

TRINITY OF BEING: PERSONALITY I  
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1. ...called the blind seer. After supper some of us were sitting here, and I told you of this Dr. Tyler who comes to visit me. Some of you were present. Well, this Dr. Tyler is a very fine preacher. Presbyterian, but he's seeking God in His fullness. And he comes to my home so often for prayer, and counsel, and help. And when he was graduated from Edinborough University a few years ago, he took his doctor's degree there, his thesis which he wrote for his graduation was "The Blind Seer." And of course, being in Scotland, he toured all through the country, and looked up this Madison's life, you see. And then wrote his thesis. And it was credited with very fine favor, but they asked him to publish it. So he's published his thesis, enlarged on it in book. He brought it up one day, he said, "Now Follette, here's something. Here's an autographed copy of my thesis." And he wrote about this man. Well, then I said, "You looked up his history?" "Oh, yes," he said, "I've looked it thoroughly." Well, then I said, "Help me." How many have heard that he wrote this because of a HEARTBREAK? Well, he says that is merely a MYTH. You see, they thought it was because he had a romance and a love affair, and when he was becoming blind, the girl whom he loved so very much passed him up. Now that, he says, is purely a myth. But it makes a romantic myth. And people enjoy romance, even though it's not a real thing. There's something in the human heart that enjoys that. He said, "No, Follette." He says, "I've been in his home, and at the home, I've looked up all of this material. His papers and everything." He had four men in research work before he finished his book. He says, "I know." He says, "No. That's purely a myth." But he was a very, very wonderful man. Teacher and preacher. He TAUGHT as much as he did PREACH. He was a great teacher and well as a great preacher. And this is a little epitemy of his life process. He has found the love of God so TRANSFORMING, and he'd SURRENDERED TO IT. Then he found this PROCESS that I'm teaching all the time. LIFE OUT OF DEATH. Surrender UNTO. And then LIFE coming up out of it. "Oh Love that will not let me go..." Not at all, it WILL NOT. If you once become CONSECRATED, that love of God persists. He persists to the LAST MINUTE. Because the soul is precious to Him. And that's why in people who get out of touch with Him, the love of God still is SEEKING. Seeking. The SEEKING GOD....until even though a person forgets, God will NOT forget. He will still COME, tapping. That's why we have that wonderful picture in Revelation of Jesus standing at the door and knock. Do you notice where that is inserted, where it come in in the Revelation? It's after the writings to all of the seven churches. And the seven churches, He always begins with the preface, "I know thy works." Because He knows, psychologically, that's almost always the first item a person's interested in dealing with God...is to give Him something, show Him something to interest Him in what he HAS. And that's the LEAST of God's concerns. I over and over emphasize it to my students. God is more concerned in the SERVANT, the person, than any service he will ever render. That's true, but if the horse is behind the cart's in front of it in our philosophy today, and almost all the teaching we have. Seminaries and colleges always over accent the fact of MINISTRY and WORK! And leaves the PERSONALITY OUT! God is interested in the personality. And the reshaping, recasting, and rebuilding of him, through THE MEDIA OF THE SERVICE which he renders! Therefore, a person is of greater value to God than anything he'll ever DO. You can build 27,000 cathedrals, but if YOU in person have not come up to God, He doesn't care anything about the cathedrals, He's after YOU! Therefore, in the Revelation, we said the other night, the first greeting, the first word that He has to say to them, every church, He has the same salutation, they come before Him and He says, "I know thy works! Now, we won't take time to discuss it. I know all about that. But I have somewhat to say to you. I'm dealing with YOU. Not your ministry." Now to get that over, you know, is something terrific. You try it; I've been battling with it for all these many years. Battling with it to try to get that logically arranged in the thinking of people. You can't get them with the preachers; I'm almost hopeless with them. Because they are so WORK CONSCIOUS, and building conscious, and "progressing," and greater doings, that they've lost track of what IT IS ALL ABOUT! So in that picture, He has sever churches, and everyone He has to greet them the same. Then AFTER He has found no welcome in the sense of FULL ENTRANCE, He closes it because He has approached the whole group FIRST. Well, God always works with REMNANTS. He couldn't get Israel as a whole to get the vision at all. There had to be just a little REMNANT out of it. But God is a God

of REMNANTS. He never gets the whole group as a group to see the vision to "move with Me," He never does. Israel never got the vision of it. It was just a little handful out of it. The church gets the vision in the first, and no capacities to HOLD it, no instruction to know what it's about; they launch right out on the WRONG foot, and get into their service, and lose the thing that God is after. Their vision is ECLIPSED. So, if He can't get the churches, as He has dealt with these seven, He turns around and He says, "Behold, I'm not knocking at the church door now, or this door or that door. I'm knocking at the individual. I'm knocking now at YOUR door. Behold, I stand at the door." Now, the reason He puts it, "I stand at the door," it's a presentation of the ETERNAL ATTITUDE OF GOD. God's ETERNAL ATTITUDE is always standing at the door. That you can open it a thousand times, and yet He's always there with something fresh and something good. "Behold, I stand at the door and KNOCK." Now, it's CONDITIONAL. That little word, "if," throws the whole proposition into CONDITION. It's conditional, "IF any man... ." Now do you see, "ANY MAN," obliterates this idea of predestination that some people have. "I'm predestined to hell before I'm born!" Well, that's foolishness! No, He says, "If ANY MAN will open his heart, or listen, and OPEN..." Well, you have to HEAR first. "If ANY MAN HEAR My voice." You can't open without hearing first. "If any man HEAR," it takes some people a long time to hear, hardly get very much of an opening in life. Life is spent in trying to get somewhere in HEARING. "If any man HEAR MY VOICE, OPEN. I will come in, and..." two-fold. Not, "I will sup with them." "I will sup with HIM, and he with ME." How many of you see a RESTORATION of the ORIGINAL fellowship that He wanted in the very beginning? It's a RESTORATION, a coming back to the first principles that He had pronounced in Genesis with Adam. He made Adam that He might FELLOWSHIP with Him. He didn't make Adam to serve Him. I get so very tired of that attitude of "people helping God out," all the time. It bothers me. I try to get victory over it; they don't know what kind of a God they have! God does...He's not so stuck in the mud!! "You got to help poor God!" Well, I want to say, "Please, SIT DOWN!" They're HELPING God. No, no, no, no. That's all wrong! He allows us to be occupied. "IF," two things. "I will sup with HIM and he with ME." A restoration to the first objective in creation was that Adam should be in that situation. For sharing. And I asked the Lord about it. I said, "Why did You put it that way?" "Because," He says, "It's DOUBLE in sharing, not, 'I will sup with him.'" "But if I will sup with him with what he has to offer Me. Let him take the initiative to offer to Me. And I will share with what he has to offer, for I love the fellowship. I will sup with him with what he offers, and he will sup with Me." Well, I said, "Why did it go that way? Why didn't it say, 'You'll (man) sup first?'" "No," He says, "You couldn't do that. I sup with him first because he has so little to offer Me. It is soon exhausted. But what I offer to him in My supping with him is ETERNAL loaf of bread, that lasts through the eternal ages." Now wasn't that nice of God to tell me why He did that? Do you see it or don't you see that? "I sup with him," certainly. And He says, "Come." Well, how little WE have to OFFER! "I will sup with whatever he offers." God will take ANYTHING YOU'LL GIVE HIM. He's such a marvelous God. And I think, "What strange things we give Him!" In our little town, of course we have no little life at all. We have our...just nominal churches, and of course they're full of service, and all this, and every year they put these funny rummage sales on. And oh, they just, I think they're so "terrific." Coming to the house of God with an old, broken down birdcage to sale! And then say, "O Lord God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, here's a broken down birdcage!" Well, you know it all looks so ridiculous to me! It looks so ridiculous! I say it's a wonder that God doesn't "step on them" or something! And coming off with an old teapot with the handles off of it! I wish you could see some of the stuff that are in these rummage sales! They are amazing. And they are GIFTS to the "eternal, everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth!" As if He thanks you for a teapot that won't pour! How many of you get it or don't you see that? Well, what makes people do such ridiculous things? Maybe I'm funny, but I can't see it at all! I think it's insulting. God to His house and take a lot of trash that you haven't any use on earth for, and you say, "Give it to God!" Well, that's about what we OFFER. The best we have is not much more! So I said, "Now I see, 'I will sup with him. Let him give Me anything. I'll take him.'" You think God would take the steeple off the church and come down and say, "Throw that birdcage out the window!" He doesn't. He says, "Thank you. Thank you." And oh, I think He... We don't know Him very

well, do we? No, we don't. "I will sup with him and he with Me." Now there is that interchange. That FELLOWSHIP.

2. So what little we have to offer, God will take it. He's very pleased. Sometimes I think it's almost like children with their parents. How many know you parents have had to take some very simple things from your "sweeties?" Yes. And how many know, they really mean it? Yes. I remember one family, a Christian family, and they were Christians too...a world known family; you'd know this minute if I said the name. But I don't like to do that. But when they were children, and they told me before, in the same family there were two episodes of it that clung to me. How God is merciful. They were preparing to greet the father when he came home from a trip. And so the little girls, they'd gone out, you know, to get this beautiful bouquet, and they'd fix and all, and they had one child which was rather sub-normal. Wasn't crazy or anything, but you know, just sub-normal. And he wanted something too. And he went out and picked dandelions and leaves and had the funniest looking, crazy bouquet you ever want to see! But he was so happy picking it, and when they presented them, he came up to his father he gave that to him, and the father of course took it lovingly! Why wouldn't he? He could have kissed it! Not for the flowers! They were dandelions and leaves and everything. But the heart of the child was tied up in the bundle. And so they told me how wonderful their daddy was, and he took this from her. I won't tell his name! And took it like that. Another thing in that family that amused us...I wish we could learn it too. They were playing and they had...and I guess we had two in our family years ago. A little wooden Noah's Ark, and little wooden animals, and...how many ever remember that? We didn't have any toys in my day. We didn't have them. But that little toy ark had to last our family... my big sister played with it, then Mabelle played with it, then I had to play with it, ...it went the "rounds." If we had a toy, we never had more than two or three toys in the whole family. And they went the rounds of the family! Now you go home in my living room, right up here on the shelf, you'll find my little bank that I had when I was 7 years old. That's a long time ago. And it had a little combination on it. Little wheels. And it's...7S. The big wheel had seven numbers. And when you twisted it around, 7S, the door opens! You put pennies. Well, we were taught that toys were of value. And a feeling! There was sentiment with them. I have that. That's on my shelf. "What in the heavens are you doing with it? You're an old man, eighty years old, having..." That's my bike! How many know it's my bike? In my chest, I have all those things. Because we didn't have very much. And this family had this little ark, with the little animals in it. And so they were playing, you know, with the ark, and they were playing all about the flood and everything, and he said, "Yes...and when the flood was over, Moses had the sacrifice." And so, they said, "Yes, we'll have to have the sacrifice." And they were playing. And they had one of the little, wooden animals whose hind leg was broken off. And it wouldn't stand up very good. And so, they thought, "Well, this is a good way to get rid of that!" So...they told to me afterwards! And they said, "So we thought when we prayed the sacrifice, you know..." He said, "Well, we'll take this animal." And the other little sister said, "No! It's got it's leg broken! And in the sacrifice, it has to be GOOD!" Well, they had quite a wrangle. "Well, what would we do with it? Well, we can't play with it or do anything with it. Let GOD have it!" Well, if they didn't have a time! How many can see...umm, hum. How many know alot of folks have toys with broken legs on them!?" Be careful of what you offer to God. Don't give him one that's broken down. So they said, "No, we'll do this right. We'll take the BEST animal we've got in the ark." And then they had their sacrifice. But to me it was all amusing and beautiful. That's why I like to watch a guileless, simple child in his reactions and doings. They teach me plenty. They just teach me plenty.
3. So, coming back to this, this "Blind Seer," experienced this thing, and then he wrote it out, so that Dr. Tyler used this. Looked it up. So I asked him, I said to him one day, I said, "Now, you're quite an authority on this?" He said, "No." He says, "Follette, that is really a myth that grew up with it, because it's sounds romantic and beautiful, and people love romance even if it's not REAL." Aren't we "funny?" Like children loving a fairy tale! Well, when you get out of your fairy tales stage, you come into your

romantic stage. "You old bachelor, what do YOU know?" Well, I know plenty, dear! I haven't written my memoirs yet! Somebodies ask me for an autographed copy when it's published. Well, it might make you wise to alot of things that people are dying to know! I said, "Sure. But I can't talk about it today." You don't blame me, do you? I think I'm quite fair with all of them anyway as it is. Quite generous with it, but you can't tell EVERY LAST THING in the world. No. But they like that, and so they made up this little, lovely romantic story. He says, "It's not true." However, the SONG is there, and the message is there. And you lay it down into the DUST. But from the DUST, there blossoms red, this lovely response of LIFE. But it has to come up out of the poor DUST. But you can't have BOTH. But let it go. And the other song that you want, what else do you want to sing? (Trust in the Lord) It was born out of adversity and trouble, and frustration. And I had tried everything that I knew, and I had to come back to God's way, which is REST and relaxation. TENSION won't do it. Tension won't do it. Tension gives you a "sense" of getting somewhere. No, that's your REACTION to tension. How many know that or don't you? In some people, in their prayer, get INTENSE, and there's a TENSION, and "they FEEL...!" No. Now, wait. "Let's get ahold of GOD!!" Now, wait.. wait, wait! I often say, "What would you do with Him if you got hold of Him?" Where'd you get that idea? "Well, we WRESTLE...!" Now WAIT. When it speaks of WRESTLING, where does it say...it SAYS, "We WRESTLE with the powers of DARKNESS." We NEVER wrestle with God. No, you don't. You WRESTLE and WAR against the powers of the enemy. But you never wrestle with the heavenly Father, Who KNOWS you're in NEED. As a child growing up, if I needed, I didn't wrestle with my father for a pair of shoes. "Wrestle with Him!!" No, you don't. You wrestle against the powers of the ENEMY. But you never wrestle with God. No, you don't. But people say, "Well, what did JACOB do?! Jacob!!" Now wait, now wait, now wait, now wait!" What does the scripture say? "The ANGEL wrestled with JACOB." It does not say HE wrestled with an ANGEL. It says, "And the ANGEL took the INITIATIVE to wrestle with Jacob, to REDUCE him so that God could get AT him." But we always take that as a picture of "prevailing in prayer!" Well, there's no such thing! Not at all! That's a TRADITION, put in singing books and testimonies, and all kinds of things. Well, don't do it; it's not scriptural. "The ANGEL wrestled with JACOB." Because GOD was after JACOB. The conquest was, that God triumphed over Jacob. Not, JACOB triumphed over God. Never use prayer as a means of wiggling, weedling something out of God, and "making" Him do something! That's a very POOR attitude. Don't do it. I've heard it and seen it in meetings until it's made me ill. "Now, we'll ahold of God!! Here meeting! We'll pray this thing! You get a promise, and I'll get a promise, and you get a promise, and we'll ALL get promises, and we'll get Him in a corner!!! And then we'll talk to Him, 'You cannot lie! You cannot break Your word! Here's Your word!!'" How many of you ever heard prayer meetings like that? Aren't they horrible!? I get out of them! I always say, "Oh, Lord Jesus, let's go home!" I've done it more than once in a meeting, I've said, "Lord, I can't take anymore. Can't we go home now?" And we both go home! That's why I'm such a FANATIC. I'm a happy one anyway. No, the attitude's all wrong! That's a TRADITION. GOD was seeking JACOB. Because he was completely OUT OF ORDER. Completely out of order, and he has to face God, and God wants to deal with him. He wants to deal with him, and God commissions the angel to go down and tackle him! And the angel comes down, and arrests him, and tackles him, and it is GOD dealing with Jacob. And he, of course, gets into a great tangle. Yes. Well, now comes the PRINCIPLE. Another one of these PRINCIPLES that we'll find in the REALM OF THE SPIRIT. Here's a little principle that is always operative in the things of God. If God wants to BLESS, blessing RESTS upon a CONFESSION of some kind. There has to be a CONFESSION as a PLATFORM. Then the blessing of God comes and rests upon the confession. But the blessing cannot come without a platform of a confession underneath it. It can't just...therefore God always PROVIDES that. In prayer, or in dealing with a soul, He always makes it possible to erect a PLATFORM upon which He can MOVE. But the platform is a CONFESSION which is brought out of the individual, and he makes it, and then the Lord will come down and bless it. Now, keep that in mind. Keep that in mind. BLESSINGS rest upon a platform of CONFESSION, which releases the power of God and makes it possible. So God works from that angle, and He knows that. He always does! He always does! You can trace it all the way through the scripture. I have a message on it, and I can give you an evening and show you SEVEN illustrations right out of the Word of God that illustrates EXACTLY that

point. And as soon as that CONFESSION is made through questions, the BLESSING is released. Because it's a PRINCIPLE. It's a principle; it's a LAW. When we unmask it all from it's strappings, there's the skeleton, there's the law. God asks a QUESTION. Not for INFORMATION, for He knows all things. But He will ask a question which provokes an answer in the form of a CONFESSION. And after He asks the confession of us; we make the confession, He says, "Thank you. Now I have a platform that I can work on." And God comes down with a BLESSING. The blessing rests on that. It's always that way. It's always that way. Always that way. Because it's a PRINCIPLE. I can give you seven illustrations in the Word of God, and analyse it, and you'll see it's right there. He asks questions, but not for information. But to CONSTRUCT A MEANS by which He can HELP you. And here it is. Now God wants to BLESS him. He sends the angel to wrestle with him. And of course, poor Jacob says, "I will not let you go!" Of course not. "Oh! You have to bless me! Bless me! Bless me! Oooohhh! Ohhh...bless me! Bless me!..." Now WAIT. What does the angel say to him? "What is your NAME?" Do you think the angel didn't know who he was wrestling with? "Angel came down, grabbed ahold of a man, wrestled with him...by and by...and says, 'Who are you anyway?'" Would he do such a ridiculous thing as that? Oh, mercy no! He knew him a mile away. Well, what made him ask him such a thing? It is because he wanted the confession of his NAME. Now, "Jacob" means, "supplanter," "deceiver," that's his name. A SUPPLANTER, a DECEIVER, a "crooked one." How many commence to "smell the rat!" How many commence to see it? Do you discern it? Do you see it? So he just says to him, "Wrestle away, all the time, but what's your NAME?" "Oh, bless me! Bless me! Oooh, bless me! I'll DIE!! I will not let you GO, unless you bless me!!" "What is your NAME?" "Hallel...Oh, Lord!! Say hall..." "What is your name?" "Oh...Lord....Oooohh, please help me, Lord!" I've heard them at the altar, you know, just carrying on like that. I say, "Shhhhh! Just answer the Lord." "What, Brother Follette?..." I say, "Don't 'brother' me so gently." No. "What is your NAME?" How many get it? The CONFESSION. "Yakob," (Hebrew)...Jacob fesses up! That's enough. God says, "Wonderful! Just wonderful! Now I have My platform!" And He came down, and blessed him. But it was so nice. Lest he forget it, He left him a SOUVENIER. He just touched his HIP, and He says, "Every time this difficulty comes on, you'll get a pain in your hip, dear." Wasn't that a nice souvenir? Yes, He gives us, often times, a little souvenir. And when these episodes often times occur again, how many know, sometimes the symptom of the thing is coming? You'll pain in your hip, that's all! I think that story is lovely. I didn't know I was going to tell about that tonite, but does it help any of you? I want to help you. But watch that. The angel wrestled with Jacob to bring him to this POSITION. It wasn't Jacob making God do something that God didn't want to do. God was WAITING to bless him! But He couldn't with Jacob's technique. Jacob's method didn't work.

4. I was just thinking of one of them in the New Testament. You remember when the fishermen went out to fish in their DISOBEDIENCE, after the awful tragedy of Calvary and everything. And it says Peter went fishing. Well, we know that wasn't because he wanted to go out and fish that day, he thought, "My, the fish are biting today..." No, no. No, no, no, no, no. It's an ESCAPE from a FRUSTRATION. Peter has met a terrific frustration and disappointment. The Messiah didn't "messiah" to PLEASE HIM. He didn't bring in the kingdom to please him. He didn't do any of the things that he had built up in his expectations. And he had suffered what I would call a TOTAL COLLAPSE. Now, if you haven't FAITH TO BRIDGE A CHASM of that description, and your faith is not strong enough to bridge that chasm, you know what you do, automatically? You REVERT to the BEST you have in your NATURAL. Yes, you do. That's the way we're MADE. If you have no Divine, Spiritual help, how many know, you'll revert to the best the FLESH will give you? That's what we call LEANING or trusing on the arm of FLESH. So we LEAN back to FLESH! Well, Peter, knew how to fish. He'd been fishing all his lifetime. And he knew that had something tangible and real. "This strange idea of the KINGDOM that He was talking about, and all these miracles and everything, He never seemed to get the kingdom going. He talked about the kingdom, and talked about the kingdom. Remember?" He REMEMBERS it! I suppose Peter thought, "My. Maybe I was just sort of carried away emotionally with this thing anyway. I don't know where it is. Here He is, stirred us all up with that expectation, goes up in heaven, and we can't find Him! Well, who wants a Messiah like that? I guess this

whole thing that I got tied up in has just been alot of...I don't know where it is or what it is! I know one thing, I can FISH. I'll fish, I can tell fish, I know what that's all about. That's quite tangible! Well, the rest of you can do what you please. I'm going fishing! I'm going back to my nets where I belong!" Now, he wasn't going out to fish because...how many get me, or don't you see it? Reverting to that from which you have been CALLED because YOUR FAITH WON'T CARRY YOU. He had been definitely CALLED FROM HIS FISHING. He had been called FROM it. To LEAVE it, and follow HIM, and, "I will make you a fisher of men. How many can see two things? How many can see DISOBEDIENCE right away? He is DISOBEDIENT. And how many of you can see horrible UNBELIEF? So he goes out in this fishing episode, with those two marks on him. He is in UNBELIEF, and he is in DISOBEDIENCE. But the heart of Jesus LONGS for him. How could that heart of Jesus LONG for a disobedient man like that? It is only because He has the LOVE OF GOD. The love of God PURSUES you. Persists. I wonder sometimes why He would ever WANT me or LOVE me. But, He DOES! Our disposition, our temptations, our limitations. So, He lets him go. Isn't it strange that if you move in SELF-WILL, God will LET YOU HAVE YOUR WILL? That's a dreadful thing, but He will. I'm praying now for certain situations. I have an "awful" prayer list. And I'm doing a lot of work with souls. I have one problem child...bothers me...I've been praying for him today. Every little while, he comes like this in my presence, and I have an "awful" time with him. That's situation is real today, as if the person was there. Because it's in the Spirit. You get in the Spirit, you get that. They are so TRYING sometimes. They PERSIST in having THEIR WAY; if they go to hell, they'll have their way!! That's the AWFULNESS of the POWER OF CHOOSING. Persisting. And God following right behind. God following right behind. Right behind. Right behind. So, Peter GOES. Jesus says, "Well, I can't let you go, Peter. You are in UNBELIEF AND DISOBEDIENCE. But I want to HELP you." So He comes down and stands on the shore, WAITING. How many times He's had to wait for us sometimes, in our little, lower, nasty, stubborn "boat" out in the water. Tipping around, cold. Horrible. But isn't He GOOD? If some of you have ever been in a boat like that, you'll KNOW. He's let some of us have some pretty hard times, hasn't He? But isn't He beautiful? How beautiful He is. He stands there, and He hollered out to him, "Peter! You miserable backslider, you! You know I've called you out of that business! What are you doing there? Get down in the boat, on your knees and CONFESS!!" And he said, "I don't believe I can, Lord!" The Lord said, "You confess or you won't get through!" He says, "I think I'll jump in!" No...no. How many know how ridiculous that would be? Well, what does He do? He used this technique. What did He do? He asked him a QUESTION. For information? Oooohhh?! God be INFORMED by that "little hunk of clay," telling Him something? The only question that He said, "Did you catch anything?" I think Peter knew what He was getting at. "Did you catch anything?" Well, how easy it would have been to say, "Well, we COULD have, but they rocked the boat so!" Anyone ever lay it off on someone rocking the boat? How many follow me? Yeah. "I would, but my mate over here is always looking...John for instance! He's always looking at the moon, and things like that, and we couldn't do anything with him, and scared the fish, and..." "Now, wait. Did you get anything?" "Well, aaaahhh..." "Did you get anything?" In other words, "You've had your FLING, and what did you GET?" What is his answer? "Nothing." How many get your..."Nothing." Fine. How many see the PLATFORM right away? Do you get the platform? Get the platform? "Nothing." There's your platform. Now what does He say? "I can come on that! Pitch the nets over on that side." Now, you can argue again. "Well, we DID. We fished there..." Now don't,..don't do that! "We fished there, Lord! You don't know what I do about this fishing business! I fished there all night..." Don't DO THAT with God. He knows BETTER. He says, "Just cast your net over on this side." Now look. It's the same, old boat, the same, old net, and the same, old fish, and the same, old water! How many know the whole situation is IDENTICAL, and eternally the one? What made the DIFFERENCE? When Peter is fishing, he casts the net in UNBELIEF and DISOBEDIENCE. And you can't catch a fish! But if you cast it in OBEDIENCE, you can't keep the fish OUT of the net! No, you can't. They pulled it to shore, and were fairly breaking down, it's got so much. Isn't God GOOD? The BLESSINGS OF GOD, how terrific. I didn't know I was going to talk about that, or I'd have looked the rest of them up. I think I have four or five of them in the Word, from the Old Testament right on through, where God lays the platform by asking a QUESTION which to us might sound almost nonsensical. But He never asks for INFORMATION. He ASKS in order that they may

spill out a CONFESSION upon which He can move. That's good psychology, and it's right. Isn't that good psychology? A psychoanalyst knows that too. "Lean over on the couch, brother. Let me ask you a few questions." How many get it, or don't you get it? Why sure. Sure, sure, it's all in there. Oh, yes, in the Old Testament. Dear? (Question from group-undiscernable) Yes. But it has to be where a QUESTION is asked. Lady in group - He touched them?

Follette - Yes. They were helped and healed and blessed. Always that way.

Man in group - Adam (for example) where He found him.

Follette - Yes. Starts in the Garden of Eden.

Man in group - Jesus at the pool of Bethesda?

Follette - Yes, but there's a question. Now for instance in the garden. As soon as Adam had failed, as soon as he had failed, God comes down, as I read in my poem, "in the cool of the evening to fellowship with him. The first question He says is, "Adam, where art thou?" Now, He knew where he was. He knew which tree he was behind! God wasn't saying, "Now, which tree are you back of?" No, no, no. But how many see the instant that he said, "Thus and so..," God blessed him right away? You can take it from Genesis right on through the Word of God. Those are what I call, I don't know, that's the way they look to me...do they look like a principle in the economy of God, or doesn't it look so? I never heard it preached that way, I never heard anyone talk about this, but...only the Lord showed it to me. He said, "Don't you see the whole Christian experience is BUILT this way. In the REALM OF THE SPIRIT you have your laws and principles and technique, as REAL as you have in the flesh. Only you have to discern them, analyse them, and lay them out. And I find them all the time. All the time. Like last night we discovered another one where that little verse, "That was not SPIRITUAL which was first, but NATURAL. Afterwards that which was SPIRITUAL." In other words, God allows the FLESH, the natural man to perform, and even exhaust his resources, THEN He comes in as the rescue. But he will do that for the satisfaction. He gives the Word, but the people can't take it that way, they have to have THEIR FLING AT IT! MOSES was called to be a great deliverer. But what does he do? He senses the situation. He knows he's been brought up, he has education, and he knows; he can see the whole thing. And he knows all about Israel and it's bondage and all. And he has a feeling in his heart for his own people. And God's used him. He wants to deliver and bring them THROUGH. And here he is out, walking one day, and he sees this...yes, beating up one of the natives, you see, and he gets into a real bad time with him. Well, what is he doing? He is forcing HIS method, HIS technique, HIS way of bringing a deliverance, which won't work at all. How many see, it won't work? When he slays that man, he gets NO victory, but he's got a dead man on his hands! I know a lot of people who have some dead men laying around. By and by they "smell," and you better "cover" them up, and he knew that, and so he tried to cover them with sand. But it didn't help anyone. But he has to go through his process and finally come back as their redeeming work. With questions, and with questions and with answers always, "Do you get it? Do you see it? I'll do it this way. Do you get it?" Abraham. God's desire was to bless Abraham with a child, Isaac. But he couldn't wait God's time. How many see the FLESH coming in and getting Ishmael on hand? Right away. Well, there's your LAW. There it is. There it is RIGHT AWAY. He can't come God's fashion, so he "helps God out." Well if you do that, how many know, you'll have an "Ishmael" on your hands as sure as you live? And what does Ismael do? Well, it says when he got of age, he did nothing but MOCK Isaac. How many know your "Ishmael" will walk around behind you here, he'll MOCK! I've known people that have been tormented by their Ishmaels quite away before they knew what to do with him. Well, that was not SPIRITUAL, it was a FLESH act. But after the flesh has had it's FLING, God stands back and He says, "Are you EXHAUSTED now?" Yes. "Well now, let ME work with you. THIS is the way it's done." And He gives a ISAAC. But Ishmael has to come first. But that Isaac was not first. Ishmael had to come first. Always true. That's a PRINCIPLE. You'll see it sticking up all through the testament. I never knew that until God made me go through the testament and I can find them. He says, "You see here? Now, do you see it here?" And I can see it. How many can see these things? When somebody helps to point them out. Well, read more carefully when you read, and see if God can't teach you. The Holy Spirit begins to show you methods and things that He has by which He works CONTINUALLY. It's that way. It HAS to be that way. First, the NATURAL man, afterwards, that which is SPIRITUAL. Continually so.

5. Were we going to sing something, did you say? First we talk, then we sing, then we pray? Oh, "Rest in the Lord." We were having a bad time, and then the Lord gave me this little thought, that after all, it's in the process of RESTING, not WRESTLING. I had been wrestling, and trying to get through, and it wouldn't work. And when my heart was really tired, and worn out, the Holy Spirit came on me, and He sang this THROUGH me. Because it was His message to my heart. And then He let me remember it.

(Hymn - Rest In the Lord)

Rest in the Lord, lie low and still,  
Submit thy cause to His holy will,  
Fear not to trust Him, His promise is true,  
Rest in the Lord and He'll take you through.

Rest in the Lord, He speaks now to you,  
Rest in the Lord, 'tis all you can do.  
Fear not to trust Him, He knows the way,  
Time in His hands can make no delay.

Rest in the Lord, he speaks to you,  
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How many get the message of it? You see, TIME in HIS hands can make no delay. "Though the vision tarry, WAIT FOR IT." It has an appointed time. And so with this, it has it's appointed season, and it says here, "Fear not to trust Him, He knows the way, time in His hands can make no delay." Now, let's sing it through again. It has a soothing thing to the heart. (Repeat hymn.) Time in his hands can't delay. Because it's unto an appointed hour. The vision will not tarry, it has an APPOINTED period. But He has to wait for it's period to come through. Anything else you want to...now, tell me any little difficulties you might have where I've been working around in the last day or two. If I can help you over any of these problems and things which I have spoken about that are not clear? One came to me after I left the room, because you see, when I come in here I'm never sure of what I'm going to do. That's why this is a retreat, not a public meeting. I'm not in a public meeting. This is not a public service at all. This is a little gathering of kindred spirits who I hope understand me somewhat and take up with me. And you let me minister as God gives me freedom. I can talk or pray, or sing, or break in the middle of the meeting. It's INFORMAL, and as God orders it. A thing that I can't always do in a public meeting. That's why I don't like PUBLIC service. I never liked it. It's the last thing in the world I would do, a public meeting. The last thing. But it's been a good CRUCIFIXION for me. And they have these camp meetings, and they say, "Isn't it wonderful that you're going to the camp meeting? The camp meeting..." I said, "Now listen. I'm going to tell you a strange thing. Camp meeting?" I said, "I would rather go out and have a horse lickin' than go to that camp meeting!" "Well, what's the matter with you!? Aren't you a Christian?" I said, "I hope to tell." But I said, "You don't know how I'm made." I said, "To go to that camp meeting is just like hanging me up on a crucifix for 15 days." I said, "I have absolutely nothing personal in it at all. Only a crucifixion. And I would rather have a good horse lickin' than go through with it!" "Well, the Lord blesses you so!!" Well, I say, "Sure He does! Why shouldn't He?" "Well, it pours right through you...!" And I said, "Yes, and I'm just suffering with it, and yet here's LIFE going." I've gone to more than one camp meeting, hung on a crucifix like that. But you couldn't tell them that. They'd think I am crazy! I'm not crazy. I'm not crazy. But we're not all MADE ALIKE. We're not all made ALIKE, our temperments are very, very different. Very, very different. And I would say to them, "I have to go to the camp meeting, and I prayed before I go. I said, 'Now Lord, You know You've got this crucifixion for me. Please hold me while I'm there. Make me pleasant and agreeable. Make me open and free, that You can flow through me and bless all these people, and then take me home. For heavens sake.'" And it work...get through. Now, isn't that a strange thing. How many see why I have such a diversified, strange life? But that's my PATTERN; that's the way it IS.



6. Now I was talking, it came to my mind after I went to my room this morning; I was talking to you about these...it was over on this side. You remember, I was giving you just a simple analysis of PERSONALITY. And we had here the INTELLECT, and here we had EMOTION, and here we had the POWER TO WILL. Remember, the TRINITY. Man is a trinity. And these were the three. And then I gave you a little analysis of that from the animal side, and we were taking this donkey; do you remember, the donkey? Well, that's why I'm very careful with you, that I'm not giving you a DEFINITION. How many can see how very terrific that would be to call this a "definition of personality?" It is a strange, subtle, and mystical combination of intellectual powers, the emotional reactions, and the power to will. Combine that together, and you have a personality. How many see that's very artificial? Well, you say, "You're covering the essential points." I know that. Those are the basic elements. That you can't make into a DEFINITION. That's not a definition of personality. This is a DESCRIPTION of the ESSENTIALS. Now, why it couldn't be made a definition is because it has other things added to it. Then I say, if you're going to make that a definition, here is a little donkey. Well, this little donkey has a mind of his own. How many know an animal has a mind of it's own? He thinks; he's a thinking animal. Well, they all have emotional reactions. How many know, dogs will laugh, and talk, and do all sorts of things? Only people don't know it, and unless they go, "Ha, ha, ha," like that, and so they teach. But how many know, the dog has a lot of subtle, inner feelings that you detect without them hardly wagging their tails? That is, if you know dogs, and cats, and animals. They have an emotional field, of course. How many know, they have a power to will? Sure. That little mule has. You try to budge him when he doesn't want to and he'll kill you. Well then why don't we say, "This mule has all of these characteristics marks. He is intelligent, he has emotional reactions, and has a will of his own, therefore the mule is a person."? How many see what a silly reasoning process that is? Well, why isn't that? It's because if you keep this arrangement as a pattern for the animal, you have it restricted in it's field. But if you take this as a pattern to put upon a human being, there are two other features necessary in the human concept that you do not get in the animal. For in the HUMAN concept, based upon this basic outline of the three, the trinity, you have, as I said this morning, SELF-consciousness over and against BODY consciousness. The animal is BODY conscious, but he is not SELF conscious. The animal cannot get up and say, "I am a mule, I weigh so many pounds, and I can draw so many...." He can't do that. Because he has no consciousness of it. He is conscious through SENSE perception of a body. He knows when he is hungry, when he's thirsty, and he moves under laws of instinct. He's obedient to the law of instinct. It's the instinct to eat, the instinct for this or that, and he moves under the power of that, but not too much as a MAN would. However, many of what we call the RATIONAL PROCESSES are very limited. Well, in a man, man of course has BODY consciousness as much as the animal. But he has two other things that the animal hasn't. He has SELF-consciousness. He knows that he is a BEING. He knows a thousand things about his personality and make-up. He is a separate entity. He knows that. We will call that SELF-consciousness, he has. And now another thing that he has that no animal has. A CONSCIENCE. The animal has no conscience. He learns by instinct and habit things he'd better do, and things he'd better not do. But it's not based upon conscience at all. It's based upon the reactions which he has received. He knows that if he does such and such a thing, THIS will happen. It is his conscience that tells him that. It's the force of his HABIT which has registered in him. Animals do not have a conscience. But MAN has. Man HAS. So you see, personality, if you push it on a little farther in understanding, it has this as the basic set-up. But it is over-shadowed, I call it over-veiling when I get to really teaching; and so this self-consciousness and conscience is like a VEILING over this that makes us a HUMAN BEING over and against the fact of an animal. Well, then when you come to CONSCIENCE; now let me help you with that. You hear people say, "My conscience won't let me do this." Or, "My conscience won't let me do that. It's against my conscience." Now...follow me. Follow me. What IS your conscience? Well somebody says, "Is that thing in me, that tells me right and wrong?" Now wait. No. Your conscience is that place in you that say, "I OUGHT to do right." That's what your conscience is. It's that element in you that persists in saying, "I OUGHT TO DO RIGHT," over and against what may be WRONG in your category. Now, it has to

be that way because a conscience doesn't tell you WHAT IS right and wrong. That is made by your scale, your MORAL SCALE, and your LAW, and all of that which you have TAUGHT you. Your conscience inside says, "You OUGHT to do RIGHT." Well, then you have to look at your scale, I call it, your pattern, your philosophic pattern of MORALITY and all that. But your conscience is like a little needle that keeps swinging, saying, "I ought to do right. I ought to do right." But it can't tell you what IS right or wrong! This SCALE that you live under, THAT'S the thing that tells you the law. "Thou shalt, thou shalt not." Your CONSCIENCE never does that. Your conscience says, "I must DO RIGHT." The law tells you what IS right or wrong.

7. Now carry it a peg farther and show you how that is. For instance, in our Greek history, the Greek culture, way back, what we would call a SIN and a wrong thing, was a RIGHT thing! The young Greek was taught to lie, and steal, and deceive as an education! And he was not granted into anything further until he good lie cleverly, and do wrong things cleverly! Then he was accepted. Now that was a standard two thousand years ago in the Greek culture. Well, how many can see...can you follow me or can't you? Now that was the thing over which HIS conscience was playing. That was the set-up. What did the Jews have? The decalog, didn't they? How many know, God always provides you with something? God gave them that whole decalog, that whole picture of things which are right and wrong, lawful and not lawful, and then their conscience had to keep "playing" against that. They were educated to know, "I OUGHT to do, and I MUST do RIGHT! How do I know RIGHT?" God has revealed it to you. Here's the LAW. The LAW isn't your conscience. The law is the field upon which your conscience will play? How many get it now, or don't you? Maybe I'm upsetting somebodies psychology, I don't know, I don't care, because I know this is Truth. But we have this old habit of saying, "My conscience, my conscience." I say, "Let your conscience alone." What is your BACKGROUND, your ethical background over which your conscience is playing? Isn't that right? That's right? Sure. Sure it is. I know it's right. But you see, through habit, we uses these phrases and words so carelessly. "My conscience..." I say, "No, what is your ethical background over which, 'I must do,' is played?" Your conscience is that thing that continually ticks in you with a sense of, "You MUST do, I OUGHT to do, I OUGHT..." It's the sense of "I OUGHT." "I ought to do right," this morning, everyone. "I ought to do right." Well, then what is right and wrong is the ethical and moral screen upon which that plays. How many get it? Do you get it? This is another analysis, but you've got to take up with it. That's terrific on analysis. How many see that, do you get it? Well, so with this man...the three basic elements overveiled by a conscience, and the self-consciousness, and a conscious...the animal doesn't have it. He is educated to it. He is educated because of the force of habit that he learns by trial and error. And finally, through trial and error, he has a certain standard or pattern that he knows to do or not to do. And he does it with a sense that he knows there's a penalty with it. You can teach a dog to know that there a certain things he knows not to do because he knows he'll get licked. Don't you know that, of course! That isn't born in the thing. It's trained in him. And you can train them wonderfully too.

8. Now do some of you have any little questions?  
 Woman - Talking about that ethical background now, when you come into the Christian life, doesn't that sometimes have to change? God has to change that doesn't He?  
 Follette - Oh, well, of course, because in our NATURAL outset, some many of these things are so blurred. But when we come into a Christian consciousness of reality, how many know it is illuminated? Truth illuminates the whole thing, and that's why with Christians, people EXPECT from them. I say, "Why do you expect more?" How many can see why? Because of the ILLUMINATION, the light, brings a clear-cut consciousness of shadowy things of right and wrong which the people in the world are almost blurred with. It's almost blurred in them. But when you come into the light, we've all found it, how many have found that things that were almost like shadows to you are clear-cut? Sure. Because God is light. God is light.  
 Woman - The ethical conscience can vary with different people.  
 Follette - Oh, groups of people, certainly.  
 Woman - Whereas we, in the natural, judge people by what OUR is, rather than what may be

THEIRS.

Follette - Yes, uh, hum. Absolutely, because we know that in even the most simple things what is even etiquette in one place is very crude in another. Because it's the cultural standard that they have that does that. Places and the countries that I've been in, they will accept very crude things as real etiquette, that we would think was perfectly taboo.

Woman - In what way does this benefit those who become Christians.

Follette - Well, when they become Christians, their whole moral standard seems to become revolutionized. Because in the light of the Word, God has given us plenty.

Woman - It becomes equal then with all others?

Follette - Yes, you see, this is the standard for all of them, whether it's this, that, or the other. We have this one, lovely moral code. This is the Word of life for all of us, and with some its difficult to come in under some of it. Others are brought in easily. You'll find the code varies, but after all, this is the Word of Life, and it's my LIGHT. Anyone else? Now tell me if you're helped. And any of your little problems.....overlaid by.

Woman - Overlaid by, the self-consciousness in...of conscience. All right, well then the Holy Spirit,...when you become possessed by the Holy Spirit, would you care to describe how the Holy Spirit uses...

Follette - Yes, He uses that, well, it's like a GROWTH to me. The farther on into God one moves; we can find it ourselves, how many of you as a testimony have sensed that He makes these things more alive to us under the Spirit, then they were before the Spirit had any power over us? Our sense now, of righteousness and wrong, and the approach to God, how it has grown under the power of the Spirit, illuminating us? My sense of the HOLINESS OF GOD has become much more intensified, although basically I had it way back. We knew God was holy, but you know, that to me was rather limited. The Holy Spirit comes in as LIFE to DOMINATE, ACTUATE, and enlarge the vision of, to enhance the power of these thing. How many can sense that you are more sensitive to sin or shadowy things since the Holy Ghost has come in to live in you, that you didn't have in the beginning?

Woman - Sin becomes more SIMPLE.

Follette - Yes, sin becomes more simple. Yes?

Woman - Brother Follette, if when God first created man, he was God-conscious, and not self-conscious, isn't it the work of the Holy Spirit to make him more God-conscious, and less self-conscious? Well, that's what I...

Follette - Yes, that's what He's trying to do. He's trying to RESTORE in us that sweet, holy consciousness that Adam had in the beginning in his fellowship with God. That's a RESTORATION. We call it a FELLOWSHIP IN GOD. A Spiritual fellowship. That's quite barren in the natural man. It's not in the natural man. It comes to us as our NEW CREATION. And as a new creature in Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit is to release us in that field, in that upper field, that we had over here. You remember that little trinity?

1. Soul and body is to enlarge this. He intensifies us. I think it's the testimony of all of us. The NEARER to God we come, the more conscious we are of His HOLINESS. Over and against broken humanity and flesh. Things that didn't seem so much flesh to us in the beginning, how many sense...we sense the FLESH of it now? But we didn't at all before. Now, that's the work of the Holy Spirit. To me, that's what this is. To us, it's both ways. Sin becomes more terrifyingly sin, and the wonder of God becomes more and more wonderful. You see what I mean? He changes our equilibrium or maintains a correct balance. But that's the restoration; He's bringing us back. Now, I spoke of that yesterday concerning physical needs, and our physical well-being. In that original pattern, where Adam responds to the creative work of God, and He is God-conscious, and living in the presence of God with that Spiritual contact, he was not held responsible for all of these flesh things, because they were automatically given to him. They were automatically given to him. And here was the TREE OF LIFE of which he must partake continually to maintain his life. Well now, God places this Tree of Life in the center of this garden and says, "Keep eating of this as a continual REMINDER that you have NO LIFE in yourself. You are a DEPENDENT creature." Man was MADE a dependent creature. He was never made to be independent of God. No, he was made a DEPENDENT creature. "And you have NO life, only the life which is in ME. Now partake of this TREE OF LIFE and LIVE. And LIVE." Now, when he did that, there was no burden of responsibility in his natural, in his flesh at all, as to his welfare. No responsibility at all. Because that was all freely provided. But as soon as he fails and breaks that contact, he fallen up on his own natural resources, and God says, "All right, now. If you want this disobedience, now you will EARN YOUR LIVLIHOOD. It won't be a GIFT. You will EARN it through the sweat of your brow." How many get that now? Do you see? That was a natural consequence which man brings upon himself. It wasn't God who wanted it. But man MADE it, and made it possible. So He says, "After this, what was FREELY GIVEN TO YOU without effort of any kind, YOU WILL EARN IT." And man has been earning. Here is this electric light. There was electricity in the Garden of Eden. How many of you see, there isn't a thing man has discovered that hasn't ALWAYS BEEN HERE? It's always been here. There's nothing new under the sun. There is NOT. It needs to be DISCOVERED, that's all. All of the things that we've discovered now, that has ALWAYS BEEN. But this is the age for man to exert his...oh, how proud he is of it! His powers to penetrate! And discover and make! How many of you are TIRED OF MAN? I am so weary with him. I really am. I'm so weary. This is called, "Man's day." I'm so weary, I said, "I don't want to know another invention." "Well, now lets' get on the moon!" I said, "What in the world do you want to go up there! You got the world in a mess, you want to go up there and get some mess going..." They're so silly. So foolish. No. Now, they have to PAY for that. You'll pay for it. You'll EARN. He says, "I wanted to GIVE it to you freely." I believe had there been no sin, all of these strange and wonderful things, and the resources of nature would be like an open book. And Adam, without a blurred life, without limitation, how many can see him penetrating the wonders of the world and universe? That's all I can see. And developing and moving. And as does, he is DEVELOPING IN GOD, in God, through his power to CHOOSE. And he builds or releases the image that God wanted. And the image becomes more and more pronounced. A reflection of God, the glory, a reflection of God will become more and more pronounced until something happens. Do you think God made Adam in the original pattern to die? No. DEATH is not in God's first plan. It was GLORIFICATION. If Adam had not entered into the foolishness, I believe the thought was a progressive unfolding until man would have reached a place of glorification and releasing, and probably moving into other realms, and the others coming. I believe that with all my heart. Now what makes me see that is because Jesus Christ is THE LAST ADAM. We won't call Him, "the Second," I don't like that. He's spoken of as THE LAST ADAM. The FIRST, well, now that first Adam never gave to God the satisfaction of a glorious unfolding that God wanted. But Jesus is first of all a PERFECT HUMAN BEING before He is ever slain as the LAMB OF GOD. He had to be to fulfill God's wishes. That's why in the Law of the Offerings in your Old Testament tabernacle studies, the first offering that was offered has NO BLOOD in it. It's a MEAL OFFERING showing the perfection of the HUMANITY OF CHRIST. That's right. I'd like to get into the offerings with you. I'd like a week, two weeks in the offerings. Oh, they are terrific when you analyse them. No, that first offering was

the offering of a perfect specimen of humanity back again to God. It has no BLOOD or REDEMPTION in it. We forget that. We just think of that SLAIN LAMB all the time. Well there's something more than just a slain Lamb! Don't get rivited on one aspect. It's full!

2. So, the first thought is Godward. It's Godward. And God intended that in Adam. He gave him all that was necessary for it. And He says, "Now here is your TREE OF LIFE. Partake of it, and LIVE. Now this is for you too. Keep conscious of the fact, you are first of all, a DEPENDENT creature. I have MADE you dependent, purposely. Your dependence isn't the result of SIN. I've MADE you dependent. Your limitation to move within the realm of what the human can do; that is MY DOING. That isn't the result of SIN." Sin is not yet come! But God made Adam in the beginning, in the first original pattern, He made him a DEPENDENT creature. "You cannot live without Me. And you live and function within the category of your human." I said the other night, we have the DIVINE nature, we have the ANGELIC nature, we have HUMAN nature, and we have the BEASTUAL or beast nature Now, there's no transferring from one to the other. There's all distinct. They're all distinct. The beast never becomes a human, and the human never becomes an angel. And the angels don't come to be God. There's no evolution in the plan of God, that one evolves into the other. That's perfectly absurd. Perfectly absurd, there's no evolution, everyone maintains his identity. I think of these hymns they used to sing. "I want to be an angel, and with the angels stand, a crown upon my forehead, and a palm within my hand. I want to be an angel..." Well, we'll never in the world be angels! Well, who got that, "ding-dong," going? How many see some of our hymns are terrifying to me? I don't...I can hardly take them...some of them are horrible! Because they're not scriptural at all, they're sentimental. Highly so, and quite emotional! "...I could get blessed being an angel...I want...don't let me...I want to be an angel, Lord...I want to be an angel!" He says, "Don't worry, you'll NEVER be one. I don't want you an angel. I've got millions of them. I want a bit of GLORIFIED HUMANITY. That's all I want of you. A piece of humanity that is become glorified." And that's all He wanted. And so they remain in their own categories. He leaves them alone. He wanted that. Well, then let Him have it that way! And so Adam, if he would have followed His perfect plan, I believe would have been brought through. I know it from the life of Jesus, as I said a few minutes ago. Jesus must be FIRST in the plan and purpose of God, a perfect concept of HUMANITY. He must be the LAST ADAM over and against the FIRST. Adam was the first and He's a complete failure. Jesus says, "Now, before I become a sacrifice for sin..." Let's love Him before He gets to the cross. I love Him long before He ever gets to the cross. I just love Him before He ever gets there. Because I think He's so tremendous. How many love Him in His humanity? The older I get, the NEARER that is. The older I get, the nearer the fact of His HUMANITY enthralls me! It's one thing that draws me very close to Him. I love Him in that, in the fact of His humanity. That He can bear with me and understand me as a human being, because He's BEEN a human being. He has know all of it's limitations, without sin, all of it's limitations, all of it's bindings, all that Adam had. Now, that was the concept which He takes. Well, why was he made? Well, Adam was made to give God pleasure and to glorify Him. Well, now watch Jesus long before He ever gets to Calvary. Before He gets there, how many can see Him continually coming into that fulfillment? All the time. All the time He comes in. "It is ever My pleasure, Mine, to do the pleasure of God. I do always that which PLEASES the Father." How many get it? That pleases the Father. Do you see, as I said the other night, at the BAPTISM, and at the TRANSFIGURATION, those are the two things He says right away? "This is My Beloved Son, Who is going to redeem the world?" No, He GOING TO, but that isn't what He said! "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased." What does that mean? "He has, in His humanity, given back to My heart, what Adam never gave Me. But My Beloved Son has given it." How...how God must LOVE HIS SON. God must love His Son tremendously. "This is My Beloved Son..." both times." That was the first thing before anything else. And at the transfiguration, before He says, "Hear ye Him," that is, before He becomes ARTICULATE, He says, "He's pleasing." He's PLEASING.
3. Now, hook up with that in our NEW CREATION almost a parallel pattern: A TREE OF LIFE, and we partake. How many see Jesus teaching that? "I am the VINE. You are the BRANCHES.

There is no life in you, only as you ABIDE IN ME." How many see exactly the SAME thing? That's the same philosophy again. Just like, "I am the Tree of Life. Unless you partake of Me, there's no life in you. I am the Vine, you are only the branches. But there's no independence in the branch. The branch MUST abide in the Vine, and you have LIFE." How many get your Garden of Eden coming back in? It's all one great cycle. And there's a repetition. A repetition. And so when Jesus presents Himself at the Mount of Transfiguration, it was Jesus Who had assumed a human concept without sin, the same as Adam had. Adam didn't have sin in the beginning. So, He takes that perfect, human concept of Adam, which Adam had in the beginning. Limited...oh, you say, "He prayed..." How many know Jesus prayed because He HAD TO, or didn't you know that? "Oh, He was just God!" Now WAIT a minute! How many know He was GOD INCARNATE, IN FLESH? Who had willingly come under the bondage of the human. He prayed because He HAD TO. Otherwise His prayers would have been all just a FARCE, you know. No, no. It was REAL. It was REAL. Two times when He prays, He says, "I prayed, 'O Father,...' Why? For YOUR sakes." How many know, two times He does that? "I know You hear Me. I know this contact, but for THEIR SAKES, Father." Two times He does that. Not for Him, but for US. So we can see, and hear, and feel it. And so when He comes along, He accepts this role, and He "plays" it perfectly. He only...little bits of it shine here and there. I think of one. Adam was to have authority over all nature, wasn't he? Wasn't he? Yes. God gave him. Well, now, this LAST ADAM, Jesus as the LAST ADAM must demonstrate that. I find two places in which I can see it. Did you notice that when He is in that hour of temptation, and it says that He was in the mountains with the beasts? What's the use of saying "beasts" in there? Well, what is that stuck in there for? Did you ever notice that? Uh, hum. He is the ADAM Who has DOMINION over them. And not one...you never find an animal hurting Him. A perfect ADAM. A perfect ADAM, with His DOMINION over all creation. And even the animals in that garden couldn't touch him. I touched on that in my Christmas poem...was it three years ago that, "Nothing harms You but man."? Oh, let me read it to you! Come back, now hold this point, will you, I want to read something to you. We're all mixed up now, but never mind. Where is that poem? Don't you remember? Well, is it here? Oh, never mind...well let it go. But in it, in it, I think it's, "The Virgin's Lullaby." Yeah, it's the, "Virgin's Lullaby." The Lord let me sense this, it was sweet of the virgin, going, carrying her burden under her heart, riding that little meek donkey, carrying her to the stable. And when they're there, and the little Babe is born, and she sings to it, and I call it, "The Virgin's Lullaby." And she says, "Hush, little One." And it feels the old ox, it's breath. She says, "That's the breath of the ox. But remember, dear, the ox gave you it's manger to rest in. So don't be afraid." And she rocks it. And then the little donkey is there too, and it begins to sniffle and bray a little, and she says, "Don't be afraid, because he's the one that carried us, and his back is strong, and it carried us." And she says, "None of these things shall harm Thee. Only MAN." Wasn't that awful? And when I wrote that line in there, oh, it hurt me...it hurt me when I wrote that. "None of these things will ever harm You." And they never did. And then I add that, subtly, "Only MAN shall bruise You." Do you like it? I'll have to read that to you sometime. It's all right. It's the maiden's lullaby. And so she says, "Hush, little One." And she holds Him. I'm glad to have the mother picture, and the little One. I think it's sweet.

4. Now, we'll come back for just a minute. Where are we now? (Woman-Christ had dominion.) Oh, yes. Dominion. Thank you. Here's one. He is in the garden there, up in the mountain, and God sticks that in, and "the wild beasts were there." And it as much as says, "Not one touches Him." He's showing His authority over all creation which He gave to Adam! And He's demonstrating it! Can you think of one more? When He sent them down to the fish. And made the fish give him a coin. He had dominion over the fish! He said to Adam, "Have dominion over all things." Well, Jesus...now listen. Now, this is Jesus as the PERFECT ADAM doing it, and it isn't Jesus just "because He's God!" How many see a difference or don't you? Please I want you to see Him, or you'll never see Him in His HUMANITY! See Him in His PERFECT HUMANITY, and in the perfect humanity He has dominion, and power, and authority, and can do tremendous things aside from the fact that He is God. He never DEPENDS upon the FACT OF GOD IN HIM. He never uses it. He is ETERNALLY the Son of God! But He was THE LAST ADAM. The perfected One. And I love Him in it. He

went through every step, every step of it. Of failure, of shadow. And when it is all finished, He goes up into the mount with His disciples, and He died? No. Death was not in the category of God's first Adam. But GLORIFICATION. Adam should have been GLORIFIED. Do you follow me or don't you? Yes. (Woman - The storm too. He stilled the storm.) Yes! Yes, He had power over nature to quiet the storm. Now that isn't just because He was God. He never uses that. He keeps in ?, He keeps all that, He is functioning purely, in much of that whole demonstration of THE LIFE, as the perfected and PERFECT ADAM, who should have authority and should do these things. I'd like to speak to another point, but I guess I won't. But I'd like to. I won't do it though; I'm tempted, awfully tempted. But I don't want to do it. No, no. I just better not. Maybe when I'd have four of you, but when I get more of you, I can't. But can see something else in there too. He's lovely, lovely, in His HUMANITY. He offers it back to God, and God GLORIFYS Him, (On the Mount of Transfiguration) We could as much as say, "This is the consummation of the Adam picture." This is the consummation. But what was the deal that God had in the beginning? He said, "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." So DEATH is the penalty; DEATH IS THE PENALTY. Well, who's going to pay this penalty? Who is able to do it? No fallen creation can do it. How many can see right away it has to be a perfected Adam who can do it? No fallen creature can do it. It has to be a PERFECTED one. So Jesus Christ now must assume another role. He is the accepted, glorified HUMANITY. But He says, "Death is the awful penalty. In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." Now, that is why, in that marvelous statement where He is talking to His disciples, He gives the real objective of His visitation. He didn't say, "I have come to save you out of hell!" He does, but He didn't say that. Why? Because hell is only one part of the whole redemptive scheme. "I have come that ye may have LIFE." Why? Because DEATH is your penalty. "In the day thou eatest thereof, LIFE WILL BE CANCELLED. I have come to RESTORE THAT LIFE." How many follow me? How many see heaven and hell were involved in that, but that was not the point at all? The point was LIFE and DEATH.

5. Now that was why in much of our evangelistic meetings that we have today, they ANNOY ME. I don't want to be fussy...I...but this is bothering me. So much is made of the two issues of heaven and hell all the time. We get saved to escape hell. And we get saved to go into heaven. And we hold heaven up as all this, and...heaven beside idea. How many know what I mean? They do that. "Repent so and so and you'll heaven! Repent this and you can go to heaven! Heaven, heaven. And if you don't, it's hell, hell. Heaven, hell." Now listen. Get it. Go to your WORD. I ask you to do it yourself. Go to the Word. How many times do you find Jesus preaching or talking, or saying anything at all very much about heaven or hell? You don't. You know the two points diametrically opposed between which all this Truth vibrates? It's LIFE and DEATH. He never talked about either heaven or hell, He talked about LIFE and DEATH. Well, if you have LIFE, how many know, you have HEAVEN anyway? Yes. LIFE is the great word including heaven, and paradise and all this other stuff. He always taught between those two very opposing forces. LIFE and DEATH. If you have life. "I have come, not to save you out of hell. I have come to give you LIFE. LIFE, LIFE, LIFE." And I wish our evangelists could get that. We've brought His teaching down to heaven and hell. Did you know that or don't you see that? How many can see what I'm getting at? That's why I don't go to alot of things, because I can't take them all. They're too disturbing, because I don't think they're right. The teachings of Jesus never vibrated between heaven and hell, it all vibrated between two strange and wonderful forces: LIFE and DEATH. Life and death. Those were the two points. And I wish our preachers and evangelists would get back to God's way of teaching. God's way of putting it. Not just escaping something and getting into a place called heaven. "Now be good and you'll go to a place called HEAVEN!" No, get LIFE. "I have come that you may have LIFE." Not, "I've come to get you out of hell, I've come to give you LIFE. And if you get LIFE, don't worry about HELL!" Well you say, "You're so radical." I have to be. You don't have to come and listen to me, dear. No, you don't have to come and listen. But how many believe I've got some Truth anyway? Yes, there's Truth, but I want all preachers to get it and preach it correctly. How many know alot of popularity would fall off the platter? Well, who wants popularity? I think

that's the silliest stuff, anyway. No. Want GOD with all your heart, and let, and we say, the rest of the world go by. Let it go by. Any other questions about this thing? Woman - Wasn't that perhaps one of the reasons why Jesus hesitated so long when Pilate kept prodding Him, "Who art Thou? Who art Thou? Who art Thou?" Because He did not once confess that He was the Christ, because He really was representing us in His human person. And therefore Pilate had to force it from Him, and He Himself never answered, He simply said, "Thou sayest."

Follette - Of course he was correct.

Woman - Yes, but He was representing us.

Follette - Well, they wouldn't have EARS for anything anyway. They don't have ears. He could have said so much, but there was no one to listen to Him. He knew better than to explain it. He had MUCH to say, but there was no one to hear Him. It was very difficult to get even the disciples to listen to anything. He had three years of intensive work with His disciples, let alone the maximum of humanity and crowds. He loved them very much, and He knew they were around for bread and fish and healing and so He gave them all those things. Healings and fish and bread, and miracles and alot of other things which are on that level, because that's as far as they could go. But with His disciples, He hoped to let them enjoy that, but that was not the real thing. When He's alone with them, He EXPOUNDS. Or opens the Truth to them. And even then He didn't get very far with them. Not very far. Not very far. But He did say this. He says, "After I'm gone, I'll send the Holy Spirit. And if you're careful with Him, He will lead to go on to all that's necessary, and all that you can take. There are some people who can't receive the Truth because there's no CAPACITY for it. There's no capacity ever to receive it at all. So they take what they can. And that's the way with God. He gives what we can take. I wish I...Oh, there's so much more I wish I had. I get so HUNGRY. I really do. I sometimes weep for it. I say, "Lord, I'm so hungry...I want MORE...and MORE...it's...I can't tell it to you. There's a terrific hunger in me. And like a HOLY URGE, and...well, I can only take so much. We can only take so much. And I suppose He gives us as much. And then sometimes I say, "Can you increase my capacity?" Well, He doesn't give you anything NEW, He uses what capacity I have, and what you have. And He doesn't blame us if we don't have too much. He only holds us accountable for what we HAVE. People have said to me, "Well, Follette, I can't get ahold of it..." I said, "Don't do that. Let's not compare ourselves one with another. That's a very foolish thing to do. Don't do it. It's NOT good. All I know is this. To everyone He gives ACCORDING TO HIS CAPACITY. He doesn't give according to what He WANTS to give, or would LIKE to give. He gives according to what you can receive. "He gave to each according to his capacity." Well, then He will never hold me accountable for capacity beyond what I have. Well, then don't WANT too much! I say to some of them who come to me...well, they say, "You seem like a whole quart or a jug. I'm just a little teacup." I say, "Listen. Listen. Is the bottom of your teacup covered yet with what He wants to put in it?" Don't quarrel about a quart of a mug. Accept your "cup-capacity." Is that full? "Well, no. I think I can know more." "Well, then," I said, "God ON." Don't worry about capacity of a quart, jug, or a gallon, or a barrel, or a house. Look at the capacity of Paul. Tremendous capacity. Well, I'll tell you something. Paul will HELD ACCOUNTABLE for alot of things that you'll never even face. The more LIGHT, the greater the RESPONSIBILITY. Don't ASK for it, you may be sorry. He might answer your problem or your question. No. According to what our capacity spells, HE WILL GIVE. He will give, just as much as that HOLDS. And that's what governs His GIVING. No, you say, "Give me a quart," when you'll only a pint pie! He gives according to what we have. THEN, in return, the counterbalance, the return of that is, I am only held accountable for what I am able to take. He'll never say, "Why didn't you do so and so?" He knows better. Because that was not in my PATTERN. It was not in my CAPACITY. Well, has He used to the utmost what little receptivity you HAVE? Well, there's where our problem is. What were you going to say, Frank?

Man - Earlier we were discussing this morning, about the Rule of Three. I wonder if you would clarify a little bit more along that line. I think that there's a tendency when that we won't do anything till we hear from Him. See what I mean?

Follette - Well, you have to abide in your light. Now, when I say, "Let God take the initiative, I dealing with, say, problems and patterns, and something that we might have



in mind to do. Perhaps somebody has an ambition to be a missionary, or he has an ambition to build a church. He has ambition for something. Now that's good. But WEIGH that before the Lord before you start...(end of tape)