

Healing Meeting,
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Mrs. Fillmore: This song (Seek the Truth) which we have just been singing is really the key note of our gathering here. We are all seeking freedom from the ills, sorrows, cares and tribulations of the world; we are seeking some panacea. Some are searching for relief from things in the external, from doctors and various other sources. People think this is going to heal them and that is going to heal them, but when we look more closely we find that only the Spirit of Truth does the healing. Even radium, which people thought would surely be successful has failed. It is "lo here, and lo there" but you will remember that Jesus Christ said when people were saying "lo here and lo

there they should be told that the kingdom of God is within them. Now that is what we are going to think and talk about tonight. We want to know what it is, for this is the kingdom that is going to make us free and we are going to know more about it;

Let us get still and learn from the Spirit of Truth. Let us realize that the kingdom of God - All Good - is within us and we will know that all that we have been longing for is within us too. Take this thought: "The kingdom of God is within me."

Mr. Fillmore:

The disciples of Jesus Christ said that he would set up a kingdom in our

midst, but it was a long time before they could understand what he meant .

He made so many promises about the kingdom of heaven that people in that day took him to be a ruler who had special privileges from God and they began to vie with each other as to who would be first in the kingdom, but he told them that he who served God would be first. This was reversing the ruling of the earthly kingdom where the kingdom is always the one to be served, but Jesus Christ set up a kingdom which was a complete reversal of the old orders.

People have expected that Jesus would come according to the promises and set up a kingdom where he would rule as a king, and they are still looking for the personal appearance of Jesus of Nazareth. The truth is that Jesus is

with us today; he would appear to us and will appear to us, when we have reached his plane of consciousness and his kingdom will come only when we have established it within ourselves.

People who are looking for Jesus to appear as a man do not understand the Law; they do not think about the real creative power which exists in Jesus - they are not awakened in ~~the~~ real spiritual understanding. Now we may be looking forward to a time when Jesus will come as a personal man, but if we are we must get out of that consciousness. Jesus is not a wonderful man who will return and take charge of a kingdom, but his kingdom is being established in our midst even now, and we see that men are really growing better and, although

there are criminal outbursts here and there, we know that a broader humanity is prevalent in the world and we see the Universal Love expressing in the world as never before.

I was especially interested in reading of an interview which a newspaper man had with President Wilson. The President talked as one man to another and not as a ruler to a subject. He did not assume anything more than any other man, and he said it was very hard for him to be President because he didn't have dignity enough to maintain the position, and you can readily see as you behold him that he is not there as a politician, but he is there as a servant of the people and this idea of serving the people must spread throughout the world.

In this way people will get their rights and there will come about an adjustment of all their affairs, through the quickening of the inner understanding. In other words we cannot have a President without first a man; a man who lives, not in the outer but in the inner.

That same every day life is characteristic of William Jennings Bryan.

He sees the necessity of simplicity; he sees the necessity of a new order in the affairs of the world, and a great deal of red tape is now being done away with and new rules of order are being promulgated. He gets down to his office and works; he understands that he is to serve and is no longer under the rules of society . He made a great commotion when he called for grape juice instead

of wine. It is said that when politicians meet the common salutation is, "Come on boys, lets have a drink or some cigars," but when Bryan was in Chicago he met a number of friends and they were all very much surprised to hear him remark, "Come on over to that restaurant and have a glass of grape juice iw ith me." That was a change from the saloons to the place where the real food can be obtained and he was enabled to make that change by exercising his I Am power.

If we are anxious to be real men there is the Spirit of reform - the Spirit that we call the Christ Mind. Most people think ~~if~~ this Christ is to come in some mysterious way. Our Theosophist friends have several of their messiahs in training, waiting for Christ to come and take possession of them, but if they

understood the power of the kingdom within, every one of them could be messiah,^a and there is no reason why we should not have a very strong corner in the Truth there. The closer we get to the kingdom of Christ the more we bring forth the virtues of Christ and the more of that kingdom we will know. The kingdom of God must be established in the heart and inner consciousness before it can be made manifest in the outer. That kingdom in the outer is dependent upon the kingdom within, for you cannot establish anything in the outer until you establish it first within yourself. Now the question with us is how much of this kingdom are we able to manifest in the outer; how much of this kingdom are we demonstrating? We should see whether we are serving or expecting to be

served. Are we forming the Christ consciousness within ourselves?

This gathering tonight is for the purpose of expressing in a measure, the Spirit of the Christ and bring into right relation the standard established by the Infinite Principle. I am going to open the meeting to the expression of this Principle, or to questions and answers. It is our custom to devote one evening a month to questions and answers and this being the last Wed. evening of the month we will devote a while to the answering of any questions, but first let us each one tell of our experiences with the kingdom of heaven within.

What do you mean when you say, "The kingdom of God is within?"

Mr.-----It means that we have the consciousness of the kingdom of God within

us and realize the Christ within.

Speaker-----Yes, but now about the necessary steps to the realization of the kingdom?

Mr.-----It organizes itself in man's faculties. The kingdom of God means Divine Harmony within, and all the faculties of man's being must be brought into harmony and will be, if he realizes the kingdom of heaven within.

Speaker-----The Spirit in man begins its work in consciousness. It brings understanding and that works upon the faculties. Each faculty is quickened and cultivated and the real character is discovered by the I AM, and when we go on in the development of man we find that each faculty has a working center, and

in their right relation they each have every one of the executive offices that we find in the United States Government. You can find the President, the Cabinet, the Upper and Lower House, and each one of these Governmental powers within the individual.

Mrs.-----What does the kingdom of heaven consist of?

Speaker-----Well I should say that first it consists of God's idea of personal man. God is expressing his kingdom through man and in Divine Mind it is the Ideal. The inventor has a clear idea of what he wants to make but it must be expressed, and in just this way God expresses his ideasthrough men. Life then becomes a great deal more than getting a living or being success-

ful before the world. The most important thing is the bringing forth this inner kingdom. Most people start out in life thinking that their success lies in getting money or something of that kind, but that is not the real object of life. The real object is to bring forth the kingdom of God within you. You might be a beggar all your life and yet work out in your consciousness this kingdom. Many people not well off in worldly good have done a spiritual work within themselves and have accomplished a great deal. In his day Jesus Christ was very small. He has no place in history and people wonder if there was such a man why he was missed by all the historians.

Mr))----- You say the kingdom of God is within us and then I have heard the statement made that the universe is within man. How is this?

Speaker-----The outer universe that we see is not within man but there is a great universe and a little universe, and each may have within him the potentialities of the Universe. Each cell of our bodies is a little world and through growth we can externalize these cells and make a universe of them. We are potentially a great Universe and that is what we do when we bring forth the kingdom of God within us. We must grow in understanding and power. If you were asked to describe in your own words the kingdom of heaven, how would you go about it?

Miss-----I have had experiences in fulfilling the laws of the kingdom of heaven,

in overcoming something which I have never before been able to get control of.

I felt this weakness coming on and I said, "I am a child of God and I know this is but a limited idea of the mortal man and I know it is nothing. I demand in the name of Jesus Christ, that the thought leave my mind." Then I held that I was strong in the Lord and I felt that I had a firm foundation in Spirit and I felt the very Substance of Spirit. I saw my words had become substance and I knew I had the victory.

Speaker: That is the way the kingdom is established in the consciousness; through taking these simple every day affairs and demonstrating over them from the within instead of the without. The ruling power of the kingdom

is thought and if we realized this we would have the executive officers of our kingdom in fine working order.

Mr.-----I have been reading the Gady book and see described in it the Secret Place and the finding of the Secret Place and I have been for some time thinking along that line and at some times I am really close to that place and at others not so close. I could not have the same experience twice. I remember when I was converted I had such a peace and joy which lasted for quite awhile and my desire is really to live as close to the Divine within me as possible.

Speaker-----That desire for the kingdom is really asking; one of the forms

Jesus referred to when he said, "Ask and ye shall receive." When you really

desire this kingdom you will get a response and find the law.

Mrs.---I feel sure that if we would only listen to the voice within us we would not make so many mistakes. I find that if a thought comes to me and I follow it I never make mistakes, but it is so natural to reason ourselves out of following the voice of the Spirit. This was shown me so plainly today; I sent a rug to the cleaner and when it was returned something told me to go and see if that was my rug, but I thought surely those people wouldn't send me another rug than my own so I let it go and when I went up stairs later I discovered that it was **not** my rug at all. Had I followed the voice of the Spirit I would have saved the trouble of changing the rugs again.

Speaker: You have learned to serve instead of being served. Some people think we have to work out all these problems ourselves and the fact is that this great Universal Force will serve us in every way as we serve it. I have found it a great help in the establishment of this kingdom to hold that the kingdom of God is within me. "Christ in me the hope of glory." It is said that each man is two men - the higher and the lower man, the mortal and the spiritual man etc. and that is very true. The connecting link is I AM. Whatever our I AM attaches itself to becomes real to us. If you allow yourself to be pulled down by the animal man it will become the prime factor in your life.

Mrs.----- If man is the image and likeness of God who made the other fellow?

Speaker-----The other fellow was made by "I." As I said before, man becomes like that to which he attaches his "I." One is God's man and the other is man's man. Through the use of our "I" we can make of ourselves what we will.

Now let us be still and realize the kingdom of God within. Someone tell us the right way to get into the kingdom; some one who has had experience please tell us how you do it.

Mrs.----First still the outer senses. Take your mind free from all outer things.

Mrs.----"Be still and know that I am God."

Speaker ---Now take this thought down into your heart and hold it there; in

this way it will do more good than if you held it in the Universal Mind. Center

your attention within, and realize that there is a great centralizing force at work in your mind.

There is a brain in your heart and you can charge those cells and they will become active. You will get a great consciousness of the kingdom of God when you say, "The kingdom of God and his Christ now rules in my heart."

We are told to let our light shine. Let us through our words, let this light shine through the hearts of those who are open to it. Let us go forth, saying to all people: "The kingdom of God and his Christ now shines and rules in your heart."