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Some people think we draw upon our imagination for these metaphysical symbols. The fact is that all people who see the soul are interpreting that soul. In our great modern operas and plays and the great high class work in that line today those plays and those operas are based upon mythologies and legends, but have been interpreted to be history but which in fact is the outpicturing of the development of man's soul. Now, exactly the same thing is true of the Scripture. It is a description of man's soul, and not only his soul, but his body. So our description is not far fetched, but far ahead of the race consciousness, and will sometime be accepted everywhere as the true meaning of the scripture. Jonathan represents the development of the soul in a certain phase, David another phase, the love side, and Saul, the intellectual will, in the discerning (or desiring) the finer forces of his being, become dominant. How many men we find in that state of consciousness today? They sneer at the finer, gentler methods of the Christian. They say they never win, you must fight your battles in this world to succeed. It may be there are other ways of attaining this development in man, and maybe this method would kill out in the soul that which is really the salvation of the man, so we are perfectly safe in assuming that David does represent the genius of the soul. David was the appointed

became a high priest, a musician; he was a poet, and he had other abilities in which he excelled, and, as Charles Reade said, [18] character in history fully equalled David. Some of the other characters have forged ahead of him in a certain phase of development, but none covered the whole field of human development as he did. Now, this we see is a fit type of the One who preceded David, the Christ. David represents the spiritual man which has received the anointing baptism of the Christ, coming into a realization of the Jesus, but not yet fully in consciousness of its divine love nature. David was a good deal of a fighter and he was not always true to Principle. David was ambitious; David was a murderer. He had a thousand blow holes in his character, and that kind of a man cannot be Jesus Christ. He must go a step farther and yet he is the foundation in man's consciousness of that higher expression, so if we find in ourselves the good and evil all mixed up together, we should not be discouraged, because that is the seed of the Christ. David was the soil in which was being sowed the higher Principle. So we find in the world today the whole race, the planetary race, in the throes of what might be called the David consciousness. We are realizing today that the friendship of Jonathan and David is being exemplified in that new friendship that is being experienced in the nations of Europe. When this war came upon us we were told that we belonged to the whole human race and that it was a race war, that certain principles were being fought for. It took us a long time to wake up to that proposition, but found out that it was true, that there was a soul in Principle, in unity between the peoples across the sea, and the people in America found it in a shortage of certain food, and found it in the drawing in our people of certain forces. It was forced upon us, and then when we entered the war there was a great shortcut.

We are told in Matthew that this time was coming; it was prophesied by Jesus Christ. He saw it as the harvest of all the thoughts of good and evil that they had had, and when that came there would be rumors and rumors of war, the great conflict the world over, earthquakes and violent convulsions of warfare. Now, that time is upon us, and Jesus Christ said if that time be not shortened, no flesh should survive, but for the elect's sake it would be shortened, and it is being shortened, being brought into effect today and brought quickly, that under the old law, the slow law of, well, the man made law, would have taken some centuries maybe. We would find, for example, that there is being a world-wide dry nation, that old King Alcohol is being dethroned. Well, why? It uses up the grain, consequently we are going to have prohibition. In one year 60,000 drunkards die in America. We have lost only 10,000 men altogether in this war this year. Shortening up process. It would have taken years and years to have brought about the abolition of alcohol. It would ruin us to have prohibition, but our directors, our law makers, executive power, have said we will do away with prohibition. And we have public utilities, but lawyers have sat on the public rights and spoken carefully about public rights, but the Government has taken them over; time shortened for the elect's sake. In the face of telegraph and telephone public rights again should not be interfered with. Mr. said we will have charge tomorrow of telephones and the Government have. They belong to all of us, everyone of them. Another great consideration is right upon us, and that is women the poor. We will, up to us real men and women absolutely necessary to. Must give women the privilege of voting, and every privilege in every respect that men have, and then there will be an end of the war. Then men get spright and honest and are willing to abide by the law then there will be an end of war. If it had not been brought home to us we would have doubtlessly gone on and on for years and years. Now it is done in a moment's time. What is back of all this? Why, the Christ mind. You can see it and feel it. Between the lines you can discern the Anointed in the eyes of the public leaders. Woodrow Wilson, inspired by the Anointed, was just a common school teacher. How did he develop this wonderful legislative ability that he has and the wonderful speeches that he has written? The time was ripe and the Spirit used him, that is all. Just as in every great crisis of the time. The time is always ripe for men to become the inspired of God, always ripe. The time is ripe for you to become the inspired of God. There never was a time when the elect, the elect of the Divine Mind have such wonderful opportunities as they have today. Have you been elected to become one of God's chosen vessels? A great leveling process, leavening, yes, and out of it is to come a new race. We are one great nation the world around, and this sending of our sons to Europe to fight is camouflage. It covers a great wound of the Lord to become acquainted with the sons of those people, as cement. We have come from this country, and now we are going back with the riches that we have accumulated here and we are going to become generous with those people here. After the war there is not going to be any of this enmity, it will be taken away, and we will enter into a new universal brotherhood--advance guards--let us be true to our spiritual understanding; let us enter into this consciousness of friendship and fellowship; let us be fellows and friends among ourselves first and then we shall glue the whole world and do away with all differences, be one with Christ.

Charles Reade in one of his novels said in looking over one of his Bibles one day, he saw a diagram of a circle and from it were spokes that gave the names of the different sects and in the center, Christ. Underneath the bottom, "The nearer the center the closer together." In other words, the nearer we get to Christ the closer we get in our human relations. Is'nt that good doctrine? Certainly, it is just what we have been teaching. See Jonathan and David with you, joined in unity, which will make the perfect man. We will never be perfect men and women until we make this perfect junction between the head and the heart and do away with the will which is driving us here and there, everywhere, away from the quietness, from the peace and harmony of the Divine law, making us believe that there are things to be attained in the outer that are absolutely necessary to our well being. It is'nt true. The only thing necessary to the outer comes when the center is developed, and you will find that you have reached, that you have attained that place where you have longed for, that place where you have looked forward to--it is yourself, in you, Christ in you, the hope of glory.