

Healing Meeting,

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Subject: Protection

Mrs. Fillmore: We have just been singing about counting our blessings; I wonder how many really like to count their blessings? We are somehow taught to count the other side and see what our crosses and our losses are while if we would give attention to our blessings and count them instead they would increase. When we sing this song I am reminded of a lecturer discussing with his class what they had to be thankful for. Some of them were sure they had nothing to be thankful for and he said, "Well now, what would you take for your little finger? What would you take for your hand or an arm or a leg?" Why by the time he got through they all felt like

millionaires.

When we think of what wonderful blessings we have in these marvelous temples of the living God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in them, why we begin to see that we never have been awake to our blessings. We must appreciate them if we would have them increase, and we must bring forth in ourselves the capacity to appreciate more. When we do we are so rich that our world and everything in it takes on new riches to us. All the dull things seem to prosper.

We have only been half alive and didn't see much to life before but when we begin to appreciate and count and acknowledge our blessings we become truly alive and all the world takes on a different aspect. We must wake up our energies and live; that's all. God's Universe is just chuck full of blessings we haven't

realized and one of them is this idea of the wonderful Presence; what it is to us. When we realize this Infinite One as our protection we build a wall around ourselves that nothing can penetrate. When we have gotten into that place hidden from the senses called the Secret Place of the Most High there is nothing can harm us. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." What wonderful promises of protection there are in this Psalm: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. ~~xxxxxx~~ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. ~~xxxx~~ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he has given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They

shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." What wonderful promises of protection against accidents of all kind and what a help these promises are in cultivating that state of mind that knows no fear. I remember when the consciousness of the Protecting Power dawned upon me for the first time; I read the 91st Psalm and it came to me in times when it looked as though all was discord and in-harmony; when it seemed as though there was no possible help and it is marvelous what wonderful things came to pass. It is marvelous the things I was saved from by the realization of the truth in this x 91st Psalm. We can just stand still and be saved from all these things that befall so many others if we will but do it. Nothing shall by any means hurt us.

Let us feel this wonderful, wonderful presence within us and get away from the outside altogether. Let us come to the

place of stillness within and get into the presence of the Spirit. Let us take this thought for our meditation: "The Protecting Power of the Spirit is now consciously mine."

Silence.

Mr. Fillmore: I think you are all familiar with the adage: "The Lord helps those who help themselves." We might form a parallel to this by saying: "The Lord protects those who protect themselves." In other words the whole burden must not be thrown on the Lord. Man has a very important part to play in all that he does and all that comes to him. He is the central acting I AM of Being; all action in the world depends upon man because he is the greatest thought power, and his thought determines what shall take place in the world and affairs. Therefore we can

see how necessary it is that we keep up a strong current of activity in the direct way in which we wish to go.

If you want ^{the} protection of ~~the~~ Divine Mind set up thoughts of protection and attract it to yourself. Whatever you think comes to pass and whatever you wish to accomplish comes about. Set into action a thought energy and it begins to spread into your mind and body and environment and goes to the utmost parts of the earth. You can't tell where a thought will land. They are like the seeds blown about in the fall; they go with the wind and fasten themselves here and there, and wherever they find a resting place they settle and bring forth. In the Scripture we find that condemnation always comes to the one who is inactive. The palace was left in charge of the servants and all were praised for their good work except the one who had buried his talent; he was condemned. The Lord loves activity, energy,

and power and he wants you to do something and then his power finds a way to act. God is the great waiting potentiality. The mind in which we live and move and have our being is full of all good, ~~because~~ power, substance, life and everything we can conceive with the mind. Set your mind into activity and be an expression of the Universal Mind. You act along the right way when things seem to be going wrong because you are guided by the one Mind. Hold yourself in the Divine Wisdom and find out what you have to do, then do it with energy and gladness. The Infinite Mind is always ready to give us the right way when we ask for it. Business men are ~~ex~~ finding that they should always be on the alert for new activities and new ways and they are taking hold of the thought of prosperity. The optimistic thought is the upbuilding thought instead of the oppressive thought.

Just at this time we find all over the country a tendency to shut down on finances. Men are anxious and bankers tell them not to go ahead and therefore everything is stopped. There is a great fear that there might possibly be a stringency and that fear keeps everybody in a *turnmoil*. There is no need for this; there is an abundance in our markets ; industries are active and men acknowledge that never before did we have such good crops as this year. There was an article in the paper a short time ago of how : business men who could see ahead and see the necessity of taking active hold of things are ~~taxing~~ using that intelligence. A certain business firm recently found that the universal fear of financial stringency had closed down upon a demand for a certain line of goods they were ^{The manager} making. ~~He~~ called the advertising man and told him that he must cut down on

all the advertising. This man saw at once that to cut down on the advertising meant a loss of business and he said, "Well to cut down on the advertising means that we must call in at least one half of our salesmen from the road and it also means that we must reduce our working force to about one half." The manager insisted that times were hard and they must retrench. The advertising man insisted that it would take them years to catch up again if they made the change and he finally induced the manager to enlarge upon the advertising rather than to cut it down. The manager afterwards admitted that this led to the most successful sales they had ever made and they were prospered in all their business. When the belief in hard times came about a year ago there was another firm who had almost the same experience. This was a ~~xxxx~~ firm who manufactured shoes and they

found that the demand for their shoes had dropped off about one half. They first thought they must retrench but the manager said, "I believe there is some line we can keep active along." He thought of manufacturing and advertising a certain kind of new slipper and that helped them to the largest business their firm had ever known. New lines of activity can be put into the field right beside of what seems to be retrenchment and success will always follow. When you find the tendency to withdraw and give up to failure say: "There is no opposition to the One Infinite Law. There is nothing to oppose the good and the good is all there is. Abundance and prosperity are everywhere manifest and they belong to me." If you fear being imposed upon say: "The Infinite Goodness works with me and Infinite Intelligence directs all my ways." You will find some line to branch out on right in the face of the ~~perplex~~ seeming failure. Do not pay any

attention to what the family says about it - they are listening to sense consciousness which has no weight with the Infinite Mind. There is a great opportunity today to live like

in every department of our life. Thought is the greatest power in the world and it doesn't make any difference how you may seem to be surrounded by failure, fear or discouragement, there is a way out. Do not be fearful ; fear leads to accidents. Get fearful and you get shaky - it may be inside but you know it is there and as you go forth into the world all the little fearful thoughts of the people will come to you just to the extent that you have that fear. I was thinking this morning of all the destructive thoughts accumulating in the race consciousness for year after year and of how they are now finding vent in Europe. Like great clouds filled with moisture they gather

about us and finally break. These thoughts are wonder working powers. All the people in the universe have been cultivating the idea of destruction and we know that every thought must find expression. We are probably being relieved of our destructive thoughts now and anyway we can get a good lesson from it. If you carry thoughts of destruction it will sooner or later come your way. What is the remedy? Love. Love and send out loving thoughts and everything will protect you. Love the animals and they will love you and protect you. You can go into the wildest parts of the earth and the grizzly bears and mountain lions will not harm you. The bears in Yellowstone National Park have become so tame that they are a nuisance and it is because man has not been allowed to hunt them there. They are conscious of the fact that nothing will hurt them and are not

afraid. We are afraid of this and that in the animal world because we have made enemies ; we should not have fear of any kind and if we want to reap Divine Protection from everything we must cultivate love in our hearts. We should love the elements. Love heat and cold until you wont be affected by it. It is possible to love the warmth so that you cannot be cold and to love the cold so that you will constantly be warm, and so with everything in the world; it will respond to a right thought.

Man has within himself all power and the whole foundation of his power is righteous thinking. There is a great chance for all people in this new field which consists of righteous thought. Nothing shall be impossible to you if you only will believe in this spiritual power. Believe in the I AM in man that directs thought. Your whole life can be changed by some

current of positive thought. Always see the bright side of every condition.

Now we are here tonight for the purpose of cultivating this power of thought ~~for~~ of all-protection for our people and those people in Europe. The one cultivating the destructive thought will eventually be destroyed - remember that. Cultivate thoughts that bring peace and harmony; have protection by having Divine Love for everybody. Put away all enmity, anxiety, fear and remember that by building up love for other people we build up ourselves. Never do men have success through turning down some competitor whom they think is trying to get away with their trade. Build things up; be strong and see ~~th~~ others as strong; protect yourself and protect others.

We are not here simple to listen, to sing a few songs and

go away again, but to give what help we can and therefore we will be glad to hear of your demonstrations. Here is an opportunity for you to express yourself; tell us about all your demonstrations:

Mrs. I had a good demonstration this morning. A colored man came to work for me. He looked ill and discouraged and told me that something was the matter with his right hand and that he didn't know how much work he would be able to do. I looked at his hand and told him there was nothing wrong with it. He went to work and I began to sing "I Love To Tell The Story;" you all know how inspirational the colored people are. He worked very hard all day and seemed to forget everything else and I've been wishing ever since that someone would sing that song to me. I have had many good demonstrations for my-

self, having almost passed the borderland many times. Now a new experience has come to me and I am trying to abide by the spoken Word. I feel like singing "I Love To Tell The Story".

(Someone sang the opening words of this song and the congregation joined heartily and enthusiastically in singing it)

Speaker: Praise the Lord, that was good. We need waking up and such things as this will do us good. I think I must have been a Methodist in some former incarnation and sometimes I think I would like to be one again.

Miss----I have demonstrated a great deal over fear and I appreciate it very, very much. It would take too long to enumerate the many ways in which I have been able to help myself but I am truly thankful for the good that has come to me.

Mrs. ---I do not know of any special demonstration to tell

but I can say that I am very, very glad to have been here this evening.

Speaker: If you all had that fearless spirit which the early Christians had you would all be ready to face lions if necessary. What gave that fearlessness to those early Christians? Just what we were singing about - the love of Jesus.

Mrs. -- Some time ago I left my property in Maine because I was not able to manage it. I was full of fear and in perfect terror all the time. I went all to pieces and could not talk to or look at people at all. Things began to get better when I got away from my troubles and now I am going back to face the whole thing again and take up my burdens where I left them. I am overcoming and feel that I have the strength to go on now.

Mrs . ---Just two weeks ago I came here for the first time. I stand here tonight for the last time for some time to come, but I hope not for the last time for always. I want to say that in the past two weeks I have had as many experiences ~~and~~ as I have ever had before. Experiences have come to me that I clearly discern to be the result of my own thoughts - I wont relate them for they would probably not interest you in the least - but the greatest blessing I have learned has been ~~in~~ the Universal God and the brotherhood of man. I shall carry away a great many good things; thoughts that will be the main stay through every hour of my existence on this plane. I have ~~tried~~ to be helpful also and hope that I have succedded. I ask the blessing ^{if} of every one of you dear friends that I consecrate my life to the work that I may be led by the Spirit. I expect to run up

against stumbling blocks, but thank God I can overcome them.
I ask your prayers.

Mrs.---Let us know for Mrs.C. that the Spirit of the Lord goes before and prepares her way.

Mr.---I often think of what the Lord said to the children of Israel about being strong and of good courage . When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt and sent the twelve men to search the land of Canaan to see if they might stop there they were lacking in courage and brought back unfavorable reports. Of the twelve sent out only two brought back good reports. They were afraid of what they saw there and said that they saw the sons of Anak which were giants, while they were as grasshoppers in their sight. Because of that fear the Lord sent the children of Israel back into the wilderness - all but Caleb and Joshua who reached the land and lived there. I think

that is a good deal the way it is with us; it is the courage and fearless ness we put into our efforts that enables us to succeed in our undertakings or not to succeed as the case may be.

Speaker: Thats it exactly. We see ourselves as grasshoppers and we will be grasshoppers and the giants will step on us and crush us. We need the courage and boldness of Divine Faith and
always
above all let us take the positive, truthful side. There is nothing to fear if we cultivate Divine Love and the Protecting Power of the Spirit.