

Dear beloved Brethren & Sisters,

We come to you and greet you in heavenly love, We seek, of God, a blessing for His people! for we, as a people, are very poor and needy! Our souls feel, as we walk among you, a spiritual hungering for the bread of life, and we thirst for the waters of life! Life! Immortal life! for ourselves, and for our dear relations in Christ!

In the career of human existence, there is that which saveth and yet heapeth up for destruction! And there is that destroyeth, and yet maketh eternal gain! For, "He that saveth his life," (the life of fallen lost nature) "shall lose it" (that is, lose the life of God in his soul) And, "He that loseth his life" (the life of lost nature) "shall find it" (that is, find the life of God in his soul) for eternal salvation Momentous that!

Most precious Friends! To living souls, whose spirits glow with Heaven's inspiring power, and whose throats burn with the word of God; whose emotions are as coals from off the altar of sacrifices to the Lord, there is an unendurable emptiness in a mere professional life of holiness! Its ennui, lassitude, weakness and hypocrisy, lash the soul with bitterness unendurable!

Some souls gather into Zion apparently, as a covert from the storm of God's indignation against sin, and, as it would seem, under the delusive hope, that, a mere profession of a holy consecrated life, and an outward union with God's true and faithful children will enable them to elude the shafts of condemnation, which the angels of conviction, surely will, eventually, pierce into their

sin stained souls; this is foolishness! For God hath a controversy in Zion! It is the "Kingdom of Heaven" the "Net cast into the sea" of worldly life, and, therefrom gathers in of every kind!

But, the hand of the Lord, will, in His own wise purpose, from time to time, assort the gathered host, and save to the heavenly garner, the pure and undefiled in the way, the penitent and broken hearted, who are willing to wash in the purifying streams of conviction, confession and repentance, true sorrow of soul for sin, that they may become purified!

But, He will cast back into the worldly, sensual, lost sea of nature, those who do not give heed to that spirit of truth which would awaken their souls and bring them into condemnation and purification!

Alas! Alas! Beloved Brethren & Sisters, it is sadly too true that many souls in Zion do not appear ever to have been awakened to a conviction that the Gospel calls upon them to become New Creatures, and, to put to death the worldly, sensual, carnal life! the life that seeks and wills the indulgence of ^{sensual} ~~sexual~~ and worldly love, affection and sympathy; But, instead, they do not have any warfare against the flesh at all! because they have nothing against it! They would plead for more sexual association and freedom, less self-denial of sexual affections; would claim the right to life, according to the course of nature, at least, to a considerable extent, arguing, from sensual philosophy, a propriety in a measurable indulgence of the sexual passions; as tho' the "Kingdom of Christ," and the the Kingdom of the world were at one!

In fact, some souls, who would claim to be Believers in Christ's Kingdom, seem to ignore the harvest work of that Kingdom! They seem not yet to have had their spirits awakened to see, and feel that souls must be wholly cut off from the vine of nature, and die to all its sources of life and pleasure, in order to be harvested into the Kingdom of God! But, such souls are living a kind of amphibious life! Striving to keep fellowship, both with the order of nature and grace too! Thus, they never travel out of nature's lap; but, simply, to a certain extent, suppress the animal, sensual, ~~sexual~~, and carnal passions instead of putting them to the death of the cross!

Souls thus blinded by nature's lap, never honestly, fully and effectually, confess sin; particularly, fleshly sins, which most darken and stupefy the soul! A narration, before their Elders, of that which, in a life of nature, would be deemed immoralities, would about measure the depth of conviction for the sins of the flesh, which such souls feel! Whereas, a soul who is, really, and effectually baptized with the Holy Ghost, and with fire of truth from the heavenly altar, feels to search the records of life, and, if ever they have yielded to a carnal, fleshly indulgence, it is brot to judgment individually, sin by sin, as it was committed, as well as all other sins, great or small! a gift of God lending wings to memory, so as to be able to review life's journey, as it were, marking every step which strayed from virtues narrow path of purity; yea, even bringing into the work of judgment the words and thoughts which have been indulgently left to roam upon evil deeds, and the pleasures of a carnal life! Why? Because words

and thoughts are deeds to the soul as really as the actions of the physical body, when they are the fruits of intention and design, or will! Evil thoughts, indulged, are the precursors of evil deeds, done in the body, and with the body.

But, Alas! Many darkened souls pass on from week to week and month to month, yea, from year to year among Believers, and never bring the filthy fleshly deeds of a worldly life to judgment, only in the lump, or aggregate, like the transactions of a wholesale merchant, but, stay on in the ranks of Zion, playing with their worldly passions and affections, and their animal sexual loves, as a worldly child would sport with a pet; that is, fondlingly, indulgingly, affectionately, caressingly! In short, living as men and women of nature, in reference to their manner, and spirit of communion with each other, instead of living as the children of the resurrection from the natural, carnal life!

By such wholesale confessions, an evil, lost nature is not put to death, or the cross, by mortification, but lives and rules in the soul!

Again, souls in a dark, worldly sense, do not see and sense the true order of the House of God, they do not feel the need of Elders, or a visible Lead, as mediators between God and their own souls! but, as natural men and women, as Horah, Sathau, and Abiram of olden time, ignore the principle of mediation between God & man, and do not look to their Elders as Mediators between God and their own souls at all, but claim the right of each soul having a lead within, and for itself, thus subverting the whole order of God's work with man,