

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM JOEL (3/6/21)<sup>1</sup>

**Q: Century after century, people buy the Bible and read the promises and rely on them and then wonder why nothing ever happens. Why doesn't it come true that *"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee?"* Why doesn't it come true that *"None of these evils will come nigh thy dwelling place?"* Why doesn't it come true that God is the healer? Why are these Bible promises not fulfilled?**

**A:** Well, you are the only people in the world today who have the answer. Nobody but Infinite Way students has the answer to that, although it's in the Bible: *"The natural man receiveth not the things of God"*<sup>2</sup> The natural man is not under the law of God, neither indeed can be. Ah, you see, that's been hidden; that's been hidden. None of the spiritual promises was ever meant for man whose breath is in his nostrils. *"Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostril for wherein is he to be accounted of?"*<sup>3</sup> And the Master says, *"My kingdom is not of this world."*<sup>4</sup>

And so, you see that we have gone for dozens of centuries with poverty-stricken people, diseased people, enslaved people, and none of the Bible promises have come to pass. And lots of these peoples were Christian people who had Christian Bible promises, and lots were Hebrews who had the promises of Hebrews. Can you imagine the feeling of the Hebrews in Germany when they were marching to their death and perhaps repeating within themselves, *"None of these evils will come nigh thy dwelling place,"*<sup>5</sup> and wondering, "Well, what did that passage of Scripture mean? It sure is coming nigh our dwelling place—too nigh." And the Christian missionaries carried the Bible to Japan, and can you imagine the Japanese Christians when they felt that atomic bomb coming on them and then remembered the promise, *"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"*<sup>6</sup>?

Do you not see that you must individually awaken to this message of The Infinite Way so that you actually do see why there is an Infinite Way in this generation; why the time has come at last for you to awaken to the fact that you are never going to receive God's grace as long as you are "man whose breath is in his nostril?" You are not going to receive God's blessings as long as you are living by the law of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." You are not going to receive God's blessings as long as you are holding your enemies in condemnation.

Until you become children of God, meaning thereby, praying for your enemies, forgiving seventy times seven, loving your neighbor as yourself, in other words, fulfilling the message and the mission of Christ Jesus; until you are literally living Christianity or Buddhism—they're all the same—until you are living that, you do not become children of God. When you pray for your enemy, he says, you become children of God. Well, you have to try it and see if it's true.

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<sup>2</sup> 1 Corinthians 2:14

<sup>3</sup> Isaiah 2:22

<sup>4</sup> John 18:36

<sup>5</sup> Psalm 91:10

<sup>6</sup> Hebrews 13:5

We have two long passages of Scripture: *“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me;”<sup>7</sup> inasmuch as ye have not done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have not done it unto me.<sup>8</sup>”* See whether you are fulfilling those two passages. See whether you are fulfilling all that is in those passages, and then you will know whether or not you may call yourselves children of God and therefore expect the grace of God, the blessings of God.

Now in some degree, each one of us has already proven that we are children of God, and we have already proven that we have received some grace of God in some degree, and so we know that what we have to do is continue until our oneness with God is greater in realization than it is now.

But this likewise shows us what our function is with our students and with our patients and with those who come to hear the tapes. We are to impart to them the heart and soul of The Infinite Way, which is: Don't believe any of these Bible promises, and don't believe any of The Infinite Way promises. As long as you are determined to live the purely human life; as long as you are going to judge your neighbor, criticize, condemn; as long as you are going to withhold benevolence; as long as you are not living in the realization of oneness; you are living as mortal man and [the] Bible is very clear that you must drop your mortality in order to take on your immortality. Therefore, the Bible promises were not made for mortality, for mortal man, and it is for this reason that you are told that you must drop your mortality.

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<sup>7</sup> Matthew 25:40

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 25:45