

MORE ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR

Paul says, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" — be at one with God.

Out of the mouth of the ambassador issues the voice of his country. He cannot speak of himself, or of what his personal or private opinions may be for he takes his orders from his country, from his government, and makes his utterances as directed by that government or country. Self, so far as he is concerned, is out, and the country of which he is ambassador is in. No matter what may be his personal opinions, his troubles, his predilections, all these must be forgotten when he becomes ambassador, for he is, as ambassador, entirely separate from his personality and is now the representative and the voice of his country.

It is reported that at one time we had in this country a remarkable man by the name of Bill Thompson, mayor of Chicago. This Bill Thompson amused the whole country, and perhaps himself, by constantly attacking England and its King. He used to say such things as, "I'd like to tweak King George's nose." He was quite a harmless individual and what he said never hurt anyone; there was not the slightest antagonism evinced in the matter; on the contrary, his actions may have served even to bring in a new crop of votes. If King George ever heard of these sayings, he was most likely as amused as anyone else.

Now we shall suppose by a good stretch of the imagination that this man Thompson was appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James's, and so was no longer Thompson, the mayor of Chicago. Consequently he was no longer free to make such un-called for utterances, for he was now the mouthpiece of the United States of America, and could no longer speak from the standpoint of Thompson, mayor of Chicago, no longer speak as a freeborn citizen of the United States, but he must speak only the word of the United States of America.

He may be presented at court and about to meet Their Majesties, the King and Queen; he may be clad in silken hose, knee breeches, and feeling within himself that he is several different kinds of a foolish individual; he may be looking about him and seeing the old-fashioned pageant which is being carried on with such pomp and splendor as is unequalled in the world, being quite unaware of the motive and purpose of the whole performance, when the suggestion might come to him that he would like to shout, "I'll tweak the king's nose." This suggestion, however, which came to him would be set aside, and he would refrain from indulging it in any way, and instead act as one who is the representative of the United States of America and its ambassador.

Jeremiah was ambassador to the world from the Kingdom of God. He seemed to be troubled at this time — suggestions of evil were coming to him and caused him to cry aloud to God, "Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou" [recollect that he was talking to God] "wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?" And God Himself answered him, "If thou return" [you

see, he had permitted himself to get out of hand as ambassador and had reverted back to Jeremiah the human being with the human mind; self had asserted itself as though Thompson the ambassador had allowed himself to become Thompson the mayor] so God said to him, “If thou return” [that is, return to Jeremiah the ambassador and refrain from being Jeremiah the human being with the human mind and so let the “I” go unto the Father, or live as being Jeremiah the ambassador of God’s Kingdom] “then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me” [meaning that then will I bring thee again into the Kingdom of God and thou shalt stand before *me* as the ambassador of the Kingdom of God, or the image and likeness of God]: “and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth.” — that is, if you take that most precious thing, (the “I” or Ego, the most precious thing there is, for it is God Himself, or the Christ, God manifest) if you take this most precious thing, the “I,” from Jeremiah the human, from Thompson the mayor, and return it to where it belongs to Jeremiah the ambassador or to Thompson the ambassador, to God Himself, for the ambassador stands in the place of God; that is to say, take this precious “I” from that thing which appears to be discordant, sick, unhappy, afraid, discouraged, etc., and return it to God, which the “I” truly is, then “thou shalt be as my mouth” — then will you, the ambassador, actually be the very mouth of God speaking forth the Word of God.

“Let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them;” that is to say, let the evil suggestions present themselves to you over and over again if they will, but don’t you permit them to become real to you or recognize them as being real; or, to return to our illustration, when Thompson the mayor intrudes himself upon you, the ambassador, and would have you shout, “I’ll tweak the king’s nose,” you must refrain from being Thompson the mayor, and be as you really are, Thompson the ambassador, and act accordingly.

“And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.”

Could there be a better decree?

Be then an ambassador of Christ, an ambassador of the Kingdom of God. Go forth as such. Let self go by the board, and so be the very mouth of the Kingdom of God speaking forth the Word of God and nothing else. Unless the government of the Kingdom of God instructs you what to say and do, say nothing and do nothing, and wait patiently until those instructions come; then say and do as directed.

Let the suggestion come to you — “let them return unto thee” in the endeavor to make you speak and act evil, or to have your old self preponderate — “but return not thou unto them.” — do not believe them, nor assent to those evil suggestions, but be the ambassador of God, and speak and act only as God directs you.