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## RIGHT WITH GOD

By Alden Truesdell

WE KNOW that God does all that is done. But during our experience of being drawn "through many waters," it often seems that we are doing, and being done to. In these times the word of God may come to us: "They have done their worst, you have done your best, God will do the rest."

In time, the eye of man and the eye of the Father come into perfect alignment, and man sees by the light of the Father. When the eye of man and the eye of the Father are one eye - the single eye - the whole consciousness is filled with light.

Then man looks for his enemies, but cannot find them.

Maister Eckhart says that there are two major movements in man's regenerative transfiguration. The first is when the soul becomes still enough to be an instrument for the immaculate conception, which is the Word of God dropping into the receptive soul of man.

The next movement is when the soul has conceived and brought forth the Word. Then all that pertains to man is brought back into right relation with God - to the Glory which was before the world was formed.

This movement produces the mature man, the master; and according to Eckhart, there is nothing higher than this for man to attain. Here man's assignment is to be himself and to do those things that are well-pleasing in the sight of the Father - to go about doing good.

In this state we speak of serving God, but the best form of service always follows getting into right relation with God and letting the Will of God be done. This is how Jesus gave His superlative service. As He said, "My meat (My food) is to do the Will of Him that sent Me." He explained that He was doing nothing of Himself, but was letting God's Will and words express themselves through Him in the way God wanted them expressed.

As we watch the life of Jesus unfold in the Gospel account, we are amazed at how much was done by how few words. He diagnosed no cases, took no temperatures, prescribed no medicines. He told one patient to go wash in the Pool of Siloam; He prepared a poultice of clay for another; He told a third to pick up his bed and walk. His directions were always simple, His words few.

He apparently did very little, and yet works were accomplished that none other has done. From this we see how the Creating and Sustaining Power of the universe works in what seem to be mysterious ways to show forth the compassions of Divinity.

It is clear that one must give to live, and equally clear that the most giving constitutes the most living. But man can do his best and give his most by keeping open the channels which connect him with his Divine Source.

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## THE VALUE OF MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

By Nell Truesdell

RECENTLY I read an article by an orthodox minister whose comments on the joy of memorizing Scripture stirred me to write my own explanation on the value of this practice.

If you will memorize statements from the Bible and repeat them over and over, tensions and restlessness in mind and body will be reduced. You will work with more freedom and ease, for your consciousness will be impressed with a new sense of God's Goodness.

His Power and Love and Kindness for you will be confirmed. At night, if you are troubled with insomnia, the tranquil effect of Scriptural words will calm your nerves, and give you peace of mind; your sleep will be sweet.

During waking hours when temptations beset you, memorized statements of Scripture will serve as powerful weapons against any person or circumstance that tries to entice you with vain promises of gratification. When mendacious feelings from within you assail and disturb you, fall back on your store of statements; they will fortify you against all that would induce you to betray your spiritual integrity.

As you review Scriptural statements you will be stirred in mind and heart with unexpected revelations of truth that will feed your hungry soul with gladness. You will eat of the Bread that gives nourishment and spiritual sustenance.

If you give your attention to Biblical statements for short periods of time every day, you will free your consciousness of its accumulated filth of natural desires. Through the years, this daily practice will cause subtle changes to occur in you. You will attain a new level of existence; old habits and beliefs will be nullified. A new love for the Divine Presence will be born in you; you will know that you are a son of God.

As you continue to give your full attention to favorite passages, you may suddenly enter a state of contemplation wherein you touch a depth of awareness that transcends any former experience of exaltation. This rare experience is never sensuous. The impact of the redemptive force of Spirit may overpower you, but it will uplift and strengthen you. The joy of such an encounter with the Divine will cause you to yearn to know God. With the Psalmist you may cry: "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the Living God. (Psm. 84:12)

I urge you to memorize statements and passages of Scripture that mean the most to you. For decades two short statements have sustained me and enabled me to continue without faltering in the practice and teaching of Christ Truth:

1. "I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength." (Psm. 18:2)
2. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10)

The following passages from the Bible may interest you: Psalms 23, 91, 100; Romans 8; I Corinthians 13.

Below is a list of statements, accenting words in alphabetical order. Some of them may interest you.

- A. ABIDE in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and ABIDE in His Love. (John 15:10)
- B. Ye are BLESSED of the Lord, which made heaven and earth. (Psalm 115:15)
- C. CAUSE me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: CAUSE me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee. (Psalm 143:8)
- D. DELIGHT thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the DESIRES of thine heart. (Psalm 37:4)
- E. He that believeth on Me hath EVERLASTING life. (John 6:47)
- F. The effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16)
- G. Thou hast put GLADNESS in my heart. (Psalm 4:7)
- H. Our HELP is in the Name of the Lord, who made HEAVEN and earth. (Psalm 124:8)
- I. INCLINE your heart unto the Lord God. (Joshua 24:23)
- J. Teach me good JUDGMENT and knowledge, according unto Thy Word. (Psalm 119:66)
- K. The Father KNOWETH what things ye have need of. (Matthew 6:8)
- L. Thy word is a LAMP unto my feet, and a LIGHT unto my path. (Psalm 11:105)
- M. The Lord thy God in the MIDST of thee is MIGHTY. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- N. Walk in NEWNESS of life. (Romans 6:4)
- O. Gird up the loins of your mind, ... as OBEDIENT children. (I Peter 1:13-14)
- P. Thou shalt make thy PRAYER unto Him, and He shall hear thee. (Job 22:27)
- Q. In QUIETNESS and in confidence shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)
- R. Look up, ... for your REDEMPTION draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)
- S. The Lord is the STRENGTH of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)
- T. Lead me in THY TRUTH, and TEACH me. (Psalm 25:5)
- U. UNDERSTANDING is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it. (Proverbs 16:22)
- V. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the VICTORY. (I Chronicles 29:11)
- W. My soul, WAIT thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. (Psalm 62:5)
- Y. Take My YOKE upon you, and learn of Me. (Matthew 11:29)
- Z. Be ZEALOUS therefore, and repent. (Revelation 3:19)

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## THE POWER OF THE NAME

By H. B. Jeffery

IT HAS BEEN DECLARED and well proved that every letter, every word, and every name has within itself a certain potentiality and power which - when that letter, word, or name is spoken - goes forth as a vibratory force and is registered in the ethers.

Not only is it recorded in the ethers, but first it is felt throughout the whole body of him who speaks it.

We have long been taught that our every word is recorded in our body. The enlightened of all ages have declared this to be so. But mankind has been reluctant to accept this as true.

Our words become flesh and dwell among us.

One of old said: "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Knowing the great law of the word, He spoke "as one having authority."

If every name has a power peculiar to itself, the greatest of all names must necessarily have involved mystically within itself the greatest of all power. And if the power of a name is put forth when that name is spoken, the greatest of all power must be set in motion when the greatest of all names is sounded.

There is a name "far above all principality, and power" - a name which the sacred Scriptures say, "Every tongue shall confess." It is the Name of the Only Begotten of God: JESUS CHRIST.

Hidden in the Name Jesus Christ is the secret of all power in heaven and on earth; and to him who will enter into that Name it will be given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

How shall we enter into the Name? By intending our mind toward It, by repeatedly speaking It, and by meditating upon It.

Since every name when spoken vibrates throughout our whole body, this Name when spoken shall move every cell and atom of our being and set them to a rhythmic movement in harmony with Itself.

As repetition of any name serves to fix it in the mind, so will our repetition of the Everlasting Name establish the vibration of that Name as a moving force in the body.

And if that Name be much dwelt in, the power of It shall become the major force within us - until we shall no longer hold the Name, but the Name shall possess and sustain us.

Thus do we become imbued by It; thus we are absorbed in It - baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ. And only as we become baptized into It shall we know Its mighty power.

Not only is It the Name of a man of history, but It is also the Name of a Principle. It is the Name of The Principle of Life, even as He said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. ... He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

The Man who bore that Name was given It because He was the pure Embodiment of the Principle. He was not named by His mother. She was told what His Name should be before He was born. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Out from the Silence came this Name. He from His childhood seems to have known Its meaning, and from the beginning determined to live up to It. It means GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL, THE WONDERFUL, THE COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD.

If we study His Life, we see that He never lost sight of the meaning of His Name, and never wavered from His determination to reveal Its significance. So truly did He live It that He became the "fulness of the Godhead bodily," the Savior and Redeemer of the race. Being true to His Name, He made manifest His oneness with the Father, and He declared this truth, saying, "I and My Father are one."

In so knowing and so doing, He learned the "unspeakable name," the "lost word." This He must have possessed in order to do the works that He did - or rather the works that were done through Him by the Unnamable One.

"The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me."

"All things that the Father hath are Mine." Being one with the Father, all that the Father had, He had to do with as He wished. The lost word was His to use. He used It, but no one had the ears to hear It.

So, as an access to It, He gave His own Name, requesting that His followers dwell in that Name until the secrets held by Him should be revealed to them, even until they came into the same Mind that He had and were possessed of the same Spirit.

We invoke the nature of that which we behold and whose name we repeat. So we come into possession of the wisdom and knowledge that Jesus possessed if we behold Him and repeat His Name. Then the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven are revealed to us.

Desiring that all might be and know what He was and knew, and wishing to give to all whatever the Father had given unto Him, He said: "Abide in My Name."

"Abide in Me, and I in you. ... If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ... The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father - will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things."

Jesus told the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and abide in His Name. They did so for ten days, and on the tenth day the Power of the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Then they went out to teach and preach. The purport and burden of their teaching was the power of His Name. In His Name they did mighty works: the

healing of the sick, the casting out of demons, and the raising of the dead - as Jesus had commanded them to do.

What Jesus did, and what they did, we shall do also if we have become baptized into His Name and have come into His understanding.

As we shall take upon ourselves and into ourselves the Name Jesus Christ, there will enter into our minds a new perception and a new power of understanding, whereby we may know all things - for the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth; and there will enter into the body a higher power, transcending any power possessed by any man who lives in the physical consciousness only.

The mind will be renewed and the body transformed. Old things will pass away. For "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

We shall be reborn and become new creatures: children of the Light, all glorious, having a quickened capacity to attain the "unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God," even unto reaching that measure of development which belongs to the completeness of Christ.

No longer as children, but as full-grown men in Christ Jesus, shall we ascend "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

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I PETER: TRANSLATION AND NOTES

By Robert Applegate

(Continued from last month)

TEXT: I PETER 4:10 - 5:4

4:10 As anyone of you has received a gift, he must serve with it as a good steward of the diversified Gift of God.

11 If anyone speaks, he must do it as speaking the words of God. If anyone works, he must do it as of the strength that God freely gives - so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. (If you work "as of the strength that God freely gives," you will always have enough strength to do anything you have to do.) His are the honor and the power, until the end of time. Amen.

12 Friends, do not wonder at the burning in you - which comes to you as a testing - as though some strange thing were happening to you.

13 But in so far as you share in the experiences of Christ, be glad, so that at the uncovering of His Substance you may rejoice and exult. (The Truth of Jesus Christ stirs up every negation in the person who accepts it: anger, resentment, etc. Peter, Paul, and the other teachers warned their converts about this. One reason they always emphasized the need for forbearance, patience, and forgiveness is that the very acceptance of Jesus Christ creates a need for these practices. The inner boiling is our call to give thanks that we are growing.)

14 If you are insulted because of Christ, you are fortunate; for the Shekinah; that is the Breath of God, has settled upon you.

15 But none of you must be punished as a murderer or a thief or a trouble

16 maker or a busybody. If you are punished for being a "Christer," do not be ashamed, but honor God

17 by this name. It is time for the nemesis (retributive justice) to start with the people of God; and if it starts with us, what will be the end of those who distrust the Good News of God? (The word nemesis means an automatic, impersonal retribution. The best explanation of this passage is the section "The Nemesis of Creativity" in A. J. Toynbee's "A Study of History". He documents what Peter is saying; and what it boils down to is this: When any group turns its heart away from God and puts its trust in its own intelligence and power, then that group {whether family, school, nation, or civilization} brings upon itself an automatic destruction, because it has cut itself off from its Source of Life. This is what Jesus was talking about when He said: "The gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to death."

The most obvious example of this law is the Jewish nation, which had everything, but threw it all away and brought horror upon itself because in its self-love it could not accept its own Greatest Gift. The warning is for all who have ears to hear. The nemesis always "starts with the people of God," because privilege brings a responsibility.)

18 "If he who is right with God will barely be delivered, what will happen to the irreverent who have turned away?" (Prov. 11:31 LXX)

19 But those who hold on in harmony with God's Purpose do by their right action entrust their lives to a Faithful Creator.

5:1 I, as a fellow elder, a witness of the experiences of the Christ, and a sharer in the Glory that is being uncovered - I urge the elders among you: Shepherd the flock of

2 God entrusted to you; watch over it. Not grudgingly, but eagerly, for God. Not for profit, but with your whole heart.

3 Do not lord it over those entrusted to you, but become examples for the flock.

4 When the Head Shepherd appears you will receive an eternal crown of Substance. (Among the Jews and the early Christians "elder" was a title of high honor. The "elders" were the teachers - those who handed on the teaching of God that they had received from their elders. Their advanced age was in itself an indication of their understanding.

Where a knowledge of God is seen to be the greatest good, then the teacher is seen as the greatest benefactor. So "elder" was the title of highest honor. John the Apostle was known as "The Elder"; that is the teacher of the early Christian Community.

Spiritual Substance is of course Life and Intelligence. This is the "crown" that is promised.)

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