

THE PRECIOUS FROM THE VILE

“If thou take forth the precious from the vile . . .” (Jeremiah). The precious is the “I,” Spirit, Soul, Mind, God. This “I” is the way, the only way. “I am the way. No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me” — by the way of this “I.”

We continually place this “I” in the vile. We say, “I suffer,” “I am in pain,” “I am sick,” or “I am in want.” Thus do we place the “I,” the precious, in the vile. In *Science and Health* we also find, “You say, ‘I dreamed last night.’ What a mistake is that! The I is Spirit.” By this mistake the precious is placed in the vile.

It is just as erroneous, just as fatal ultimately, to say, “I suffer,” “I am in pain, and I am sick,” or “I lack,” as it is to say, “I dreamed last night.” What mistakes are they all! For the “I” which is Spirit, Soul, Mind, God, is none of these evils; and just as the sentence following immediately after the foregoing quotation states, “God never slumbers” (*Science and Health*) — neither does He suffer, be sick, in pain, or lack anything good, and as “His likeness never dreams” (ibid), so neither does God’s likeness suffer, be sick, or lack.

If, however, you continue to place the “I” which is the precious, in the vile, in the body, or elsewhere other than where it belongs in God, you will become a prodigal and feed on husks. If, however, “thou take forth the precious,” this “I,” Mind, Soul, Spirit, God, Principle, from the vile, from the body, or elsewhere where it does not belong, and where it has been so long misplaced, and instead, claim your rights and press your claims, that the “I” is Spirit — “I am Spirit,” “I am Soul,” “I am God” — and so “I” have all that is good, meaning, of course, not that the person is God, Spirit, but that the “I” or Ego is so. The person is simply the manifestation of as much of that “I” or Ego, God, Spirit, Soul as you have. Then it will not be very long before this “I” will manifest or show forth itself in your very life, environment, and body, and you will find that the “I” has brought you back again into the Kingdom of God, where good is to be found and experienced.