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The lessons which we are having this month is Jesus Christ dealing with the Substance Idea.

When Jesus Christ multiplies the loaves and fishes, we know he means increase, or the pouring forth from the fount in man of a Substance, not matter, but that upon which matter is based.

After this so-called miracle - after Jesus came down from the mountain, he met the Jews, and they began to question him about the Substance, and the meaning of these signs he was doing. He said: You came for the purpose of getting the things of this world; you are not after the Bread of Life, for the Bread of Life is that which cometh down out of heaven. He told them also not to labor for the food and supplies that perish: "Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you. And they said unto him what must we do, that we may work the works of God." Jesus answered them: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

Now it seems to me that this is the central point in this lesson - that we believe on the Son of God, that we may realize some of the miracles which he did, and also perform them.

In the first chapter of Jn. it is stated: "In the beginning was the Thought, and the Thought was with God, and the Thought was God. All things were made by Thought, and without Thought was not anything made that was made." And, farther on: "The Thought was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

Now this Word, which we call Thought, is the same as Logos. It is Thought based upon Understanding - reasonable Thought. Here is the clue to the works of Jesus Christ: He that believeth

on the Son shall do the works of God. He has the understanding of the power of Thought, not what we might term every-day thought, for that is not always true, but this is the True Thought, and takes on the Logos character, and in the consciousness of man this Christ of God exists.

Why are we not performing miracles? Because we don't believe in the Son of God in ourselves. We must believe I AM THE SON OF GOD, and this belief must be carried out: I believe I can DO THE WORKS OF JESUS CHRIST. Does this mean I can go out and feed five-thousand people with loaves and fishes? I don't think that would be any special benefit to them; it would not last. So this feeding of five-thousand must have something to do with the consciousness; it means spiritual things, not the conditions of one's everyday life, but it has to do with living - the things that come into your affairs from every side. We feed the muscles at every side; at every explosion of the

So this feeding of the five-thousand is going on all the time, but man does not ordinarily know about this; he looks upon himself as a machine, ~~but this is not true~~ There is a vital something going on all the time that is of the Spirit or Thought, and when we enter into this Thought Realm, we are in touch with God, himself. If the Thought of God is the cause of everything, when we get into that Thought, we can do the works of God, but, because of our unbelief in the Invisible, we don't enter into that consciousness, and let the outer man take possession of us.

The disciples asked: How shall we do the works of God? We believe, but our belief is weak. How shall it be strengthened? The answer was: "Believe in God."

We must lay hold of every Thought, marshalling it into line with Absolute Truth; that is the only way we can get into touch with the Higher Consciousness.

I might say: "O, yes, I believe in Christ; sometime, somewhere I shall be like him, but I don't have the realization now; I seem to be just an ordinary man, and I must live in an ordinary world." This state of consciousness must be broken down; it is the "adversary," and the way to do it is BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL SELF - believe in the Higher Consciousness. Begin your demonstration of Immortal Life right here and now. Proclaim this Power.

We, in the metaphysical world find, by experience, that when we make a high statement, we are sometimes called upon to prove it, and many are timid about expressing about themselves that which they know to be true. If I hold that I am the Son of God I must prove it. If I am His son, I must be like him - I must be kind, loving and true. Enter RIGHT NOW into your sonship. Don't wait.

Some people are like the man who belonged to a company of law-breakers - they were an Englishman, a Scotchman, and an Irishman. They were to be hung, and were each to select the kind of tree preferred. The Englishman selected the oak; the Scotchman the elm, and the Irishman a gooseberry bush, but the hangman said to the Irishman: "No, it is not large enough." But the Irishman replied: "Faith, I'll wait till it grows."

Is not this Spiritual Man the one who does the work? Everything comes forth from the Christ-man. He is the anointed of God. The Thought went out into the world, and it is a prophecy that we shall bring forth this Spiritual Man, and if you would believe in the power of your innate goodness - all that there is must draw upon this spiritual plan. In the

matter of forgiveness, forgive your enemies in Spirit, do it in Mind; project all your plans in Mind, and results will follow. Every successful business man knows that. It is hard to get into the presence of such a man, for he has his thought atmosphere, he creates in Mind, and doesn't want his thought broken into. He believes in his power and ability; and, whatever you lay hold of with your Mind, believe in your ability to carry it out, and the Spirit will do it. We don't have to work hard; it is all accomplished for us, through the Spirit, if we go at it in the right way. In the Scriptures, we have the promise of God giving us health, strength etc., IF WE BELIEVE. Let go of these outer conditions, and see God as your Health and Prosperity.

The Jew in you will say: Well, what are these signs as ~~to their~~ relation to science, or to the facts of nature? Can you give us some illustrations, something we can lay hold of in our world - can't we get them so we can analyze them down into the world of sense? No, you must get another action in consciousness. You must simply BELIEVE THEY ARE.

If you have a little pain in the stomach, you will be hunting up a doctor to have something removed. That is the law of man.

in the U. S. Army says he knows a surgeon who, in six months, performed 50 operations for appendicitis. A certain man in the Army went to him for an operation of this kind, and, in a little while he operated upon his wife for appendicitis, and soon upon three of his children for the same thing. One day, one of the surgeon's dogs came in and curled up on the floor, and the surgeon said he was sick; I am sure he has catarrhal ^{on} ~~asked~~ if he was going to operate ~~upon~~ him. He replied:

"Operate on my own dog? Why that dog is worth \$100.00."

The doing away with this wonderful body seems to be the key-note. Now, we don't want to do away with a single thing in this organism, but it must be restored to its proper place in the Son of God. The Thought of God becomes flesh and dwells amongst us. Can you see God in that flesh? Job said: "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." You must see God in your flesh if you want to enter into the joy of fleshly existence, and this existence has joy. You can stay right here and have joy. Enter into the Spirit, and Spirit is your very Self. Let us lay hold of the power of the Son of the living God; through him we demonstrate Health, Wholeness, Love, and the Perfect Character which God outlined from the beginning.

I AM the Song of God;

I AM the Christ of God;

I AM that I AM, and there is none beside me.

I am glad to hear that you are well.

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Yours truly,

I am glad to hear that you are well.

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