

TRUTH IS PROGRESSIVE  
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1. I cannot create a hunger especially. I want to satisfy the hunger that has been moving in your hearts for perhaps a long time. I'm glad he introduced me as a teacher; I'm not an evangelist. I don't seem to have any special gifts in that field, however, He gives me souls along the way. You see, He "has" to do that to keep my reputation up as a Bible teacher. Because some people have these strange standards made, that if you function in any other field besides evangelism, unless you get some souls saved, there is no criteria by which you can be measured. So sometimes the Lord is very good to me, and He lets me bring some sheep into the fold, or lead some new ones who are hungry for life and light. He does that to settle people who still move around with that sort of reasoning in their minds. So I'm glad that you're coming today because you're HUNGRY. May I see your hands again as an indication that you're hungry? That's good. We'll I'd put up my hands and feet both, but I'd have to get up again and I don't want to do that. I was BORN hungry, and I have never had all of that satisfaction yet. I'm STILL hungry. He's been very gracious to me to feed me, and to open the Word to me, so that I could help other people. For which I give Him thanks. It's not a vocation which I chose of my own. Preaching is the last thing on God's earth that I would do. But you see, He knows how to get ahold of us, and uses us in the field that He would like. So when I come, I come to SHARE with you. I come to share with you, because God has been good to satisfy my hunger in a certain measure. I'm not perfectly satisfied yet, that is, as far as CAPACITY. I'm satisfied that I have found the source of all LIFE, LIGHT, AND REALITY, AND TRUTH. I've found that; I'm made that discovery. But you see, that expansive field, that great territory of SPIRITUAL REALITY has horizons way off out there, and we venture there with the SPIRIT to make our DISCOVERIES. And so, anymore when I teach, I try to share with people, some of the discoveries which I have made in what I call the FIELD OF SPIRITUAL REALITY AND LIVING. It's a GREAT TERRITORY INTO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN BIRTHED. It's the place which God has BROUGHT us through Jesus Christ our Lord, as a PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE, a training school, for these AGES YET TO COME. It's only HERE AND NOW that we make certain qualifications for that field. They are NOT given to us spontaneously when we get there, but we make training for them, and qualifications for them, HERE, in TIME. THEN, in the eternal ages, that which has been acquired, through discipline and training, through the surrender of the old life to the resurrection of the NEW LIFE; ALL OF THAT will be projected upon another plane of living in ages yet to come. So that can't be acquired THERE. We have to do that HERE. And whatever we accumulate of SPIRITUAL LIFE, and SPIRITUAL VIGOR and STRENGTH, and VISION, we have HERE; that is all God will take, that's all He wants. The MEDIA, that is, the TECHNIQUE, the method BY WHICH we will build that, will be our little CONDUCT down here. Our comings and our going, and our services, and our reactions to the TRUTH and how we live; THAT is all the MECHANICS. The mechanics, absolutely. The mechanics. Because all of that is REACTIONARY, and it will do IN us, and TRACE UPON OUR IMMORTAL SPIRITS something remotely in the image and likeness of His Son. The thing which He is after NOW. Then LATER He can take us on.
  
2. But I'm so concerned in these days, that our people, our precious people, that have had so much light and Truth, might get their perspectives corrected a little, so that instead of moving toward objectives which God doesn't put up before us, we might have that corrected NERE AND NOW, with our vision FOCUSED, so that whatever time is left, it might accumulate unto God, and for the Glory of Jesus, all that we could possibly bring. The day is coming when we will cast our crowns at His feet; He will be exalted and lifted up. Then I want all that is possible for us HERE, to gain for that, that it may be presented, and the Christ, God's Son, the wonderful Bridegroom of our soul; We will be presented to the ancient of days as the Bride of Christ. Now we are in that BODY. We are little members in that body. I call them little "cells," Paul called us members. But as I am conscious of the material which has been put into His body down thru two thousand years, I think that we are merely "little cells" in the body. But it's wonderful to be a little CELL in the body. Even that is quite important.

3. So now, since we have found our position, God is very busy building His body, training it, doing a thousand things with it, so that at the day of it's RELEASING, when that body will be taken, this church, this group, when we are TAKEN, there will be something glorious and beautiful to be presented. So now when I go about, I try to share with you some of the discoveries which I have made in this field. As most of you know, I have been a teacher in Bible institutes and Bible colleges for years. I won't say how many, but a long time. I've been ministering for some time; I see some smiling...you have a right to smile, I do too. So you see, after these years of experience in those fields, God has taken me out to deal with other groups of people besides those that are in the Bible schools. Bible colleges where I have taught and ministered. I remember when He told me that I should go out from the school. You see, I enjoy my school work better, because I had a small group. I don't like big meetings. I've had to speak in big meetings, but they are always terrifying to me. I don't like them at all. And God knows that. Some of them, big, how many know those big meeting they have with Brother Petrice in Stockholm? Four or five thousand out in every meeting. Oh, I had to have a service there. Wasn't it terrific, the Lord making me go over there and do that? I said, "Lord, I'll be 'awful good,' if You'll just keep me from any of that any more!" But He doesn't. He just makes you go anyway, whether you like it or not. So I can't care for big meetings. Large campaigns; it's very terrifying to anyone who is in the Spirit. So when He told me, "I'm going to take you up from your schoolwork," where I had such a lovely time with the students...the groups are limited, and I get so that I know them personally. And they become my Spiritual children, and I pray for them, and I know them, and I know them sometimes better than they do themselves, but I don't tell them that, because that wouldn't be polite. I just say, "Yes dear...yes...yes..." That's the "easy" way out! But after you train them and help them in their discipline, they go abroad, and God says, "Now YOU go abroad and help minister to them, because they're there in these foreign countries, with their missions, orphanages, schools, and you'll have to go and help them." Well, I think that was one of the most terrifying DEATHS, when I really had to pull up from school, and go parading out into the field, hither there and yonder, and around the world, and all over the world. But you know, He gives us grace; isn't it wonderful how He does that? He just gives us grace. And I say, "Now Lord, here is this trip ahead of us." But He gives us grace. And you know, if we are IN HIM enough, He takes the DISCOMFORT of the thing off of us, and He gives us a joy and a peace, and a victory in the ministry. Now a year ago today, I was in Jerusalem ministering, Palestine. I don't know, if the Lord carries, where I'll be a year from now. Because that's HIS business; I never know. "Now go to India." A couple years ago He said, "Now you'll have to go to Africa. Go on." I said, "Oh..." He said, "No...come along." "Yes sir, yes sir..." Then I go along like that, you see. So He takes me everywhere to SALVAGE certain Spirits you are HUNGRY. Now all of us have a certain degree of hunger, and your hunger rests on certain levels of Spiritual development and growth. People ask me if I believe in evolution. No. I don't believe in evolution as it's been taught, based on Darwin's theory. I don't believe that. But I believe in the Spirit, there is a CONTINUAL, PROGRESSIVE EVOLUTION in Spiritual living. Moving up from one plane of discovery in life, on to another plane of discovery and life and on to another plane. I call it in my teaching THE SPIRITUAL ASCENT OF MY BEING BACK TO THE HEART OF GOD. We don't belong here, we are only here on "probation." We're here, just a little while, just a few fleeting years, for our training and discipline. Then we will be taken. So in our ASCENT, going back again to the heart of God, we continually move from one plane on to another. Now, that is determined by the amount of Spiritual life and illumination and response which we are able to gain and render BACK to God on the level on which He has projected us for the time being. Then we learn our lessons THERE, and we are REACTING AGENTS, that's the way we are MADE, in the structural law of our being, that's the way we ARE. We REACT CONTINUALLY. People don't like to "own" it, but that's the way we are. I'm very frank. I'm a realist. However, I have some rather very real Spiritual experiences in God. Some of them have been very wonderful. However, that doesn't make me less practical. And I am still a REALIST.

4. Now, when I know that, I find I have to order my steps walking with the Lord. Then He takes care of my life, continually disciplines and trains me, and pushes me into a new, new ORDER. Sometimes I call it, like, certain circles of Spiritual moving. And then another, and then another. Now that will be determined many times, by the DEGREE OF HUNGER which is registered in your heart. God can create the hunger. I CAN'T create the hunger. The only way I can do, is hold up the possibilities that God has for us. And pray and ask God to stir the hearts of people, so taht they, in turn, will become desirious of what we are showing. How many get me? And some- times, by a manifestation of the things which God has for us, it will create a DEEPER hunger in you and in me, for it's FULLER REALIZATION. So that's what I'm doing over the country side. Here and there. I just finished a retreat up in Wisconsin a few weeks ago. Had two weeks, a very delightful and wonderful time, in the prescense of the Lord. Now I'm having this period, and I don't know, usually I go out to California, I have a whole clientel of Christian people who are waiting for help. So I am glad now to minister to those who are HUNGRY. Now we are HUNGRY ON DIFFERENT LEVELS. And so I lecture or teach during this camp meeting, all those who are "sanctified wholly," and "have the victory, you know," you just keep quiet while I feed the rest of them won't you? Because people say, "Oh, I KNOW that! I know that. I've heard THAT before! Tell me something NEW!" I have just the old, old, story. But how many know there are a thousand facets of LIGHT in that glorious gem? This lovely revelation, here it is. A thousand facets of LIGHT radiating from it, CONTINUALLY. Well who can hope to ever think that we will possess ALL the light and illumination? No, no, no. That's quite IMPOSSIBLE. Because we are yet very HUMAN, and our capacity of reception has not yet been ENLARGED. That has to come.
5. Now those of you who take notes, if you can take notes without being distracted from what I am saying, I don't mind it. And I don't want you to be reading in your Bibles when I teach, unless I give you exposition from the word. Sometimes I will turn to the Word and I'll look at it and analyse it together. But after that, then lay your Bible down. Some people have this habit. It's just a habit, a nice RELIGIOUS one; I don't know how much the Lord thinks of it, but it goes for them. You know, just as soon as the preacher says, "Jeremiah 4:6," somebody is getting ahold of Jeremiah, and can't tell it from Isaiah, and about ten minutes later he's found it, and I declare to goodness, he doesn't know where I am. Well, I'm six miles down the road, brother. So I just tell them, "Please don't fool around in your Bible." You see, I have a "right" to do that. Do you know why? Because I'm a fussy, old, bachelor, school teacher. Amen! And that gives me a right to expect certain response in my group of people. This is quite preliminary, but I have to lay this matter before you, so that you won't think it strange because I don't do certain things that other teachers or preachers, or evalgelists do. That's not your business, it isn't even mine, you ask the Lord about it. He knows more about it than I do. Now, if you are taking notes, I wish you would remember this. If you don't remember anything more from the camp meeting, I'll give you just two or three wonder TRUTHS. Now I have known them MENTALLY for a long time. I've had a very good training. You see, I was, a public school teacher, educated in my college work, and seminary work in the nominal schools and colleges before God got ahold of me. So I know what it is to have A MENTAL GRASP OF TRUTH. And I know what it is that I should GIVE ASSENT TO IT. Because I KNOW it's the Truth. Now I have known that many, many, years. But I made out a certain discovery: ALL REVELATION, all revelation, I don't care in what field you may move, all revelation IS PURELY A PROGRESSIVE MATTER. It is ETERNALLY EVOLVING. It is eternally MOVING. Why? Because it is INEXHAUSTABLE. It is the center of all that is in God. God is infinite; Truth is infinite. No body can exhaust it. Nobody has a "corner" on Truth. There's no sect of people, no church, no demonination, that has a corner on Truth! It's just too BIG! And I like it because it's immense. And IMMANCIPATING. And LIBERATING. That lovely, great field. And anyone who trys to pull it down, and fix it a little pattern, and in a corner, and label it; I always want to say, "Dear brother, I don't want to hurt you, but please sit down. Just sit down. You're bothering everything. You can't do that." "Well, brother Follette, I...I...I..." I said, "I know all about that thing called, "I." I have one

TOO." I said, "You can't get anywhere with that." TRUTH, always remember it, Truth is a PROGRESSIVE REVELATION. It moves continually. Look at Jesus when He was here, and there couldn't have been a more glorious, and wonderful, and profound manifestation of God in the world, than that which we receive in the visitation of His Son. Well, He comes much "disguised," of course. He is wearing this human nature concept; He clothed Himself with it. But He is eternally God the Son, but He is clothed upon with what we call the HUMAN NATURE. Not only the body; now don't get that mixed up. Some people can't distinguish between certain things, and it's going to give you great trouble if you want to go on in God. Now if you want to go on in God, you'll have to learn something. Don't CONFUSE certain terms. And make them synonymous when they are not synonymous. If you do, you will have difficulty. Not at the IMMEDIATE, but PRACTISING that, five years, ten years from now, you're going to have a terrific SNAG, because you have persisted in making certain things synonymous when they are not. I might take that field up with you later in our study, to help you. You need it. That's why we have teachers. Teachers are not evangelists. Teachers are those who have gotten into the Word, and moved in the Spirit, and had revelation of light and Truth from God by the Holy Ghost. I don't tell you things that I read in books. I haven't been preaching for years things that I read in a book. I have the Bible, I have the Holy Spirit, but they run PARALLEL in their researching. Just as soon as I move in the Word of God, I have to move into what? A BROADER AND A MORE GLORIOUS REVELATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. I HAVE to.

6. Well, when Jesus was here, it was just the SAME. He could stand and say to them, NOT, "I HAVE some Truth to share." NO, NO. All OTHER TEACHERS and great philosophers have been able to do that. They can get up and say. "I have some truth which I can share." Jesus didn't say that. He said, "I AM THE TRUTH." Now what is that? That means that ALL TRUTH IS PERSONIFIED IN HIM. All Truth has become ARTICULATE. All Truth has become FULLY EXPRESSIVE in this dynamic, marvelous, living Christ. And the nearer you get to Him, the MORE YOU WILL LOVE HIM. I don't love Him so much from some kind of emotional urge; I am an emotional creature. But oh, those profound UNFOLDINGS...by the SPIRIT... into the PERSON of Christ...IN WHOM ARE HID THE TREASURES!!! They're not out here! IN WHOM ARE HID THE TREASURES! Well if the Holy Spirit has been gracious enough to take you into the darkness, and say, "Look son." And you've made little discoveries. You come out ENRICHED. Why? Because you have found some little treasure IN THE PERSONALITY set-up of CHRIST. There is much, much, that we can have, quite visible and tangible. It's what we call the ARTICULATE ASPECT OF HIM. But there's so much of Him that is EVASIVE. Abstract. That is in this Christ. And THAT'S where I get "blessed." People say, "Do you ever get blessed?" Oh, yes...I do. But how? Because sometimes the Holy Spirit takes me in there, and let's me see for a glimpse something of this MARVELOUS MAN. In this marvelous Christ...in this marvelous Son of God...yes, now you get a little glimpse. Well, when Jesus was here, He said, "I am the Truth." He means by that, ALL TRUTH IS SUMMED UP IN THIS REVELATION. "He that has seen Me has seen the Father." He's not talking about a BODY. Not at all. He's talking about THE MANIFESTATION OF THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF GOD. Two things. THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF GOD. This invisible, marvelous God...it became ARTICULATE, visible, tangible, seeable, feelable. How? In this mysterious+ wonderful, dynamic person---God the Son, eternally ONE WITH US. Identified with us.
7. So He says, "I am the Truth." But you see, the people that gathered about Him heard Him speak, saw His manifestations of miracle power. They were recipients of His grace and even of the healings. Well, how many of them do you think had any INNER REVELATION as to His identity? No, they didn't. EVEN His disciples didn't! Even the disciples following Him three years, and they in the end He had to yet say to them, "Who do you think I am?!" Why did He ask such a question? Because He wanted a CONFESSION. Did they actually understand and know the manifestation of God that was living and moving in their presence. And it wasn't until Peter said it, and Jesus said, "That's by revelation Peter, no flesh ever gave you THAT!" How many remember it? Oh, wasn't He lovely? How many love Him as a teacher? He THRILLS me. Of course, I am a teacher; I love Him because of that manifestation. I love Him as my Savior; He's saved me and filled me

with the Spirit, I was going to say, a hundred years ago, way somewhere down the road. But now, there's this lovely UNFOLDING of Him that thrills me...it just POSSESSES ME. Because I've found a TREASURE, inexhaustable...marvelous wonderful, Christ that you live with. ALL TRUTH IS PURELY A PROGRESSIVE UNFOLDING. A PROGRESSIVE UNFOLDING. A PROGRESSIVE UNFOLDING.

8. Now keep that in mind. Now here's a little counterpart which I have discovered. It's taken me a long time to get these things put together, because I've been working on them for years, before most of you were born. And therefore I have a right to REJOICE in them. If you worked on 50 or 60 years on a problem, how many think you should have a little joy and satisfaction in it? Well, I found many of these things before most of you were born! The Lord baptised me in the Holy Spirit 51 years ago. (1908) I had my "jubilee" last year, I'm having my 51st year in this marvelous life in the Spirit. Well, I don't think it should be strange after I've lived 50 years in this field, with intensive work in the Spirit, I should know something by now. How many know there's no reason to feel, "Ha, ha!" No. How many know there's no reason to feel, "Ha, ha---PROUD!" No. If you've lived with yourself long enough you know that there's NOTHING THERE! Ha, ha...there's nothing to be PROUD of. It's just something that you've DISCOVERED, and you've WAKENED UP to the fact, that here's this lovely Truth, and I've been carrying it around in my heart for 30, 40, 50 years, and now I'm beginning to sense something of it's significance. Able to put some of the things together. Able to make the revelation a little more...CLARIFIED a little bit, so we can DISCERN it. So, it takes us TIME. I've been in this field, as I say, MORE than 50 years. Working in it. Not in the energy of my FLESH. I exercised the energy of my flesh, many years ago in college and seminary work. But do you know, it profited me very little as far as SPIRITUAL CONCEPTIONS are concerned. It was wonderful discipline. It taught me how to study. It taught me how to work in this field. But it didn't bring the LIGHT AND ILLUMINATION. But, when I found HIM, I found that HE was the Light and the Truth and the Way. And there was a personal contact and relationship. Then I was very happy for all the training back HERE, which he can use HERE! How many see Him using Paul? How many couldn't use Paul the way He used Peter? How many get that? Come one, put up your hands, those who are not asleep! All right, all those who are not asleep, put up your hand. How many can see that He can use Paul, where He can't use Peter? But how know He LOVES both of them? And He's going to USE both of them. And each one is going to get his reward according to his FIELD AND RESPONSE. And OBEDIENCE to the call put upon his heart. But both very different. Very different. He can't take ahold of Peter and make Paul out of him. He says "Peter, I'm going to make just what you are into the lovely dynamic person that I see is possible. You have the FIRMNESS and stability of a rock. And I'm going to USE that." You hear people say sometimes, speaking of children, "His WILL has never been broken!" NEVER BREAK ANYBODIES WILL. BREAK HIS HEART, BUT SURRENDER HIS WILL! That's better. Isn't that better? That's much better. That's good philosophy. SURRENDER THE WILL, but let the spirit and the heart be broken. Then you're safe. "I'm going to BREAK his will!!!" No, you won't. You're going to make a very stubborn, ugly, personality, that everybody will have a terrible time to live with after you're gone. How many get it or don't you? That's right. That's right. Somebody said, "Amen!" Isn't that good?
9. No. The Truth is CENTERED, it's PROGRESSIVE...now what's this other thing? Well, when I found that in my study of the Word, and I've read history...I want you to love history. I want you to love history very much. Because that is God working in humanity. You see how God works. You get on to His TECHNIQUE. You get onto His METHOD. You get on to the LAWS AND THE RULES which govern in this realm of the Spirit all the time. You see them manifest if you read history. See God moving. Then you learn HOW He works. Then you won't be scared to death when He comes working on you. "Oh! The Devil's after me! Rebuke the Devil!!!" I say, "No, dear. The Devil isn't within a hundred miles of you! That's the Lord, and you don't know HIM from the Devil! He's right after you, just NOW." "Well I never felt like this!!!" "No, of course you never did!" That's

how "dumb" people are! Aren't they funny? People go to the movies to see people flying around on the screen. I just open my eyes like that and see plenty! I say, "Lord, I've seen enough for six months. Let me go home." Why, I think most people are "funny," don't you? That's how I'm in the bunch!

10. No. ALL TRUTH IS PURELY A PROGRESSIVE REVELATION. Evolving...revealing. Now when I found that all the people didn't respond the same, and everyone seemed to get a DIFFERENT reaction to the Truth, then that made me wonder about that thing. And you know, I talk to the Lord...I suppose all of you "pray!...don't you! How many of you PRAY!!!? Every-day!!!" Don't you? That's good. I'm always glad when I get done "praying," so I can TALK TO GOD. You have to do "the praying" over here. How many get that or don't you? How many know alot of it is PROFUNCTARY? Of course. It's kind of like seeing a black cat; gives you "bad luck" unless you cross your fingers or something or other. Well, that's like RELIGION with alot of people. That's right. They said, "I didn't read such and such a verse today!," and they've gone to bed and forgotten all about it, and they "have" to get up out of the bed, and light the light, and read the verse or something and, "mumble, mumble, mumble...," and then they get in bed and go to sleep! Isn't it wonderful. How many heard of people like that? They have them in New York, not in this wonderful country here! Well you see, there is a sort of a RELIGIOUS SUPERSTITION that CLINGS TO PEOPLE. It's a kind of a RELIGIOUS SUPERSTITION, but then you won't go to hell for it. Let it "drag" on as long as you're "comfortable" with it! But I'm always praying, "Lord, make that so unhappy with that person that he'll get OUT OF IT someway!" And by and by they GET OUT OF IT! And they say, "I never KNEW it was like this!" And I say, "Why you've been hauling that thing around for twenty years! How far did you get?" "It just got me into darkness." Well, I said, "I thought so."
11. Now, all these people gathering around Jesus. They didn't have the SAME reaction. They certainly didn't. And you'll find it the same in history. All people don't react the SAME, however, that's the way we're MADE. Well, I thought this was strange. One gets a vision of Truth and goes rushing off with it, and here comes another one, oh, perhaps 42½ percent Spiritual, and he gets a kind of glimmer too, and gets blessed a little, and goes along too. And there they are all going. And I said, "Lord. What's the matter with this business? How did it get going with this?" Well, I found out something. And you'll find it out too, whether you like to "own" it or not. A hundred years from now you'll say, "My heavens, he was right!" Well, I'm right, not because it's MY philosophy. I'm right because the Word is here. How many are happy to have the Word back of you? Oh, if I didn't have the Word back of me, I wouldn't preach or teach ten minutes. I don't have any human philosophy at all. I have this wonderful Word, and that gives me enough Spiritual authority and power to VENTURE. And so on the power and authority of the Word in the Spirit, I can venture. So, I got in there, and I said, "Lord, what is this?" Now, this is something...I can prove it from the Word, but it takes me about an hour and a half to go through that line of reasoning, but I can do it. Sometimes I may help you with it. But it would take me an hour or more to go through a PATTERN of that in the Word of God, "the holy, sweet, blessed, precious, Word! With REAL Bible characters!" And I could show you the VERY PRINCIPLE working. What is it? ALL TRUTH IS PURELY PROGRESSIVE IN IT'S UNFOLDING, AND---EVERY HEART HAS TO BE CONTINUALLY CONDITIONED FOR IT'S RECEPTION. How many can get that far? EVERY HEART HAS TO BE CONTINUALLY CONDITIONED FOR IT'S RECEPTION. There were people who stood in the presence of Jesus when He was there, preaching and teaching, and having such a marvelous and wonderful ministry. And there was a certain reception of life and light from them. There couldn't HELP but be. Then a year later, two years, three years later, you should mark the RESPONSE THEY HAVE IN THEIR HEART. What MADE that? Because their hearts were CONTINUALLY DISCIPLINED, TRAINED, EDUCATED, CULTURED, BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, SO THAT WHEN THEY CAME BACK AGAIN TO THAT VERY SAME REVELATION, it "blossomed like a rose!" How many can see it now? Now that's way we're MADE, and that's the way God works with us in this realm of Spirit. Many are making these discoveries, but have no no to guide or help them. They are making little discoveries, and then they don't know what to do with them. That's why I want to help you. If some of you have been making

these little discoveries, and didn't know what was the matter with you, I want to ENCOURAGE you. There's nothing "the matter" with you at all. You are merely GROWING. Sometimes they are merely little GROWING PAINS like children have. They grow, and they can't take the growth properly; they have "growing pains," distress. That means you are pressing out of the narrow confines of some place that you have occupied. But the power of God in you, the Spirit of life, this eternal URGE of God, desires TO BREAK THROUGH the confines of THAT, into fresh, new, openings and fields of light and Truth. And that's what He's doing with some of the people who contact me. It's a GOOD sign. It's a sign of MATURITY, it's a sign that you are coming on into the thing for which you were DESIGNED, for which you were MADE. Therefore, the heart has to be CONDITIONED all the time. Why? For A FULLER REVELATION. Somebody says, "Why, I've been saved, and baptized, and filled with the Spirit, and I've had three visions and all the gifts!" Why I said, "That's amazing brother. That's very sweet. But that isn't getting you anywhere." It's too bad, but it just doesn't.

12. Now, I'm going to say something that some of you won't like, but then that doesn't matter to me. It's the TRUTH. And some of you have found it out already. There is NO EXPERIENCE that God brings you into, NO EXPERIENCE in itself...no matter how MOVING, how PROFOUND, how REVOLUTIONIZING that experience is, the EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF NEVER MATURES YOU! How many of you know that? Come on, nod your head. Oh, several! Sure. THE EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF DOES NOT MATURE YOU. How many found it out by some drastic reactions? Come on, put up your hand! Well, that's why I want to help people. Those who are HONEST ENOUGH TO COME. But some are NOT honest enough to come, they are still putting up, in psychology we call it, A DEFENSE MECHANISM, BEHIND WHICH THIS LITTLE, HURT EGO IS HIDING, LEST IT SHOULD BE EXPOSED. How many get THAT one, or don't you? I know. I've lived too long. I often say, "Lord, I've lived too long. Can't I go home now?" He says, "Not yet. I have a few ERRANDS for you." And so I have to stay. I get so tired of them...Oh my...I look at them, and I say, "My dear Lord!" Well, I say, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," and go along and eat the beans and pie and potatoes and everything, but...no...I want to HELP you. Some of you have made these discoveries and don't know what on earth to do. Because your REACTION is so terrible. Now listen. ALL these experience are beautiful. They ARE of God. NEVER belittle them. NEVER put them away. EMBRACE them! But listen...NEVER LIVE IN ONE OF THEM! Don't you DARE to park on one of them. You'll have an AWFUL time maintaining your POSITION IN ONE when the Lord's boosting you out of it into ANOTHER one! Oh, will you ever have a time! "Oh!", you can say, "Lord I never felt like this! Hallelujah! Halle..la.. . . .," you can't quite get it out... "ujah!!!" Then you get it out! Feel better? "I don't know, I don't think so, inside...hallelujah?" No, no, I know it! I meet people like that all the time. And they come with these confessions, they say, "Follette..." I've had preachers. I could name them right now, and you'd know, many of them public leaders. But I don't deal in personalities, it isn't "nice" to do that. But they come. They say, "I don't know what to do. I'm a leader. And I teach and I preach and I do so and so. And yet all the time underneath, inside here, I have this strange conviction." Well, I said, "I could HUG you!" "Well why?" "I think that's a symptom you're going to GET SOMEWHERE, finally!" Well, I'd say it's just ONE, little symptom. "I could just hug you for that!" "Well, I feel terrible! I used to be THIS WAY, and I used to be THAT WAY, and now I'm only THIS way!" I said, "That's good...thank the Lord!" "I don't know what to DO!" I said, "Now don't DO anything. Be still with the Lord a minute. Your Spirit is too AGITATED NOW, I can't do much with you." They come for counsel. They come to my home all the time for counsel. Leaders, preachers, teachers; college people. They come for counsel. I say sometimes to them, I say, "Now listen. I know how you ARE. And I want to help you very much...but I CAN'T. It isn't but what I could TELL you a few things, but you wouldn't be able to TAKE it. Your Spirit is too AGITATED, and it is bound by certain RELIGIOUS HABITS, which you have CULTIVATED through the years. And it's holding you BACK. Inside there's a pain and an urge, 'MORE...MORE...Oh, God!...MORE!!...!' He says, 'Yes...Huh!' Then you go right back in into your...." How many get that or don't you? You drop right back in there. Now don't DO that. Your Spirit is too AGITATED. In quietness and confidence shall be



your strength. FAITH is rest. NOT agitation. You don't have REAL FAITH until your "agitated period" is OVER. And you acquiesce in the WILL OF GOD, and the Word of God, and how many know then FAITH IS AS EASY AS EVER? It's RESTFUL. But before you can reach your place, how many know all the agitation that most spirits have to go through? The torment; the disturbance and all. BECAUSE WE ARE NOT TAUGHT HOW TO LIVE. We're "blessed to death," and don't know anything!!! That's the trouble! How many know, you can be blessed to death and be "dumb" as a toad?!! Or didn't you know that? Sure you can. Blessed to death and ignorant as a turtle that's wiggling around! And I just want to tap the turtle and say, "Come on dear. Come along, come along. We're all in the same boat. Come on." "But...Follette..." "Now, yes...come one, come one.." "Don't tell anyone...would you?" I say, "No...no...I want to HELP you."

13. TRUTH, that for which you hunger this morning; you are hungry for Truth. Let me help you. That TRUTH, IS PURELY A PROGRESSIVE MATTER. He CAN'T give it to you in a MOMENT. He can give you an EXPERIENCE in a moment, which is uplifting, with great, emotional resurges! That's "good." That all belongs to the physical set-up. But to find out the SIGNIFICANCE of the thing, the TRUTH, He says, "You will HAVE TO LIVE." Truth is PROGRESSIVE. Now, your heart will have to be CONDITIONED ALL THE TIME for it's RECEPTION. Look at the disciples who were in the presence of Jesus the very first year. Now we all know that everyone of them had SOME reaction to the Truth, didn't they, or they wouldn't have been walking around with Him. They certainly had a certain reaction, and I sense of the Love of Jesus, and they wanted to be with Him, and do all that. That was splendid! But how many know, to be truthful, THAT couldn't carry them three and four, and five years! It could NOT. You cannot LIVE under that impact of Truth! The Spirit of God, hallelujah, in you, is like an eternal URGE.....PUSHING IT'S WAY BACK AGAIN TO THE HEART OF GOD, to every troubled spirit in this room. Oh...don't you KNOW that? How many of you know the ETERNAL URGE OF GOD? That's BREATHED INTO US, when the Spirit of God comes. That Spirit doesn't BELONG HERE. That Spirit belongs back in the GODHEAD. It belongs back there. But it has been INCASED IN US! And we have been "holding" Him like a "prisoner!" He's INDWELLING US. Well, why? "Oh," He says, "TO TRANSFORM YOU. TO CHANGE YOU. TO CONFORM YOU TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON. TO GIVE YOU ILLUMINATION. TO MAKE A CORRECTED OBJECTIVE FOR YOU LIFE!!! TO GIVE YOU FOCUS OF YOUR VISION!" You all can SEE! But there is NO FOCUS in your vision! He says, "I have come to do THAT. I've come to do that. I've come to do that. Be patient. Be patient."
14. There they were. The first year, yes, and then they came around Him, and then the second year. How many know that as that circle moved about; how many can see the moving through circles of Spiritual growth? Can you see it? Here's the Christ. They move about Him the first year. There is an amount of Spiritual reaction in them. How many can see when they move about in a circle the second year, that THAT has GROWN? It has MATURED. They move about Him the third year, and it isn't until THEN, that they are able to give any kind of an identification as to WHO He is. Think of walking THREE years with Him, and then finally the Lord said, "Who do you think that I am?" And poor Philip, gasping out and saying, "Lord, show us the Father, and we'll be happy." And Jesus said, "Have I been ALL THIS TIME with you, and you don't know anything about it yet?" "No. Who are You?" I don't want that repeated in MY life, do you? I don't. I don't want to stand before Him sometime, and the Lord says, "I have been with you for five, ten, fifteen years, and thus and so...but you have never made any INNER CONTACT. You've never had any INNER REVELATION of the things of God, and of Truth and reality, which will HELP you in your ADJUSTMENT for ANOTHER AGE." We're going to live a LONG time, in eternal life. You aren't just going up to heaven, and live in a house and play on a harp for millions of years, and wear the strings all off the harp---I hope so. My...no, no, no. Those are lovely symbols; they are very pretty and picturesque. But God's life can't be CONFINED to "strings on a harp." Not the kind of Spirit I've found! Can yours? Can the Holy Spirit living in YOU be confined to thumbing on a harp? No, couldn't. That will be nice to "pass time" if you want one, He'll give you a couple probably. But that isn't the POINT. That isn't the POINT. It is that THIS



"strange" creature has been WROUGHT UPON by the power of the Spirit until the REVELATION DAWNS, clearer, and clearer, and clearer. It's all PROGRESSIVE. In your OT pictures, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. A light unto my way." How many get that progression right away? "A LAMP unto my feet, a LIGHT unto my way." Well, did he see EVERYTHING down the road for the next six miles? Just because he had "light?" No. He had...a light unto my foot...is according to an old custom that they had, in the dark, the peasant would buckle a little strap on his foot and have a light in it, a candle, and that would guide him, carrying his bundles or his burdens, and he could go along this way and that way, and "a lamp unto my foot," and he says, "Your Word is a lamp unto my foot." How many see that's your DAILY walk? That's your daily walk. But how many see he said MORE. "It's a light unto my WAY." Do you get your CAREER now, patterned? Well that's what he was saying.

15. So, in these little messages, I'll let you go in a minute, I just want to be out these preliminary ideas to you so that when I get at teaching, and I open up a certain subject, you won't be lost in the woods. I'm telling you these things now, to prepare you, so that when I open up a line of Truth, you won't be lost saying, "Well what is he talking about? Where is he now?" I'm right here dear, right here, and I'm trying to help you into what I think God would have for us. How many think you can TAKE IT? Do you think so? How many think so, come one. You aren't afraid, are you? Good. All right. I don't want you fearful. And how many will TRY very hard, if some of the notions, and habits and things get DISTURBED a little? You won't be scared will you? No, don't be scared. Because TRUTH has a very strange way. When TRUTH comes in, that's the strong, eternal, it is so STRONG AND OVERWHELMING. It's all LIFE, it's all REALITY. When that "booms" into our heart, and into our little life pattern where we are living, it would be VERY STRANGE if it didn't DISLodge some kind of notions out of us! It would be very strange. I would feel as if my teaching was quite in vain, is at the result of a week or two weeks teaching, some people had not found a deliverance from a few things that were still hanging on! And when the Truth comes in, it brushes them off. Do you get me or don't you? I want it to be that way. Because all those things which ACCRUE to us, hang on to us in our Spiritual growth, that's NOT necessarily something that God WANTS. Sometimes, in His PERMISSIVE WILL, because of our TEMPERMENT, because we are MADE as we are, we are all "typed," all of you are "typed." We fall into certain categories with our reactions and all. I know that. God knows that too, so He works from that angle, because He knows who we ARE. There isn't a thing about anyone of us that He doesn't know, and didn't know before we got born; isn't He wonderful? How many think He is quite a wonderful God? I think He is. How many are scared of Him? Oh, no. How many love Him? Yes. I used to be kind of, more or less scared, well that is, under THE MOTIVE OF FEAR. I remember we used to have a little card like that in my card box. Of course I lived in the country where we didn't have very much. Born and brought up on a farm, thank God. Had Sunday school in a little one room school house. And we used to get little Sunday School cards, and when we got four, we could get a nice, big one with maybe a rose or something on it. We didn't have too much. We didn't. Because that made us ingenious and inventive! We had to invent and create and do alot of things that children don't know anything about now, they press a button, and, "Yeooooow.," out it comes! And they haven't had any fun doing a thing. Isn't that so? I'm so tired of this "push-button" age, every last thing, just push a button and out it comes. Well, you haven't had any fun creating, doing, or imagining anything at all. We did. We just had to work, you know, and had a lot of fun. Well, we had these little cards, and I remember one of them. It had a picture of a great big EYE like that on it, and all rays of light coming down. And under it said, "THOU GOD SEEST ME." How many know that's rather terrifying at times? How many know that can be really terrifying? How many see A MOTIVE OF FEAR working in there? Do you or don't you? Do you get it, psychologically? How many see the APPEAL is a MOTIVE OF FEAR, or don't you get that, psychologically I mean? I'm an old "psychologist." I majored in all that field years ago; I know that all by heart. It helps me. I can see thru some things without the Lord coming and knocking me on the head...I say, "I see it already Lord." He says, "Do you?" So then we go along. So I used to see that...well, it kept me out of a lot of "deviltry." Of course it did, because I would see that, "Thou God, seest me," and of course, that

"helped" me. Well now listen. You're laughing, but how many know there's an awful lot of Truth coming around in this place? Well, now, there is a FEAR MOTIVE. Perfect LOVE casteth OUT fear. Now that worked for quite a long time, until I found that after all, God was a God of LOVE, and INFINITE UNDERSTANDING, and wisdom, and that KNOWING ME ABSOLUTELY, and EVERYTHING about me, and all the things I'm ever going to DO; why should I be scared to death of Him? No. I got where, by and by, I said, "Thank You, Lord! It saves me alot of praying. You just know EVERYTHING!" How many know that helped alot? Or don't you just say, "You know Lord, BUT...if it hadn't been..." oh don't start that business! That's a bad MECHANICS in there. Now your little EGO IS DISTURBED and you want to lay it over on someone else. That's as old as Adam and Eve. How many know they did the same trick? How many know when God got after them, he wasn't man enough to face it, he said, "The WOMAN YOU GAVE ME to have, SHE did it, and the serpent beguiled her..." And how many see he passed the buck way down the road like that, and Adam was perfectly "justified?" How many know that old trick? Or don't you know that? "If it hadn't been for so and so, I wouldn't have..." Now WAIT A MINUTE. Just wait ONE minute. That's as old as Adam and Eve and you can't pull that one on God at all. Now you just sit down. You can't fool Him at all. It just won't work. So when I found out, I said, "Well, Lord, I'm glad You can see everything. Now everybody don't see it Lord, do they?" He said, "No." Isn't that nice? How many are glad He knows, and you know, and they don't? That helps alot you know. So I said, "All right Lord. I'm not going to work under a MOTIVE OF FEAR." That's negative, and it isn't too good. It only "works" for awhile. But, that which is POSITIVE, which is CREATIVE, and HELPFUL. "Now that you know all things," how many know that is saves you an awful lot of PRAYING sometimes? Or do you have to yet get down and EXPLAIN THE UNEXPLAINABLE to the Lord while He listens, and He leans over and says, "Are you through yet?" You said, "No, Lord...You know... and I know...and he knows...and You know..." you know, you "feel" better, "...and Oh Lord, You know..." How many know all that, "know...know..." stuff? And how many know that when you get all done, you aren't very far up the road yet? But it's kind of EXERCISED YOU RELIGIOUSLY. And this RELIGIOUS thing in here, this EGO that has a RELIGIOUS FLAIR, he "feels" better, you know, he feels better. But how many know it hasn't got you anywhere near the Lord? Hasn't yet. But you have to go thru that. And you know you go thru it. And God is very PATIENT. And people say, "My heavens, Follette! Don't you ever pray?" Yeah, every once in a while I pray! How many believe I do? You better! Yes. But how many believe I know a few things too? Yes.

16. So now it's what? THE LOVE OF GOD. Now, I don't want to GRIEVE HIM; I don't want to HURT HIM. It sin't that I'm AFRAID of Him. But I don't want to HURT Him. Not long ago, I said, "Oh Lord, maybe this rebellion in my heart..." I didn't want to go to meetings and things like that, I don't like them. I have to die about a thousand deaths to get thru one. A camp meeting was ahead of me and I said, "Lord, I don't...uuuhhh... Lord, You know...uuuhhh...but Lord. Maybe I shouldn't have that. I'm sorry. If that reaction HURTS You, I don't want to HURT You." Did you ever feel with the Lord like that, that you didn't want to HURT Him? Did you ever feel like you didn't want to hurt Him? He has been hurt so much. He was horribly hurt in this earth. They have hurt Him so terribly, that now, I feel like, "I don't want to hurt You." It isn't, "I'm afraid You'll hurt ME, and kill me, or damn me or something." It isn't that. It's, "Oh God, I don't want to hurt You. You're so wonderful. You're so gracious. You're so beautiful. You've done so much. I don't want to hurt You. It isn't that I'm afraid that You'll hurt me." How many get the difference? It's entirely different in your MOTIVATION. That's another subject. Jesus dealt with the FIELD OF MOTIVATION, very, very, carefully when He was here in His teaching. But it's rather VEILED, in a picturesque way, because people become "entertained" by His manifestations of a miracle or something, and they loose the inner Spiritual SURGE of life and light that was pushing thru all the time. Watch Him, because He deals with the field of MOTIVATION VERY CAREFULLY.
17. So we are going to learn just those two little things this morning. ALL TRUTH IS PURELY A PROGRESSIVE MATTER. It is not attained in one moment. You may have an EXPERIENCE,

but the experience in itself does NOT MATURE you. Why? Because in this great REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY, where we are living, there are certain LAWS AND PRINCIPLES which are just as REAL as the laws and principles in the natural world in which we live. Now if God hadn't established what we call "natural laws," for us to live, we would be in chaos all the time. But He has surrounded us, now this is in our natural, in our flesh, in this natural world, He has surrounded us with a number of natural LAWS, with ACTION AND REACTION, consequences, which He has established for our WELL-BEING. It's for our well-being. We have the law of light, the law of heat, the law of radiation, the law of vibration; all of these are LAWS. Well, in the flesh, in our natural, we recognize them. And if we are obedient to them, and don't fight with them, and quarrel with them, and "pray" about them; if we are obedient to them, how many know we will live a very comfortable life? But if we disregard them, and try to change them, and fool with them, how many know we are always going to have trouble? Somebody is always whining around me about something, "Whyyyyyy, yeooooooooow..." I said, "Don't WHY God, please WORSHIP Him." "Well, WHYYYY does God..." That's a miserable thing. You must never "WHY" God. "Whyyyyyy does God....Whyyyyyy...." That's a HORRIBLE thing! I said, "He was never made to be 'whyed,' He was made to be WORSHIPPED." When you get a "why," just say, "I worship You. I don't know all about You, but I worship You!" How many know that's much better? That's much better. Don't "why" Him, WORSHIP Him.

18. And so when we come to this, we will find that these are LAWS. Now in the realm of our Spirit, in this realm of Spirit, there are LAWS AND PRINCIPLES JUST EXACTLY AS REAL. Just exactly as REAL. Now because they are abstract, and not tangible, we don't pay much attention to them, but we are conscious of them when they REACT and give us a terrible let-down. Then we say, "Oh! There's something the matter!" Well of course, I say, why don't you pay attention to your LAW. "Well, what law?...Where's the Lord?!!!" "Well," I said, "He's on the throne." Don't you know you can't live haphazardly in the Spirit and get anywhere? Anywhere than you can here. No you can't. How did you know that when you came in here this morning to sit down properly on that seat? Because I suppose when you were about this big, you fell down 40 times and 50 times and off the chairs and bench and everything else under heavens, so by and by to sit down you did this way...and you found that out! That was marvelous and wonderful. Well now that's a very simple illustration, but that's exactly what is in the realm of our Spiritual living. If we would detect some of the principles and laws with which He is working we would SIMPLIFY our lives so much, and save us so much distress. Save us so much distress. And we would GROW. We would GROW. Now, you learned all these HABITS OF LIFE from a baby up. You learned the law of gravitation, and light, and heat. If you were in this room and it happened to be dark and there was a window over there, how many of you have LEARNED, absolutely learned, that if you wanted to read what was on the page, you go over by the light? How many found that out? Isn't it a discovery? Well, you had to find it out! A young one, a year old, they don't know anything about THAT! They haven't discovered themselves yet. They're pulling on their toes, and they don't know what they got ahold of! They don't know who they are yet; they have no self-consciousness of entity at all. They haven't even made the elementary discoveries of the mechanism of what they are living in. You LEARN that. You learn all these laws all the time.
19. Now listen, listen. When we are brought into the realm of Spiritual living; He calls it a KINGDOM. Now your word, "kingdom," there is very misleading. Because when we say, "the kingdom," most people think of "paradise, and harps and gold houses." Well THAT isn't what He's talking about. Absolutely not. He speaks of that as paradise. He didn't say to the thief on the cross, "This day thou shalt be with Me in My kingdom." Well He couldn't! But He can say, "This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise." He CAN say that, but He can't say anything to that man about a KINGDOM. That man doesn't know beans from buttons on the kingdom idea, but how many know, his little repentance has brought him into LIFE? Yeah, just that little repentance has brought him into the consciousness of light and life. But how many know, it never MATURED him into anything? Not at all. You CAN'T do it that way! God says so.

20. So He says, "You have learned that in the NATURAL, there are LAWS about you all the time, that you have to learn how to live." In the REALM OF SPIRIT; He calls it a REALM, many of our translators now, are using the word, "realm," which is much better. Moffatt, Dr. Moffatt's translation always uses the word REALM, which is BETTER. Because "kingdom" is misleading. Either you think of HEAVEN, which is paradise, and THAT isn't what He was talking about, or you're thinking about a kingdom with bugles and banners, and horses and chariots, and a man reigning and ruling on a throne. And THAT isn't what He was talking about. If you're a student in there, you'll have to get at least five phases of KINGDOM. Five. And most people just use them interchangeably. "Kingdom, kingdom, kingdom, and the kingdom now, the kingdom..." And I say, "Who in the world is in the kingdom? He says, "By much tribulation and terrible patience, you enter into it!" I found THAT out too. Now He says, "In this REALM into which we have been BIRTHED, this realm, you come in," He says, "as a little BABY. A little baby. And as a little baby, in the flesh, desires the sincere milk from his mother's breast,"so it shall be blest! And understand the Bible! Uhhh... ooooohh!" Now WAIT a minute. No. That isn't right. That's a TRADITION. "Oh, it said so in the Sunday school paper!" Well there are alot of things in the Sunday school paper and hymns that haven't any meaning at all. You might as well say, "doodlily didilly dandy, Amen!" Just as well, because it hasn't any sense in them. These hymn books...they should be REVISED for the doctrinal sense! They really should. "I want to be an angel, and with the angel's stand, a crown upon my forehead and a palm within my hand!..." Well, how many know we'll NEVER be angels? Then what's the use singing about it, and getting blessed?! We never will be angels! Then why do you have that in a singing book, and everybody getting blessed, "Going to be an angel....," and pretty near getting wings on you.."ooooohh!" That's a HORRIBLE THING! We never will be angels. Angels are a specific creation with a ministry of their own, created by God for a ministry! We will be GLORIFIED HUMANITY, I trust, by the grace of God! Still human beings, transformed, glorified. But never angels. Then WHY do you sing that? "Well it's in the singing book!" Well, I'd say, "I'd like to go thru the singing book once!" Because...you get into these terrible RELIGIOUS...HABITS! And customs, and TRADITIONS, that are not God at all! But you can get blessed by them! You can get blessed singing the multiplication tables if you get the right tempo! That's right; how many know you can? Good. That's right! Now you're laughing. Are you laughing at me, or are you laughing at yourself. Or somebody over in New York. I'm glad you're very human. I'm horribly human. But I'm Spiritually minded. Spiritually minded. Deeply so. But I'm still human enough to know humanity. I'm glad I do. He gives me great patience and love...so that I can bring light and life and Truth to them.
21. Now He says, "Just as you learned all these things from a baby drinking milk UP, so you'll have to in the SPIRIT. BORN in the Spirit, desire FIRST strong meat!" NO, no. NO, no. NO! Why you'd KILL a baby giving him a beef steak! He's not GEARED to it. He's not MADE for it. He's made for the MILK OF THE WORD. Well, by and by, He says it's time for MEAT. He says, "If you keep on, I'm going to get you to where you can eat STRONG MEAT, too! If you'll PAY THE PRICE and come on, I'm going to take you in. I'll take you right along. I have all that prepared for you! But if you prefer a MILK diet, well you can live and die on a milk diet." Be saved and filled with the Spirit, and have ALL the gifts, and still living on a MILK DIET. That's right. Because that MILK diet are all the ELEMENTARY features. All purely the ELEMENTARY features of our Christian faith. And Paul had to correct them about it. Maybe I'll talk about that another day. So we will GROW in grace. We will be PATIENT with God, PATIENT with our OWN hearts, and PATIENT one with another, won't we? Have many read my tract I put out years ago on "Have You Patience?" Some of you have read it. "Have You Patience?" Patience with God, that you don't "hurry" Him, or "compel" Him. Or CRY and WHINE...be PATIENT with God. He can only work as YOU GIVE HIM LIBERTY. Be patient. Now be patient with our friends because they don't see as we do, and we don't see as they do, so we are PATIENT. Then have

patience with your own HEART. How many times you'd like to scold yourself! Wouldn't you, "You miserable thing! Raaar!" No, that won't get you anywhere. It makes you "feel" better, you know, to think you kind of scolded a little! Hallelujah! It won't help you... it won't help you. We learn that...children...babes...children...little children...sons...grown up sons... and fathers and mothers in Israel. Now that's the classification in the NT. And I can give you scriptures for everyone of them. But what is He telling you? THE LAW OF PROGRESSION. No little baby, with all the praying, and claiming every precious promise in the Bible, and in the precious promise boxes too, not get them ALL out!! Get ALL those precious, PRECIOUS, promises! Right out of the Bible! And get oh...several precious promise boxes to make it strong! And you take that little baby, and you say, "Lord. You said, 'Ask what you will and it SHALL BE DONE!!' Now Lord. I want this child to be twenty-one years old tomorrow!" How many know that's ABSURD? That's ABSURD. Well why? "Well," you say, "don't you know that people don't do that way?" Well, why do you do that in THE SPIRIT, then? Why do you do that in the Spirit? You do! And how many know some people can be forty, fifty, years old, and STILL BE BABES? I've seen people 60, 70, 75 years old, sweetest babes in Christ that you would want to see! Filled with the Spirit, and lovely! Just lovely. Get blessed to pieces! Fifty, 60, 70 years old, and nothing but little babes! The minute you talk to them about a Spiritual reality, and push in there, they get lost... "Where's God!!!" Oh!, I said, "He's coming quick! Here He is!..." Well you see... how many get PROGRESSION pushing in? I'll talk to you more about it another time.

22. Progression. Why? THE HEART HAS TO BE CONTINUALLY, CONTINUALLY, CONDITIONED through the LAWS OF DISCIPLINE, TESTING, PROVING, all organized, well-arranged laws in the REALM. Made by God Himself; He made them, fixed them all in there. And of course, the friction on the little, spoiled creature that we are; the friction of that on us, how many know we don't like it? "Uhhh...don't like it at all...it hurts! Oh somebody pray for me! The Devil's after me!" Oh no, I say, "It's the Lord. Only you just don't KNOW the Lord." How many know it? Well, will you be patient with your own heart? Be patient with it. We can't get there in a MINUTE. No one is MATURED in any experience. They are open VISTAS. They are DOORWAYS which lead into fresh, lovely places of REALITY in His realm. What we need is the SPIRIT OF GOD TO LEAD US INTO THE FIELD THAT DOOR OPENS. And as the door opens, we say, "Thank You, Lord!" And then He takes us by the hand and He leads us in. How many got anything this morning to think about, and we've rambled all over the earth, except...no, we DID get in the Garden of Eden, too, didn't we? How many got something? Did you? Sure? Now you won't forget it, will you? And you won't be afraid to come back tomorrow? And maybe we'll go on a little bit more. There are "several" things I haven't told you yet. And maybe if you'll come back tomorrow, we'll have something that's PRACTICAL and LIVEABLE, and where you ARE. I want to help you right now, where you are. Where you ARE. We'll get our experiences and stuff later, but I want you WHERE YOU ARE. To help you.
23. Our Loving Lord, we thank You for bread that you have broken to us this morning. It's all been broken up into so many "funny" pieces, but Lord, it is from Thee, and we accept it from Thee. And we give Thee thanksgiving and praise. And we ask that as we take our little pieces of bread today, each will have a different portion, because we are so different, and everybody needs a portion which is adequate for his own being; give a little portion of conviction, a little portion of life, a little portion of Truth, something that you want to do, in hearts and lives. And take away any spirit of fear. And may we be glad to surrender openly to Thee, that let You work out Thy great, eternal purposes, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ESSENTIAL FOOD  
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1. I'm very sensitive. Sometimes I wish I didn't feel them, because sometimes I can detect a person quick as that! I say, "Don't think that! Please don't do that!" Now, I can't help that. Because I know it, as quick as that. I wish I weren't that way, I'd be so much happier. I'd be so much more comfortable. So I just wish that you would feel, in these little meetings in which I minister to you, that you would come near me. I'm not "furiousous." Sometimes my "bark" is quite severe, but the "biting" isn't bad. But if you can HEAR; all you back there, can you hear something? I want you to be comfortable. Yesterday or the day before, somebody said, "I couldn't hear you." Sometimes when you drop your voice, I don't hear you." Well, I'll tell you a secret. When I drop my voice, it's right down along HERE. So if you want to come down, you come down and "pick it up." I NEVER DROP MY VOICE OVER THERE. No. So. You'll have to get USED to me. I'm a REALIST. There's nothing artificial about me. I'm a REALIST. And so if you can kindly cooperate with me, and be friendly with me, and come near to me, I feel that the Lord would break some bread for us this morning. I have nothing of MY OWN to give. All I have to offer to you in these days, are bits of Truth which I have discovered, which I said yesterday, in the FIELD OF SPIRITUAL LIVING.
  
2. "Our precious, Loving Lord, Thou art here. You came before we were here; any of us. You have come to meet us and to greet us. And we pray that every heart shall make contact with Thee. Thou dost know the needs of our hearts and lives far better than we do. We are only conscious Lord, of a few SURFACE DISTURBANCES. But hardly ever are we conscious of the deep-seated NEED from which all these other suffering disturbances MOVE. We pray that in these days we shall be able to make contact with Thee. That You will be able to accomplish a real work in every heart through the ministry of Thy word, through the washing of Thy word, until when we go home, we shall not be the same people. We don't want to be the same. We want every impact of Truth and Light that strikes us to DO something for us. Something in the sense of cleansing, and something in the sense of releasing until we shall not be the same people, but we shall be consecrated, sanctified, people, moving out in the realm of the Spirit where You may work IN us and through us to Thy Glory. Now this morning, here we are. It doesn't matter to me, Lord, Thou knowest personally, what You have to say, not at all. But whatever You have to say, we pray that You will be able to, by the Spirit, to break the bread, and cause each one to take his portion, if not with great joy, with at least a courtesy, to say, 'Thank You, Lord.' And then Lord, we want You to be glorified in it all. We are all so self-centered about our coming and our goings, and our little lives, and our little doings, and fussing around. Dear, dear, dear Lord, help us to get away from that. Thou art here to be honored, and to be glorified, and to be worshipped. Thou art here that we might let every bit of our inner being POUR OUT again to Thee in a holy, loving, consecration. A surrender and a yielding of ALL that we have, flowing back again to Thy loving heart. Teach us how to enter into COMMUNION with Thee. Deliver us from PRAYER PATTERNS. Help us to be normal, and natural, and REAL with Thee, so that Thou wilt be able to receive from us that which would satisfy and please Thy heart. Be glorified today in our heart and in our lives. Bless us, as we break the bread, and feed us for Jesus' sake. Amen."
  
3. Personally, it doesn't amtter to me what line of Truth the Lord has, because after all, He is the FOUNTAIN of it; He is the SOURCE of it. However, I like to be enough in the Spirit, to be able to break the bread which is CONVENIENT for the majority of you people. Of course this is a Pentecostal camp meeting. Now, I work from this premise. I take it for granted that the majority of you are SAVED people and filled with the Spirit. Now from that premise, I like to work along, leading you on into something MORE, which is possible for us in this realm of Spiritual reality into which God has brought us. I said yesterday it's a VAST REALM. In our teaching, as a rule, we use words carelessly, or sometimes we only have ONE word in our English, for at least FIVE different words in our testament. Now in our testament, we'll have the word, "kingdom." Well, perhaps you will have five different, distinct meanings of the word, "kingdom," and "kingdom

of God," and not one of them in the same sentence. But you see, by careless translation, and careless traditional reading, we just say, "kingdom, kingdom, kingdom, kingdom," and all of it is the kingdom. That's very confusing and very dreadful, because if you make a study of it in God, not purely an intellectual study at all, but you have to use your brains because God has given them to us, the power of thought, but if you trust the Holy Spirit to lead you, he will lead us PAST so many of what I call TRADITIONAL PATTERNS and SCHEMES, which have HINDERED US. They are NOT "wicked." You will not go to hell for it. We're not dealing about THAT. We are merely saying they become HINDERANCES and BLOCKADES in your progress and in your moving to God. And I like, if possible, for a little while, to clear some of those things away, so that as we venture afresh, in our walk in the Spirit, to glorify God, to do His will, and to come into what He has for us, we may do it with Spiritual sense and consciousness. The Spiritual life isn't a strange, HAPHAZARD affair. This whole Spiritual life that we are now involved in, we're CAUGHT UP in it; is the most marvelous and wonderful thing. I never shall cease to wonder at it. I sit sometimes in amazement before it. I say, "O God, this is so wonderful! That You should come down, an Almighty God, Creator, and pick up the little, tiny speck that we are, and make it possible that our hearts would become ONE with Thee, and conscious of Thee, and OPEN to Thee. That You can communicate Yourself to us. And we, in turn, kept in Thy thought and Thy purpose, and let that life flow out through us, until in the end, Thy heart shall be satisfied to see the travail of Thy soul for this very thing." Not MERELY my salvation. The great travail of the soul of my CHRIST. The AGONY of His distress. The pain and torture of that holy man of God, was not merely to save me. It was to RELEASE ME from the confines of this terrifying CONCEPT OF LIVING! Until we can COME OUT OF IT! Under the POWER AND INSPIRATION OF THE SPIRIT! AND LIVE IN GOD...AND LIVE IN GOD...LIVE IN GOD. THAT'S why He has redeemed us. Not to "save my soul from hell and get me into heaven..." Oh, don't do that, please! I hope you're saved, if you aren't, come here and get saved and let's start out! Let's not review ground that we've been over until it's threadbare! Let's MOVE ON in God, with some of the things which He would like to accomplish in every last one of us! We may see our LIMITATIONS; it's good that we do. Splended that we should feel the barrenness and the emptiness of this strange creature! Redeemed? YES!!! Filled? YES!!! Knowing God? Know hardly anything about Him. Look at the people that we contact. Saved. Filled with the Spirit for twenty years. And when you begin to deal with them in the Spirit concerning these elementary, Spiritual things, they seem so "blank" and so "vacant." There's just no response in them! That NEVER SHOULD BE! That NEVER should be. If we are ALIVE in God, new creatures in Christ, being conformed to the image and likeness of His Son, there should be that strange and mystical response in every heart. And those who know Him will get it. Those who have not yet awakened to it, they are yet BARREN. Now they're SAVED...SANCTIFIED...FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST... got all THE GIFTS!...and have NO consciousness of THAT at all! NEVER have arrived at a SELF ENTITY in Spirit. Never have come.

4. So when I teach, it is very difficult for me to teach in a general group like this. I don't think I've been in a camp meeting for a number of years. It's very trying, because when I look at you and sense you in the Spirit, you are all on such different Spiritual levels that I don't know where to reach you. And if I make a message which is just designed for one group of people, there are many who are not fed at all. And if I try to bring a message which I think will help another group of people who may be in another Spiritual cycle of their Spiritual growth, then the other is "left out." So I hope that we will be able to receive during the meeting, the FOOD WHICH IS ADEQUATE or CONVENIENT for you. God knows where everyone of these strange creatures that we are in God's Spirit. He knows where we are. He know just how far we have advanced in the POSESSION OF OUR KINGDOM RIGHTS. He knows that and He's very patient with us. Therefore, if WE WILL KEEP OPEN, He will give us the food which is CONVENIENT. And that's a little text that I would like to leave with you this morning, because it is a PRAYER TEXT. You see, some people couldn't possibly think that a message could possibly be orthodox unless you had a text for it and a Bible reading. Isn't that dreadful to get into habits like that? I've talked an hour, I guess yesterday morning, and never READ



a word out of the Bible! Well, it's all IN the Bible anyway...it's ALL in the Bible. How many of you got anything yesterday? Thank you. That's very, very, generous of you. But how many noticed I didn't have any TEXT? Well of course. Now I want to be very orthodox this morning. So you can go in, "I think he's Pentecostal. At least he has a text!" And so, to please all those who might be stumbled if you don't have a text, I want to treat you all alike. I wouldn't offend one of the Lord's children for the world! But there are some who are made that way. You couldn't listen to the message unless you were dead sure you had a text. Well, how many know that all that is rather amusing? It is to me. So we'll have a text this morning. It's a text that's given as a prayer by a man that was searching and seeking for God. He was HUNGRY for REALITY AND TRUTH, and naturally he prayed. We ALL should pray. It's a very good thing to do. But be careful HOW you pray.

5. Now if you are taking notes and you have to look at this, you can turn to Proverbs, because this was a WISE word. Over in Proverbs, the 30th chapter, He says this. "Two things have I required of Thee, deny me not them before I die. Remove far from me vanity and lies, give me neither poverty nor riches..." Now there's equilibrium. "...Feed me with food convenient for me, LEST,..." Lest...there's a danger here, lest, if you don't do that, "...LEST I be full, and deny Thee, and say, 'Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and steal and take the name of my God in vain.'" Now, look up. Don't look any more at your text. You HAVE your text. Now be nice. When I'm talking, I don't want you (searching thru Bible) like that. Don't do that. Listen to me. You've had your text. How many can see there's great wisdom packed in here? Great wisdom. And he's telling the Lord, "Remove from me the vanity, the UNREALITY of the thing." Now that SAME teaching is repeated by Jesus in the NT under an entirely different phase, but it's the same philosophy, the same teaching. We might touch on it another time. It's THERE. ALL Truth is UNIVERSAL. It is one great, glorious CONCEPT. And sometimes it is so varied in it's aspects, that you touch a little Truth here, and a whole lot of Truth VIBRATES over here. Have you ever noticed that? Why yes, it's like a wonderful spider's web. The mechanics of a spider's web; isn't it marvelous? How many ever noticed a fly, touching one little wee edge of it, VIBRATES the whole web. Have you ever noticed that? He doesn't just vibrate the little bit of web that he's IN, but how many know the WHOLE WEB begins to become tense and alive in a vibrant...well, that's like TRUTH. Truth is this great, lovely, glorious concept. We can't HOLD it all. We aren't MADE that way. We live under certain SEGMENTS of it as it drops down into our heart, and becomes a convenient way of life. But the whole, glorious concept---we aren't GEARED to that yet. We take just as much as God can give, but we find that when we touch a bit of Truth that has life in it, it begins to vibrate all through the word of God. We find it echoing here, and echoing there, and shining here, and shining there. And you start with one little verse, right here! First thing you know, you'll over in the NT. Now here, in this teaching, you can find it by Jesus in the NT. Absolutely. But you see, it wears a different guise.
6. It says, "Deliver me from the ABUNDANCE which would make me too INDEPENDENT, and I would forget my DEPENDENCE. I don't want that. But don't let me be so starved that I can't LIVE. I'll tell you, Lord, what to do. Please FEED ME WITH THE FOOD WHICH IS CONVENIENT FOR ME." Now when he says that, "The food which is CONVENIENT for me," it really means, "which is ADEQUATE, or my PORTION." What does he mean? That all the food is the SAME for everybody? No. There will be food here this morning for some of the MATURE saints. There will be food for some babes in Christ. There will be something for even sinners to listen to if you want to. There's a portion for everone, but we have to keep OPEN to God, that He can give to us and put upon our heart the PORTION which is adequate for us in our STATE now, as we are GROWING. That's the lesson that I have for us this morning, concerning this question of our FOOD, and our REACTION to it and our GROWTH IN HIM.
7. I wanted to read to you two or three little verses over in EPHESIANS. But I'm afraid if I "get in" there, I won't "get out," and that's the difficulty. You know when you

get into a place like that, it's very hard to get out, and sometimes I'm tempted NOT to discuss a verse that I'd like to very much, because it's ramifications move from Genesis to Revelation together in what I call an OVERALL PATTERN OR VISION OF THE TRUTH. So, I don't believe I'd better DO that. However, I might touch on it a little. We'll come to it later in the meeting. Remember when He called this church to gather, they were filled with the Spirit, He blessed them, our early, little Pentecostal group, we might say. The early Apostolic Church. He says that He had placed IN the church all these gifts...they were personality gifts, but it says in the verse before that, "we are all members of this body. And He has place SOME..." referring to the members, "He has placed some..." referring back to your text, get your grammar...."He has made some to be teachers, prophets, preachers, evangelists..." Why? Because each one has his own vocation. And his own calling. There is a general overlapping, in a minor sense, in every one. Every pastor should have at least some feeling toward teaching, although he is not an "illuminated" Spirit at all, he should have some ability and gift to ENLARGE on some of the message which he has given. But he is not yet a teacher. He's a PASTOR. An evangelist should have at least a little sense of teaching, not too much, but enough to instruct the first bits that the "lamb" is getting to eat. So each one will have his own distinct ministry, and gift, however they will OVERLAP. But always remember, that in EACH vocation, there is one special, specific DRIVE. How many get that? There is a SPECIFIC DRIVE in that CAPACITY. However, on the fringes it overlaps, and overlaps. We find that; that's the way it SHOULD be. Now, as a teacher, people don't seem to know very much about teaching these days. That's something that's been neglected in our work for years and years. We have swung over to the extreme of honoring the GIFTS and the evangelistic field, and have wound up with what we have in Pentecost today, and thru the lack of a balance in allowing a teaching ministry to follow right along with the evangelist, how many know we wouldn't be in the doldrums...I'm glad you say, "Amen," so I'm not the only HERETIC. How many know that really, in your own heart? We wouldn't have this awful strange frustration and path that we've come to, the path that we're in now, had we been OPEN and PATIENT with God, and OBEDIENT, to allow Him...to do what? Allow Him to have all these GIFTS IN THE CHURCH TO HAVE THEIR PLACE OF FUNCTIONING. But we don't. Now we're paying the price for it. And maybe you don't know it, but I travel a great deal and I get reactions from our Pentecostal people everywhere. Do you know that because of that very lack of teaching, to open the word of God and to direct souls, Spiritual direction, a Spiritual understanding of the making of a Spirit and a soul and it's doings, because of that very lack in our own Pentecostal groups today, there are dozens who have gone into all other fields for it. They certainly have, and I know it. They come to me afterwards. Now why is that? You don't have to go to any of those fields, if you would pay attention to what God has given us in this Word; we have ALL of that. ALL that's necessary. But you see, it's not been brought out, it's not been FED to the people, they are not instructed, they are not led on. And so those who are intelligent enough to say, "Well what about this thing anyway? What about THIS?" They are intelligent, persevering Spirits, well, they say, "If I can't get it in Pentecost, I'll get it somewhere else!" And off they go! I know any number of them! I know LEADERS, too. Now, that to me is a very sorry plight. That ought NOT to be. That ought NOT to be, at all. But you see, if you are CARELESS, and THOUGHTLESS, in the THINGS OF GOD, you will always end in DISASTER. You can't PLAY with God, and you can't PRETEND with Him. He says, "THIS is the way, walk ye in it." Well, it you WALK NOT in it, how many know you're not going to be IN IT? THIS is the way, walk in THIS... THIS IS THE WAY! Well, it you're going to inaugurate a new one, you won't come out with what God wants, you'll never have the objective gained; not at all.

8. So, with our teaching. Now with this he says, "Feed me with food that is convenient," it brought to my mind some of these little verses that I've jotted down with a lead pencil here on a piece of paper. I hope I can gather them up; I want you to get them. The FOOD WHICH IS CONVENIENT---doesn't mean that ALL FOOD at ALL TIMES the proper thing for ALL PEOPLE. It couldn't be. He says that in the growth of anything, even in nature, there's always a PROCESS. He says, "First the blade, then the ear, then the corn in the ear..." How many see a progression right away? He doesn't say, "Plant the seed

and you'll have a beautiful crop of corn tomorrow." No, you don't. He says, "You have to have a LAW OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. You will have certain periods in the growth when certain things are phenomenally manifest. They should be. Then that drops OUT. Then you will have a new FORM, and a new FORM, and finally He says, you will find CORN in the ear. But you didn't find that the next day after you planted the corn. Everything in God is like that, but we are not PATIENT enough, we live in the age of gadgets, where you push everything and have it in two minutes. And you try to drag that mechanism over into the realm of the Spirit, and it just WILL NOT WORK. It just will not work! THERE ARE NO "SHORTCUTS" TO GLORY. There are NONE. There is no short way about it at all. You have to take the ESTABLISHED FORM, the LAWS which He has established, and become FAMILIAR with them, obedient to them, and you shall LIVE. But if you defy them, ignore them, and try to get through on some other basis, you'll be frustrated, and in the END, you'll never reach your GOAL. You won't go to HELL, but you come out at the end of life, with such a MEAGER showing. Such a little, meager showing of anything of God. And we SHOULD be continually, INSTRUMENTS GLORIFYING HIM. When Peter was speaking, He said, "Desire the sincere MILK of the Word." Well why? Because there is a PHASE of this wonderful Truth, which is likened unto MILK. Now MILK is a GOOD DIET. It's quite suitable for a beginner. A person who is saved and filled with the Spirit, and has some little movings of God in his heart; he is a BABE. Now it's possible to remain a babe like that for 10, 15, or 20 years, and some people are 75 years old and are nothing but mere babes in Christ! Because they have never MATURED, they have never come PAST the elementary MILK of the Word.

9. Now why did He say to "desire it?" Why, people say, "I desire the Word of God so that I can be an efficient worker! That's why I want to know the Bible, so that I can be a great worker!" He wasn't talking about work. He was NOT talking about working for the Lord at all. He was giving us a simple analogy. And he said, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may G R O W!!! How many get that? Do you get it? How many see PROGRESSION? How many see an EXPANSION? How many sense TIME? NOT an immediate POSSESSION. "Desire the sincere milk of the Word that you should be 'satisfied?'" No! "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may GROW under the power of it; under it's IMPACT. IT WILL BEGIN TO RELEASE YOU AND SET YOU FREE. It will begin to do miracles IN you, so that you will not be that same old static thing that you were placed maybe years ago. You will find yourself strangely moved by God, coming OUT OF, and INTO something fresh and new IN HIM. Now don't be frightened if anything like that happens to you. Because it is possible that He may deal with your emotional REACTIONS in these fields, and it is the tendency of this human, this natural creature, the tendency is, to RETAIN, all, if possible, ALL of the EMOTIONAL REACTIONS WHICH FITTED YOU IN THAT SCHEME. But when He moves you into your NEXT ORDER, you want to drag all of that along with you, so that you can have it repeated again, and again, and again. Now, God does a very daring thing. Sometimes, He DARES, with some Spirits who are willing to TAKE it, to say, "Now I'm NOT going to please you with that right away. You'll find enough emotional reaction, and you'll be greatly blessed. But it may not take the form that it did when you were a BABE IN CHRIST." How many see that now? Some who are older can see that. Some can't NOW, and I'm not blaming you if you don't. Any babe in Christ, I'm not going to scare you. I just want to let you know that there is such a thing as GROWTH.
10. So He says, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may GROW thereby." The whole idea was a DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH. That brings me to the TWO choice words that I like in my Christian experience. I've been moving along in this REALM for a long time. I told you yesterday I had my 50th jubilee year in Pentecost. This is 51, and I'm going up toward 80. So you see, I have a little "background" built up, and I have a right to speak as I do. People would say, "You're so egotistical!" I don't think so. I think a parent, when he's raised a couple dozen youngsters, and they crawl on the floor; how many think the father and mother are "egotistical" because they know the young one is going to fall down several times before he walks? Do you think THAT'S egotistical? I don't think it is. I think it's common sense. Well now somebody would think, "Well now,

he thinks he's smart because he knows about that child." Why shouldn't you? If you'd studied a child until it's grown, why shouldn't you know some of it's attitudes and reactions? You should! It's not a sign of being egotistical or proud. It's a sign that you've got some sense. If I should practice that piano for 50 years, good, intensive practice for 50 years, how many of you would think it would be very strange if I could put on a concerto here? Would you think that that would be very strange? No, it should be very becoming. I ought to be able to play seven or eight of them right from memory after 50 years of work, shouldn't I? Well some people are amazed; yesterday, some were disturbed about me. I know them, because I can feel their spirits. And I don't say anything, I always say, "Merry Christmas," and be "happy" about it. Because that's the only way to do. Disturbed. You needn't be disturbed. I KNOW whereof I am speaking. I've LIVED. I've LIVED. I've been pushing through in this field for YEARS making what I call DISCOVERIES. Just little discoveries of TRUTH. Discoveries of HOW God DOES THINGS. Discoveries of how a human being will ACT AND REACT under given conditions. I have observed how a spirit will act when God does this and when He does that. By and by you find out HOW God works. You find out how HE WORKS.

11. There are two words that I like in this experience that I am having with God. Somebody asks me, "Well now how do you define God?" Well I said, "That's impossible." I don't define Him. Do you know what I do? I EXPERIENCE HIM. Isn't that better? Don't you think it's better to EXPERIENCE Him than to be able to tell everything about Him? How many KNOW what I mean? You EXPERIENCE Him. You can't put it on a piece of paper. You couldn't make a little "schedule" about it or a definition. No, no, no. He is INFINITE. A FINITE being trying to bring INFINITY down in several words on a piece of paper? Well who ever heard of a thing as silly as that? You can't do that. However, it IS possible for us to EXPERIENCE HIM. I know SOMETHING of Him. I have made SOME discoveries. But He's so INFINITE. You see, what we have now are our concepts of God, relative to cessation, time and space, and what we call...cut out of eternity; this is as much as we know about God. How much of God do you think that there is BEFORE we had THAT? Come on. Think back there. How much of God do you think was back there, before He was manifested in anything we call TIME AND SPACE? I think there was plenty of God to "go around." Well, who are we to define Him? And yet I taught theology and doctrine in Bible colleges for years, and was I ever happy when I taught my LAST class. Because I was getting terribly RESTLESS in it. I knew all the time I was moving in that field, I was a professor, I knew all the time, "Oh God, we haven't struck FIRE yet! This is all very wonderful, and it's true, absolety true, intellectually very keen, but it doesn't strike FIRE!" When I found it, I found it in HIM. It was the day of my LIBERTY AND MY RELEASE. It was just like I came OUT of an old FORM...OF RELIGION...I was saved and filled with the Spirit too! But you know, you can HAVE ALL OF THAT, and NOT much of GOD. You have a DOCTRINAL idea. After I found the REALITY that was in TOUCHING HIM.
12. Now these two words; I'll give them to you. I've been working with them for so long. They were common in the life of Christ, in the development of Christ from the human aspect. You see, when Jesus came...I wish we could get some of the charts that they have in Sunday schools burned up. Because they are terribly misleading. They are very bad. They ARE. They're horrible! They have Him walking around, with a white gown on, and a big moon back of His head, and all like this...He never looked like that on God's earth! That's some artist's idea, to make it idealistic, we call it in art. And it's very misleading! Now if we could get away from so many of these TRADITIONAL things, and really come into a CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD, and the Truth, and the lovely Christ as He is NOW in this relation, do you know what you'd do? You'd scare the wits out of some of you, so I don't want to tell you. You just "say your prayers" and go to heaven, like that, but the rest of you who could take it, it would so UPSET you, that you would just have to have an awful "fit" on God to get through with you. Yeah. Because all these things, you'd see them all going down the road, "Oh my grandmother Felicsha!" "She's dead and gone, BELIEVE HERE!" Well, that's right. Still holding onto grandmother's petticoats somewhere. Don't do that. There's such a lovely presence, I call it AN INVASION OF GOD going on all the time. I feel Him in the world. I feel Him, just like He's pushing

in, like that, all the time. Are you conscious of that or aren't you? I feel toward the end of this period, in time, it's just like heaven is pushing toward the earth in it's LAST struggle. It's just that I feel it in my Spirit. It's that INVASION, the PUSH. I call it the HOLY URGE OF GOD. And some Spirits become quite conscious of it, and quite overwhelmed with it. They should be. Others are not, and I'm very charitable with them. That's all right, I'm not judging them at all. I just say, "I'm sorry you don't have it," that's all. And then we go on.

13. Moving with Him, when Jesus was here, I mean now from His human aspect, the human manifestation. He was ETERNALLY, GOD THE SON. He IS eternally God the Son. Ever shall be God the Son. Second member of the Trinity. But, when He came to earth, He lays ASIDE all those perogatives which He had in the Godhead. NOT His divinity or diety, NOT THAT. But the PRIVILEGES which He might have had there in position. The EXPERIENCE that He had, He lays that aside, and assumes, and He WRAPS ABOUT HIM A HUMAN CONCEPT OF MAN. Now don't get THAT mixed up with His BODY. Your HUMAN BODY is one thing, your HUMAN NATURE is another. And most people, when they think of Jesus as being INCARNATE, in flesh, they just think that Jesus had a body, walking around IN a body. He DID! But He was a partaker of the HUMAN NATURE!! Which is VESTED IN THE BODY HERE! But it was HOLY. It was SINLESS. It was LIMITED and it was DEPENDENT. It was LIMITED because He was being the LAST ADAM. I won't go into that now, but that's a good field. But I'm tempted. But what I want to get into is this. While He ASSUMES this relationship toward humanity, as the MAN CHRIST JESUS, ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, JESUS the Shepherd? No. Now He IS the Shepherd, but don't do that! Jesus the Messiah? No, He IS the Messiah but don't do THAT! LEAVE IT AS GOD HAS PUT IT!! There is ONE MEDIATOR, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS! How many get THAT, or don't you? He is the MAN Christ Jesus. He has become the MEDIATOR. He is ETERNALLY THE SON! But He has assumed a new role. He is the LAST ADAM appearing.
14. Now this Adam, has to GLORIFY God, and fulfill all the desire of the heart of God, which God had when He created the FIRST ONE. But you see, in the very first testing, he (Adam) FAILED. And God's satisfaction; He never HAD any satisfaction at all. He creates Adam, and in the VERY FIRST test to prove him, he CRASHES. And all creation crashes with him. So that God never found in that man the thing that He had in mind when He created him. But He's GOING TO FIND IT in this "next one." So when He brings forth Jesus Christ, He is called, "THE LAST ADAM." Not, "just Jesus!" THE LAST ADAM!!! He is the MESSIAH, A PROPHET, THE LAST ADAM, A MAN!!! Now get that. Some of you don't yet. You're still thinking of Him, as "a God," walking around doing anything He wanted to, press buttons and everything. He did NOT. He prayed because HE HAD TO. You can't get that. He DID. He was LIMITED AND DEPENDENT in this mode, and the mode of EXPRESSION. Now what has to happen? TWO things have to happen to Him that will have to happen to US, it we are at all IDENTIFIED WITH HIM. It says of Him, now this is in this natural, material, evidence; and He demonstrated what God wanted man to BE. As He walked about, it said, "He GREW." How many remember that? "He GREW. He GREW." In what? Every phase, from His physical up to the very Spiritual. Every bit of it. As a MAN, He had to GROW. He wasn't, "Oh He's just God. He can just do anything." Now don't DO that! He was a child, a little baby, nursing at Mary's breast. Did He sit up one day and say, "Here mom! I'm God's Son, what's the use of Me doing this business?" Don't be ridiculous! How many know He IS God's Son? How many know He's LAID THAT ASIDE? It's not to be GRASP AT. But He has LIMITED HIMSELF TO BECOME WHAT WE ARE. I don't see HOW people can't love Him. When I think of Him like that, it just KILLS me. Who couldn't love a man like that? Who couldn't love a man like that? That He sould dain to do that for for and for me. What does He do? It says He GREW. How many see PROCESS. How many see PROCESS. It was NOT an INSTANTANEOUS POSSESSION; it was a PROCESS. What is the other word? He LEARNED. "Though He were a Son of God, yet LEARNED He!" How many get that verse, or don't you know that verse in the Bible. In my Bible at least. How many can see a terrific HUMILIATION on His part, and a terrible DEPENDENCE. Oh, this glorious Christ! Don't you love Him? "Though He were a Son, learned He yet OBEDIENCE through the things which He suffered." Imagine Jesus Christ LEARNING OBEDIENCE! He DID! The

scripture says so. "Well if He's God Almighty...." He IS God Almighty! But He's not depending on that "God Almighty Sonship"INSIDE! He's laid that aside, and says, "I will assume this limited creature of MAN. And I will BEAR it, and carry it in it's TRIUMPH to God." Which He DID.

15. So here you find TWO words. GROWING AND LEARNING. Do you know why I like them? Because there's nothing STATIC about it. There's nothing FINISHED about it. It's an ETERNAL PROCESS. It is A PROGRESSIVE MOVING OF SPIRIT BACK AGAIN TO GOD WHERE IT BELONGS. The Holy Spirit has come to TAKE us. We don't BELONG HERE. This little time we call down here, fooling around, with all of it's clatter, it's just a little PROBATION, just a little fleeting time in which we are able to make THE ELEMENTARY AND FUNDAMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS OF SPIRITUAL LIVING. That's ALL we can hope to do HERE. There's not too much maturity. Some, but the REAL, vital thing that He is after is a SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT TO REALITY. A SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION OF TRUTH, OF GOD. His objective. It takes some years to get that; you don't get it in a minute. You're not supposed to. What babe in Christ would know anything about it? He'll know about singing and having a nice time; that's all right, let him alone. I wouldn't take the rattle box out of any little child's hands. Would you? I think it's right. But I wouldn't want a person 75 or 80 with a rattle box, would you? I'd say, "There's something horribly wrong here, somewhere." It's all right for a certain period, absolutely. But here He says, YOU GROW.
16. Now I want to give you another little illustration of that. I don't know how long you talk here. I'll talk just a minute more. I want to give you this illustration from the Word, to help you to see it. And also, in this word, is a discovery of the weakness of that early church. They were BEGINNERS. We have 2000 years of experience back of us and it's time we know something. I don't blame those early disciples and apostles making funny mistakes, do you? I don't blame them, because they were just coming into a NEW LIFE. They were coming out of an old Judaistic set-up of LAW, and coming into this lovely, gracious, moving of God, and brought into what Jesus had introduced, a KINGDOM LIFE. A realm of Spirit. The OT didn't have that. He says, "I have brought this. This is what I have brought. A kingdom. A SPIRITUAL REALM OF REALITY, into which you may be BIRTHED. And you now, start LIVING IN THIS, IN THIS REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY AND TRUTH. You will learn the laws of SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT, something of the WAYS of that LIFE, that when you GO, there will be something of a deposit of LIGHT, AND LIFE, AND TRUTH in you, that can ADAPT itself in another age." You see, we are born for so long. But most have this idea of heaven and hell. "Now you get saved and you're saved out of hell, and you're saved over into heaven. And when you die we'll all go to heaven, and here's heaven!" And it's all a great big sort of a picnic ground, I don't know, funny kind of an idea. Well HEAVEN is wonderful, but if you're going to make it a PROJECTION of your frustrated hopes and desires and loves and things that you have WANTED here and you have been DENIED; that's most always the concept that you have of heaven in the last analysis, is a "glorified disappointment HERE" projected over there and "made happy." How many get it or don't you? Sure. That's the way you make it. I wish I didn't know anything about it. It would be so very nice just to say, "Merry Christmas, ha, ha..." But you know I can't. Horrible. Horrible. They never make any place in that scheme for GROWTH or DEVELOPMENT at all. They think if you're TRANSLATED, and the bugle sounds, and OOOOOH! "We shall all be transformed! Oh, we're all going to be matured saints!" Well, there will never be a greater disappointment in heaven than THAT! When people wake up and find out that they are only just exactly what they had when they went up! You'll have a new BODY! A glorified body! But the thing that is going to live in the glorified body is going to be THAT OLD YOU THAT YOU ARE in YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE! That's all. Did you know that? Just what you ARE IN SPIRIT, TODAY! The SPIRITUAL ACCUMULATION, THE SPIRITUAL VITALITY, THE SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION, ALL OF THAT WHICH GOD HAS BEEN ABLE TO BRING INTO YOU OF SPIRITUAL WORTH, THAT IS ALL THAT IS TRANSLATED, AND PUT OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE!!! And when you get there, you will not, "Oh,oh, now I'm a mature saint!" THIS is the place where you LEARN. That's HARD, and not ONE said, "Amen." I'm going to say it, "Amen, Lord," because I believe it! Why do they sing all those "trashy" things for? Sing and get "blessed" to death on a

lot of foolishness! You can't find a thing in the scripture about it. You'll find it in TRADITIONS and singing books. As I said the other day, you can get blessed singing the multiplication tables if you get the right "tempo." Sure can, all get blessed and all they're singing is the multiplication tables. I know it. Well, WHY be deceived like that? HERE AND NOW IS THE TIME WHEN WE MAKE OUR SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. Our understandings of the SPIRITUAL REALITIES. The subjection of this strange creature, that's "dragged up out of the pit," all broken to pieces, all messed up! How many liked yourself when you found out what you were!!? Sit down!!! I never heard of anyone liking themselves when he found out what under heavens he was like, did you? "Hallelujah! Here I am!!" No. You didn't. You said, "Oh God, my God...I'm not on the earth, but UNDER the earth!" Why? Because you had just a slight glimse of the potentials of that creature that Jesus came to SAVE. Isn't that so? Just that funny little creature that He came to save. But He loves them you see.

17. Now, He says, "I've brought you into this kingdom. I want to teach you all these ways. The WAYS of living." When Jesus came, how many remember how, one time, He told in very short, digest form, His whole MISSION? He says, "I have come to REDEEM the world!!?" No, He didn't. "Well, didn't He?" Yeah, but THAT isn't what He SAID. "Well, the singingbook says so." Well, I'm not talking about the singing book, I'm talking about the Bible. "I have come to save all out of Hell." No, He didn't. He talked very LITTLE about hell, and very little about heaven. Evangelism today does. Evangelism today, vibrates between two issues. The negative is hell, and the positive is heaven. And with most, this heaven is an escape mechanism. "Do thus and so, and you shall go to heaven." Then we make our escape and we get OUT of this mess! See. That's right, sure. I wish I didn't know all about that. I'm always saying, "Blessed are all the ignorant folks, because they are always getting blessed to death and don't know the difference." You know. It's horrible. Jesus didn't talk that way at all. He didn't say, "I have come to...die on Calvary!" He DID die on Calvary, but He didn't SAY that! WHAT did He say? He said the most vital, fundamental thing that He could possibly say. "I have come that you may have LIFE, and that more abundantly!" Now why do you sit around trying to fuddelly-diddle on other things!? "I have come that you may have LIFE, and that more abundantly."
18. All right. HOW will you get the life? Oh, now you get into the philosophy of Calvary. THRU DEATH SHALL COME LIFE, and in there is all the lovely picture of His atoning work. But He didn't say, "I have come to die." But, "I have come to bring LIFE," but I will bring it by death on Calvary, but it's the LIFE that I've brought!" Now WHY did He say that? Why didn't He say, "I've brought LOVE, because God is love."? "Well, God is LOVE so I'll bring love?" He COULDN'T say that! He had to say, "I have come to bring you LIFE, because the WHOLE ISSUE between broken humanity and God is a question of LIFE AND DEATH, NOT heaven and hell!" Do you know that or don't you? I wish every evangelist knew it! The issue is NOT heaven and hell, the issue is LIFE AND DEATH!! Jesus talked more about life and death than He even did about heaven hell! But you don't want to tell anybody that, then you aren't "fundamental." Well, I'm Biblemental then. Whatever you call it, I go by the Bible. By the Bible. But do you see where traditions have got us? TRADITION will do that. Jesus put all His teaching; it was all embraced between these two extremities: LIFE AND DEATH. "I have come to bring you LIFE! You ARE in death. But I will bring LIFE." Why? BECAUSE LIFE WAS THE THING WHICH WAS SACRIFICED IN THE THE VERY BEGINNING. "In the day in which thou eatest thereof, thou shalt go to hell?" NO!!!! "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt fall from grace?" NO!! NO!! "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt backslide?" Uhhh! How many ever heard preaching like that? I've heard bushels of it. "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt DIE!" How many see DEATH was the penalty? All right. DEATH is the penalty. EVERYTHING IS IN DEATH. Everything lies in death. Death! Death! "I have come that you may have LIFE...OUT of this death." Now where's Calvary? We'll GET Calvary, and the resurrection and all those things IN! But you get this thing straightened out first!
19. When He teaches, He lets all this Truth vibrate continually between these two antithesis.



LIFE AND DEATH. Life and death. Life and death. KEEP it there. KEEP it there. Oh, it's so much easier to preach it from some other angle. The escape from the "torment of hell," and the escape that some seek with harps. THAT'S so much easier. No, I wish I didn't know anything sometimes; I'd be so "happy." But you know, when you know things it nearly KILLS you. I get so disturbed and so burdened. I don't know how to get thru with it. I've seen REALITY, that's all. I have found some REALITY, and it's so REVOLUTIONIZING, so revolutionizing, that I was reading a poem the other day, a lovely poem called, "My Task." I love it so. The task of the scholar and the teacher; his task is to LEARN, and learn, and ever learn...and DIE, and lie embalmed...in praise. It says, "My task is to FORGET, to forget, to forget...forget ALL, but ONE." How many get it or don't you? Those who are living the longest, how many times we just had to look back at the things we just had to forget. Forget them. You forget them, they're not the ESSENTIAL at all. For the time being, because they have a hypnotizing power about the spirit, you HOLD to them. I'm not judging you, because that's the WAY IT IS. By and by, God in His mercy will help you to see through that. And then by His grace say, "Oh Lord! Take it, take it, take it away! I don't want it really, Lord! I'm all mixed up in it Lord! If it isn't real..." He says, "I'll take it away." How many know He takes it away? He WILL, if you're HONEST. He will if you're honest. And you begin to see... for FORGETTING.

20. Now here is this little text. The first part of text is really given over in Ephesians, I'll read it, don't look it up, because it will disturb you. I want you to listen to it. This is Paul, telling now, about this lovely Body, that God has got out of the world, this lovely group of Spirits; redeemed, brought out of damnation and darkness; I call it the CONFINES OF A NATURAL ENTANGLEMENT. They are RELEASED through the POWER OF TRUTH. The BLOOD OF JESUS CLEANSSES YOU FROM SIN. But the POWER OF TRUTH will cleanse you from all of these strange TRADITIONAL things. There's a DOUBLE cleansing, continually. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in Whom all the building, fitly framed together groweth unto a Holy Temple in the Lord. In Whom ye also are build- ed together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Isn't that a lovely picture? Isn't that a lovely picture? A HOLY TEMPLE. Well, what went on IN the Holy Temple? Well, if you're careful, you'll find it had to do wholly with the things of God. In the Holy Temple, it has to do with PRAYER, outpouring, intercession, worship, adoration; all that pertains to God is all GODWARD. That's all the ministry in the temple. And He says, "I am making you a temple. Each one of you a STONE in this temple, that ye may be a HABITATION FOR GOD." For what? For ALL that goes on in the TEMPLE OF GOD. Isn't that sweet? Oh, I think that's so sweet. STONES fitted together. Think of the hours He's spent chipping us off, chipping us down, getting us so we can FIT. Great hunks of flesh coming off and by and by after a while He gets the little stones out as big as that. He says, "I'm going to fit that in the temple." You say, "Where is it Lord?" He says, "That's YOU. You looked like a MOUNTAIN when I first got you, but that's what you REALLY are. But you ARE in the temple. A stone." Why? That in this temple, God shall find a place. "Now I...I...I..." Don't...no. Get that old pronoun out of the road. You're going to do some things out there for Him, but those are incidental things. He's after YOU and He's after ME.
21. Now, when He says that,...that is His teaching, I want you to read another portion that He gives. This is the idea picture that we are this TEMPLE. Now turn to Hebrews and I want to read a little bit in there. "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach YOU again, which be the first principles of the oracles of God. And have become such as have need of MILK, and not of STRONG MEAT." What is he doing? This is Paul writing to the Christian people. Lovely Christian people; they had a revival, and they were all filled with the HOLY Spirit, and they had all the gifts, and they were just splendid, lovely, beautiful material. He looked at them and said, "What's the matter with you bunch? I can't teach you anything, because you're still working around with the MILK bottle. I can't do a THING with you. Not that's you're

wicked; you're all go to heaven. Don't worry a thing about that. Maybe have a harp or two, something to please you." But THAT isn't what he's talking about. Not at all. He says, "I would like to teach you, but I can't." Why? "Because you still have need of understanding the ELEMENTARY MILK." MILK that should belong to a Christian in his first simple years of his experience, and never understood what the milk was at all. "Hallelujah, hallelujah, I'm drinking up the milk, and the bottle..." And I said, "What under the heavens is the matter with you? What are you doing? "Well, milk!" I said, "I hope so..." What can you do with people like that!? Oh no. Don't hurt them, they don't know anything anyway, you can't spank them, that wouldn't help them. Little babies running around with milk bottles, "Hallelujah! I've got the milk! You got a milk bottle, I've got a milk bottle, we've all got a milk bottle, everybodys got a milk bottle!" Well... that's the way they were, he said so, he said, "You're still messing around with that, and I would like to teach you, but you have NO EARS. You have no ears."

22. Now let's finish it. "For everyone that uses MILK is UNSKILLFUL in the Word of righteousness." Now that's right. MILK Christians are NOT skillful in this Word at all. They found out SALVATION, and you'll go to heaven on that, but they're NOT skillful. There's no skill about them! BECAUSE THE SKILL IS NOT DEVELOPED BY DRINKING MILK! It is NOT. Milk is NECESSARY for your FIRST ELEMENTARY STAGE OF GROWTH. "For he is a BABE..." this is terrible language, but this is the way he put it; I didn't put it this way..."but STRONG MEAT belongs to them that are of FULL AGE, even those who by..." uuh, this is a tough one, "who by praying constantly and fasting, and seeking the Lord, and getting ahold of God..." Oh no...all that...put THAT out the window. "Even those who BY REASON OF USE have their SENSES EXERCISED..." oh, that's a "bad" one..!to discern both good and evil." How many see some terrifically, practical, living in there, or don't you? It's terrifying. It's terrifying. "Who have had their senses exercised to 'finally discern, and the Word begins to open.'"
23. Now he goes on. Continue that same thought. Listen to what he says to them. "Therefore LEAVING the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us GO ON TO PERFECTION, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God, and doctrines of baptisms, and laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment..." Don't, don't, don't play around with that anymore! Those are the FOUNDATION stones in the building. They are all revealed in the work and character of Christ. "Now let us go on to PERFECTION," now that's a POOR WORD. Because the minute he says, "Now let us go on to perfection," everybody tries to be holy, and not wear breastpins and "be holy." It hasn't ANYTHING to do with that! Put that out of the window, please. He's not talking about it. He's not talking about "holiness" at all! There IS a place where it says, "Be ye HOLY," that's all right, but don't get that mixed in HERE! He says, "Now here is your FOUNDATION which is laid. Jesus Christ is the first, the cornerstone. The apostles and prophets which have laid the foundation of all our heritage, with the foundation stones of salvation, and the baptism, and all the foundation stones, let us now GO ON TO OUR COMPLETION." That's the better word, telios, that's the Greek word, if you have a Greek text. "Telios," that's the completion, the end, the FINISH. Why? Well, he said we have begun a building. "We have begun a building. The foundation is here. Now you are the stones that are to be fitted together. Let us LEAVE this foundation. Don't FORSAKE it, don't DENY it, don't go BACK on it; KEEP it where it belongs, but GO ON!!!" Suppose a man wants to build a building. And he lays a good, strong, beautiful foundation. And every two or three weeks he goes around, "Praise the Lord, the foundation is laid! Hallelujah! And the foundation is laid!" The people would say, "What are you doing?" "Oh Hallelujah! The foundation is laid! No man can lay a better one!" And they ran to tell about the foundation!!" "Well for mercies sake, what are you doing with it?" "Well, I don't know, but it's all laid, hallelujah! Christ is the cornerstone!" Well, that's what was happening HERE. And he stopped them. He criticized them. He rebuked them. He says, "LEAVING YOUR FOUNDATION! Now LEAVE it alone, I want to GO ON building UP. Go on, LEAVE IT!" "Whaaaaa..." "No, don't cry!" "Whaaaaa..." "No, don't cry! Go on!" To what? To a FINISHING, "TELIOS", the end, the completion. That's what

God is after in I don't know HOW MANY LIVES. And they are mixed up with this, and they think because He pushes them up a little from the foundation, that they'll just die... and they all go back again, and they have a meeting about it...that's the way they do. I say, "For mercies sake, that stone ought to have been laid forty years ago in this lovely building that God is building." How many get it or don't you see it? And when God starts trying to RELEASE you so that you can become the stones fitted together in this lovely, lovely, marvelous, Spiritual LIFE...then you think something terrible's happened, or you're backslidden. No. "Oh, I can't see You...I think..." Oh, for mercies sake, STOP THAT! Don't play with that. Please don't. It isn't a matter of EMOTIONAL REACTION, they're nice and good where they belong, but I feel just as good when I don't feel good, and so it doesn't matter when I don't feel good. That's the way it is with me. But some can't move unless they get, "Ohhhhh!" Horrible. You live by FAITH! You live in the Spirit! You live up there with HIM. And if you happen to have a thrill, say, "Thank you, Lord, that was nice." And GO ON. Maybe you won't have one for six months, I don't know, because you aren't messing around with it, you aren't thinking about it. You're involved with this other thing that GOD IS DOING. The BUILDING. "Let us go on to our COMPLETION." How many got anything this morning? Really did you get things to think about? Well, now if you have, that satisfies my heart, to know that you're getting on with some of these things. I don't write sermons you know. I never do that. I can't be bothered with it. But I get some verses. It makes it fresh, and spontaneous, and REAL. If you think you could take a little bit more, come back this afternoon, and I'll give you an illustration from the word of God with REAL people acting in it, so you'll know it's "really Bible!" How many know you had some Truth anyway? You can't put your hand on every verse though can you? But how many know Truth when you hear it? Sure, you ought to know Truth by now. Well, if you come back this afternoon, I want to take up this idea of EATING. "Give me the food which is convenient, the portion which is mine," I want to take that, and put it over into your OT with a real, dramatic picture. A real picture, actually, and give you the text and the story, and show you how interested God is in our DIET. Our Spiritual diet. MILK is GOOD. But don't stay on the milk bottle too long. MEAT is better. STRONG MEAT is still better. And when you do, it doesn't mean that you can't go back and have a drink of milk once in awhile. Why shouldn't you. But I'll tell you, those who are drinking milk, they can never come up and have a beef steak. But how many know that people can eat steak and go back and drink milk? Isn't that nice? Those who are taking the strongest meat, how many know they can go back and reuoice in a glass of milk? Sure. But I'll tell you something, people who are still drinking milk, how many know they have no capacity to get into the strong meat? That has to be developed, and formed, and shaped in you.

24. Precious Lord, take all this broken bread, it's all broken to pieces. But that's the way You've given it to us, and You've given us enough to think about, and pray about, and believe. And let it have power and effect in our lives. Oh, we covet these people for Thee. There are hungry ones here today. Feed them, teach them, show them the way. Don't let them be discouraged, but help them be encouraged to move on with God into this field to possess their inheritance and their right. For Jesus' sake. Amen.