand. Will you be one of them? You would not like me to leave your door without one sweet whisper in your listening heart! Surely you have not deliberately chosen to be ignorant of God, without hope, without light! If you reject Me, if you definitely exclude from your intelligence the divine knowledge I bring you, I must tell My Father so at the judgment day.

Never mind the manners of men, empty yourself of your own thoughts forget the dignity of the schools, turn from the customs of the times. “Learn of Me.” The joyousness of eternity depends upon what I say and how you hear. There is an invisible border line between this side of life and the other, and if you step over it knowingly and consciously without stepping upon the eternal truth I want to put under your feet, you will sink into hopeless night.

You listen to men and what do they teach you? Science, philosophy, art, hypothesis? How much are they worth in the hour of death? As all values are relative and not inherent, what appraisalment would you place upon them in relation to eternity? You read the books of men, but what do you learn? Anything that will help you in the most helpless hour of your conscious being? Can you recall any quotation on which you can rest with implicit confidence for eternity?

Splendid definitions of HUMAN nature there? Oh yes, but don’t you see enough of human nature in the life around and within you? You could not plead ignorance at that point, for you know that human nature is defined every moment and everywhere as a broken, variable, unclean and sinful quantity.

No, it is not HUMAN nature that needs to be defined; it is DIVINE nature. The knowledge you need is not a knowledge of man, but of the holy, righteous, merciful, redeeming and forgiving God, and that is the knowledge I want you to learn, from

Me. All other teachers will fail you at the critical moment of life.

“Learn of Me.” “No man hath seen God at any time” (John 1, : 18), not even Moses, not even Adam; but I have seen Him face to face, and I can speak about Him to you with first hand knowledge and certainty “I proceeded forth and came from God,” just as you proceeded forth and came from man (John 8 : 42). He is dwelling in light that no man can approach, and there is not a human faculty on the earth capable of beholding Him (1 Tim. 6:15—16.); but I have beheld Him. I have seen Him on behalf of you all, and I know (John 6: 46). This earnest solicitude in pleading with you to learn of Me has its source in My deep desire to tell you what I know. “No man knows the Father save the Son, and he to whom the Son shall reveal Him” (Matt. 11:27). All others are blind and have lost their way.

You, however, will never lose your way if you “learn of Me.” I will take you back to the place from whence I came, and, if you will give me time enough and freedom of action in your spirit and will, and mind, I will make you fit to be introduced to the Father, as the blessed and only Potentate, for you shall be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing (1 Tim. 6:15; Eph. 1:4; Rev. 14:3—5). In this respect you shall be like Me, and shall be with me where I am, that you may behold My glory (John 1 : 24). All the sin that is in your nature shall be cleansed out of it by the efficacy of My atoning blood, My holiness shall be imparted to you, you shall share My divine nature and sonship, be a joint heir with Me of all that the Father has promised, and sit with me on My throne, even as I am now sitting on My Father’s throne (Rev. 3:21).

“Learn of Me and you shall find rest unto your souls?” How can you rest with a nature like yours? There is no co-ordination about your faculties, no consistency about your conduct. You have more light than you have strength, more conscience than righteousness, more desire than will, more will than wisdom, more affection than virtue. You fly like a bird with a broken wing; you try, and fail; you struggle to be good but you are not holy; activity by day and insomnia by night are at variance with the peace of God.

Rest of heart is not a question of your doing, your praying, or your giving; but of your coming. If you come unto Me, I will give you rest, divine rest, eternal rest; I will lift you into a divine centre and relationship where the contraries of your own nature shall cease; into a perfect spiritual poise and adjustment, where the peace of God which passes all understanding shall guard your hearts and minds by Christ Jesus (Phil 4 : 7).

The lessons are few and simple. The first has to do with the will, the last with the heart. As to the first, this is My secret; “I am meek” (Matt. 9:29). I assume an abiding, an absolute subordination of My human will to my Father’s will, in all the revelations of His plan for Me and His power over Me; I am free in His way, not in My own. Being the Son of God, I am sent to the Cross to redeem the world in My Father’s way and at His time, and in this work “I can of Mine own self do nothing, as I hear I judge” (John 5 : 30). Whatever burden He imposes I carry, wherever He sends I go, whatever enrichment He imparts I bestow upon those who come into harmony with My spirit. My Sonship exists for Him to fulfil His plan through it, and that is how and where My meekness lies. Would you like to learn that lesson, and to have your will put into the same subordinate relations with the Father? If you learn it well, you will be able to stand with Me, and like Me in the centre of all variations without variation, poised and calmed, and rested in the certainties of the Father’s will.

The will is a mighty factor, but it is a dangerous one. Its rebellion against authority is proverbial. It must, however, be stripped of its self-assertions, subdued, subordinated, hammered into shape and conformity to the divine pattern in order to serve divine ends and enjoy divine rest. How otherwise can the righteousness or the omnipotence of God fulfil itself in any human life? An unconquered will leads to rebellion and anarchy; and how can God bless till He has subdued? “The meek shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5). That is the rest, the blessing, the inheritance, that follows conquest. It is an estate big enough for the greatest, and is accompanied by divine wisdom sufficient to take care of it.

The second lesson has to do with the heart, and like the first is portrayed in the life of the Teacher; “I am lowly in heart,” open to the Father, impressionable, teachable, constantly soliciting and receiving His light, understanding what He says, and fulfilling His commands without question. The impressions of men are as nothing to Me—their opinions, their standards, their examples, their ideals, their criticisms, their hypothesis. My heart is open to God to receive from Him the things that matter.

To disconnect oneself from human authority and patronage, is doubtless a hard undertaking, but it is easy when you “come unto Me” and “learn of Me.” It is also a necessary one to those who wish to enter into My rest. The lowly heart looks simple on the outside, in these days when men want to be “men,” full of energy and superiority; but it is very becoming to those people who live in a world they have not made and never can govern. It is very becoming too for a sinful race to bow for a while in the dust of it with the shame and the humiliation of it all upon them. Since it is mercy from God that every mortal needs, and since it is forgiveness, and holiness, and gladness and rest that I wait patiently to give you from Him, why not “learn of Me” and “come unto Me” now? “Ye shall find” —the lesson is right, the result is certain.—I’ll be responsible for the guarantee, and as “all power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth” I’ll see that you find rest unto your souls.

Open your will and your heart, and I will here and now quietly put my rest in you. “Behold I stand at the door and knock if any man hear My voice and open the door, I WILL COME IN.” May I ? Yes ? “I will come in.” “I will give YOU rest.”