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Good Samaritan

The lesson last Sunday was the Good Samaritan. Several points for consideration were overlooked, so we thought it well to take up these points tonight.

We think the great idea in the Good Samaritan is service, how to serve. The Good Samaritan represents of course that Christ in us expressing in sympathy, love, and that every day, common goodness which is usually over-

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looked. We look for something extraordinary, for a goodness or a power that is out of the ordinary. We think that Christ, the great Son of God would not be doing little things, almost the servile things. But Jesus taught that that was the very thing that the Christ did. He washed the feet of the disciples. He did those things that ordinarily are considered servile; that is, beneath the average person. Now is there a power in us that we are really overlooking not

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considering as worthy of any especial consideration or giving it much attention and yet it has within the virtues; it has within the power; it has within the great opportunity that we are seeking. Now you search yourselves and see if you do not find that power and when you find it and sift it from all its apparent conditions, materiality and those limitations that cluster around it, you will find it is a divine power. Now there were in the parable of the

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prodigal son you remember those two great, leading powers in man, the priest and the Levite? They, when it came to serving this lowly character, passed by. It is only the good Samaritan stops and serves. We find that our nearest neighbor is our body and that body is suffering the neglect of our religion, to begin with. If you have been very religious, very good, and followed the teaching of Jesus just as closely as you know how yet when it came to taking care of your organism

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did you give it to a Divine, give it to the Christ, give it to love? Now

the good Samaritan---one of his characteristics is love. That is always

of this Christ mind. But I say when the priest is called upon

does he represent Christ? You will say at once: "There is nothing, no

doctrine has it, nothing has been taught in the church that heals the body.

The body must be taken to a scientific healer, somebody who understands the

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anatomy, someone who understands the laws of health. There you can see the

priest passes by on the other side, doesn't know how to heal the wounds of

that half dead man. Somewhere they have been robbed, mal-treated in various

ways, the result of not discerning the true source of that body, not looking

to its spiritual source and that is not taught by the priest in us. The leading

religious thought in man is not the healing of the body from a religious view-

point. If you want to place healing in your own consciousness do not appeal to your religious side as you have been taught. You must get something deeper than that. You can't get it by reading texts, observing some formula written in the Scriptures. You can't get the love element. No, there is a power in you, and power has, as I say, its original in Christ.. You must understand that your body is in its origin perfect, made perfect in the beginning, and that each

organ in that body is backed up by a perfect idea, and that perfect idea can be expressed if you let it. In other words, the perfect Christ body is here always just waiting expression but your religious idea would not let it express, ignored it, and because of ignorance it does not understand the real healing.

There is the Levite, there is the power in you that apparently

knows all about you, the religious, it represents that action in your mind that should be serving the man, the body, but it does not, it passes by. How shall we really get any healing power out of ourselves? What is the servant that takes care of the body. Where is this Christ. Well, as I say, it is an overlooked quality. It is not understood, and only by understanding that we can depend upon, rely upon, is the spiritual knowing, that spiritual omnipresence, that meek, undercurrent of

divine mind which comes to our rescue when other things fail. As I say, your religion may fail and your resource in a physical way may fail, but there is a spirit in you, a serving spirit that succeeds every time. That is the one great point. We are explaining, emphasizing, calling your attention to that serving spirit; that living Christ is right now waiting to express in every one of us if we give it our competition and sympathy and love. Now you must in your human consciousness

form an outlet for this Christ mind, and that is a point that so many people overlook. They look upon the Christ consciousness as something external, anterior, something on the outside, a perfect Christ. They think that God has in some way made a great plan to save them, saving them from their ills, from death, from everything without their perfect co-operation. You will never be saved unless you cooperate. You must recognize in yourselves as an in-

dwelling person, this compassion, this love, this saving grace, this healing power. This good Samaritan had some oil that he poured on the wounds. Oil is always expressive of love. With your silent word alone you express, you heal your body, if you make a way in your mind for this Christ mind. It is Divine unction, healing balm, that alabaster box of precious ointment. Jesus said at the time that this should be in honor of a balm which should help him

in his death. There is a metaphysical meaning to this. This old body with its dead cells is swept off if we know that true, infinite love is poured onto us, a healing balm, and fills us, every one of the wounds made by ignorant mind. Now the robbers and the thieves that waylay the body on its way down from Jerusalem to Jericho, from the within to the without. The thieves are our ignorant thoughts and there is no telling how many thoughts you have

that are robbing and depleting your body. How many of us realize that very fact? We will never get it until we know this Christ mind is constantly here within us destroying the cells of the organism. Destroyed through jealousy and lust; absolutely destroyed. The body suffers in consequence and that helper is this inner state of mind, it is the Christ in you. It must be brought into your conscious expression, the body must see it and then the great universal

mind is opened up. Notwithstanding, the man of the flesh is restored.

That is the subject tonight and we have many of us realized that this good Samaritan is Christ of God. He is with us. We are being restored. He is pouring his lil upon our wound. He is filling us with that great love of the Father. We are being cared for. He is taking us upon the beast of burden to the inn where we are provided for. The good Samaritan acted the part of

prosperity. He provided for him, gave the proprietor of the inn money to take care of the man. There is a prosperity thought out right ther. God is our prosperity. He provides for us and cares for us. You say: "I have to save for a rainy day." That means a sick day. Most of us are laying up for time of need. If you build that up in your mind you will have to meet that condition. People say: "Don't you believe in saving?" We do believe in ^{not} saving if in that saving process you anticipate a time when you need something.

What you need you can have right now and instead of pinching, saving for some future time, it will be better to put that money into what you need now. If you have the right kind of thought, that the wisdom of God, the love of God, the economy of God is always with us, always with us. Because you do not look out for the future you need not become a spendthrift. If you live in Spirit you build up more and more this friend, this one loving presence. He will heal your

wounds, care for you, provide for you. We have all had the experience, especially in the providing power of God, loving power of God. We are gathered for the purpose of recognizing God and nothing but God. Acknowledge the Father. With that acknowledgment you will be saved from some other error you might make. The power of the Spirit will come into you just to the extent that you open the way.

You move, live and have your being in this infinite life, love and

intelligence of Spirit. God is Spirit and the I Am in every one of us.

You are the Son of God and that son has all the potentialities, all capacity.

God not only protects us with healing love, ^{but} restores us and has to build up new consciousness, the all-providing power. We want the large consciousness of this good Samaritan. We want a consciousness that will bring to our realization that the same healing power existing with Jesus Christ years ago, or with

Elisha and Elijah, or any of the great demonstrators, is right here, all of it.

That great physician is Christ. That is just a name for the divine idea of the mind of God in a man. Just think you have that healer, that restoring mind at the very center of your being. You can have the healing restoring power poured out upon you at any time you acknowledge it. We are going to acknowledge the healing Christ, that great physician. This thought is simply to call our atten-

tion to that universal truth, the Christ of God is with us, working through us, and we acknowledge it.

"That Great Physician liveth yet, my friend and guide to be;
the healer by Gennesaret now lives and works through me."

