

In God's Hands – trusting and resting

Chapter 7 ~ If Thou Knewest

1. Sunlight (on cloudy day) ... does not change its course or its natural action in the least. It just goes on calmly radiating itself as usual. And yet the darkness is annihilated the instant it is touched by the light. Why? Because the darkness is not an entity having a reality of its own. It is no thing. It is simply the absence of a positive, real something. And when there is made a way for the something to rush in and fill to fullness the empty space, the no thing then is the nothing, the darkness annihilated, destroyed, healed; all there is left is the something, the light.
2. Where did the darkness go? It did not go anywhere because it was not; it had not existed.
3. Nothing is real that is not eternal and all conditions of apparent evil, of sickness, poverty, fear and so forth, are not things, not entities in themselves, but they are simply an absence of the opposite good, just as darkness is the absence of light. In the deepest reality there is never an absence of God there. God as life, wisdom, love, substance, fills every place and space of the universe, or else he is not omnipresent.
4. In overcoming undesirable conditions ... first, we must persistently deny the reality of the seeming evil; second we let in the substance of all good.
5. The creator of the universe is no respecter of persons. There are no favorites in his creation.
6. The incoming (of health, wealth, etc.) will depend on our faithfulness in acknowledging the source and affirming its manifestation. We cannot idly drift into it. We must speak the words of Truth before Truth will manifest.

Chapter 8 ~ Trusting and Resting

1. There is a perfect passivity that is not indolence. It is a stillness born of trust. Quiet tension is not trust. It is simply compressed anxiety.
2. In the matter of God as our supply, or any other side of the divine law that we, from time to time, attempt to bring into manifestation, the moment we begin to be anxious our quiet becomes simply the airtight value of tension or suppressed anxiety that shuts out the very thing we are trying to bring about, and so prevents its manifestation.

3. We need to rise about this state of tension, to one of living trust. There is such a thing as an indolent shifting of our responsibility to an outside God, which means laziness, and which never brings anything into manifestation. But there is also a state of trustful passivity, which we must enter into to do the highest work.
4. From the smallest thing of our everyday life to the rolling away of the largest stone of difficulty from our path, this Presence will come in to deliver us. But its working depends on our trusting, and trusting means getting still inside.
5. After we have done our part faithfully, earnestly, we are told to “stand still, and see the salvation of God, which he will work for you ... God will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”
6. But there is nowhere any such promise of deliverance for you while you preserve a state of flutter within!
7. My friend, this battle you are trying to fight is not yours, but God’s. ... Be still. Let go. The battle is God’s, not yours, and because it is God’s battle through you, God desiring to manifest through you, victory was on your side before the battle ever began!
8. You do not have to see how. That is not your business. Your business is to “stand still” and proclaim: “It is done.”
9. So God delivers when fully trusted - perfectly, fully, even beyond anything we have asked or thought; adding good that we have never dreamed of, as though to give double assurance of his favor and love to any who will trust him.
10. We must learn that the time of help’s coming to us is not our part, but God’s. We do know that in all the accounts in Scripture of those who realized God’s special deliverance from their troubles – this invisible power came to hand just at the right time always, never a moment too late.
11. When the way keeps growing darker and darker and apparently the help goes farther and farther away instead of coming into sight, you must grow more peaceful and still than ever, and then you may know that the moment of deliverance is growing nearer for you with your every breath.
12. Man’s extremity is God’s opportunity. Trusting means resting confidently.
13. “God is my strength; God is my power; God is my assured victory. I will trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.”