

IT SEARCHES THE JOINTS AND THE MARROW

If you go into the kingdom of Boreas, you get cold; if you go into the kingdom of the Sun, you get warm; if you go into the kingdom of Neptune, you get wet; and if you go into the Kingdom of God, you become God-like, holy, every whit whole.

It matters not in the least to the kingdom of Neptune how dirty you are, what kind of dirt it is, how long you have been dirty, how thick the dirt upon you or whence it came, or where it may be, for the ocean immediately functions, making you clean, and keeps you so. And when you go into the Kingdom of God, it matters not in the least what is the matter, how long it has been the matter, how serious is the matter, when came the matter, or where is the matter, for the Spirit of God proceeds immediately to make you holy — every whit whole.

When you go into the water, you cast aside your garments, and let the water have every opportunity to cleanse the body and make it clean. And in the Kingdom of God, like blind Bartimeus, who, “casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus,” you must cast away your garment, the garment of the human mind with its thinking, right or wrong, and so enable the Spirit to seek out, find, and destroy whatever and wherever is the matter, and thus make you every whit whole.

When you go into the water you do not carry a lot of leaden weights or attach them to your body; but, stepping out, as it were, on the promise or decree of the ocean to make you clean, you simply swim, dive, tread water, float, and splash about, or act as a being in the kingdom of Neptune. And then without any prayer to the ocean, without any intervention on your part to help the ocean, without any intercession to the ocean, you simply let the ocean function according to promise, whereupon it searches out the hidden parts of the body and finds the dirt, wherever it may be. It may be that the accumulated dirt, the dust and grime of the day’s work, may be on the body in quite unknown places, and even the kind of dirt may be unknown; so how would it be possible for you, if you would, to tell the ocean what to do? But the water itself, by its very nature, searches out the hidden parts, finds them and makes them clean.

So in the kingdom of God, without prayer, as we read of Solomon: “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house” [his consciousness] — without making intercessions as Paul says, “For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings [words] which cannot be uttered” [by the human mind]. But stepping out upon the promises that He will make us every whit whole, which is the very best prayer (even as we stepped out on the promise of Neptune to make us every whit clean), we simply act as though we were in the Kingdom of God; whereupon, as the water sought the hidden places and cleansed the body, so the Spirit searcheth all things, “dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart,” and so seeks

out and finds whatever error there may be, wherever it may be, and destroying it, heals and saves.

How does one act as being in the Kingdom of God? By being joyous — “With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.” By being filled with laughter and merriment — “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” By giving thanks to God continually, and by praising and glorifying Him. Not by attaching to ourselves the leaden weights of praising and glorifying the devil or human mind by recognizing the evil, by talking about it, arguing against it, etc. In *Unity of Good* we find: “To say there is a false claim called sickness, is to admit all there is of sickness; for it is nothing but a false claim. To be healed, one must lose sight of a false claim. If the claim be present to the thought, then disease becomes as tangible as any reality.” And then, without any intercession on our part or prayerful endeavor to help God in any way (and not infrequently we are totally unaware of what error is to be destroyed, so how could we make intercession for, or pray for, that of which we know naught?) this very presence of God searches the heart and the hidden places of the body, and, like the water, cleanses and makes us every whit whole.