**Monday 3/27**

***Related Ve******rses***

**Rom. 9:23**  
**23** In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

**2 Tim. 2:20-21**  
**20** But in a great house there are not only gold and silver vessels but also wooden and earthen; and some are unto honor, and some unto dishonor.  
**21** If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.

**Gen. 2:7**  
**7** Jehovah God formed man with the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

**Rom. 9:15-16**  
**15** For to Moses He says, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."  
**16** So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

**Psa. 23:1-3, 6**  
**1** Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.  
**2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.  
**3** He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.  
**6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me All the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah For the length of my days.

# *Related Reading*

God chose us that we might be vessels of honor to contain Him. God created man as a vessel to contain Him, and out of the many vessels He chose us to contain Him, the God of honor, that we might be vessels of honor. Finally, He makes known His glory upon us, the vessels, that we might become vessels of His glory (Rom. 9:23). All this is out of His mercy and according to His mercy; it cannot be obtained by our efforts. For this reason we must worship Him, and we must worship Him for His mercy! (Rom. 9:21, footnote 1)

Honorable vessels are constituted of both the divine nature (gold) and the redeemed and regenerated human nature (silver). These, like Timothy and other genuine believers, constitute the sure foundation that holds the truth. (2 Tim. 2:20, footnote 3)

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According to my experience, nothing pleases the Lord so much as for us to realize that He does not want us to do anything. He only wants us to love Him, to open ourselves up to Him, and to let Him live from within us. This may sound quite familiar to you, but if you look into such a sentence, you will realize that it is not so common. It is not so familiar to you. From the very beginning when God created man, God had no intention to ask man to do anything for Him. God’s intention was to create a vessel to contain Him and to express Him, so God only wants an opening of the vessel. If the vessel is open, God can fulfill His purpose, but if the vessel is closed, God’s purpose is frustrated.

What is the real significance of man’s fall and the real nature of man’s fall? It is that first, man wants to know, and second, man wants to do. It is to know something and to do something. These two aspects are the genuine significance of man’s fall. The enemy’s temptation was that man must be something. For man to be something, man needs to know something and to do something. This is the real meaning of man’s fall. Once man became fallen, the evil nature of knowing and doing entered into man. This is the most abominable thing in the eyes of God. We would think according to our natural religious concepts that the worship of idols or witchcraft, these demonic things, are abominable. But the most subtle and the most abominable thing is man’s attempt to know things and to do things. This is the very evil thing that entered into man’s nature by the enemy’s temptation.

We all have to realize that in our fallen nature there is a substance so evil that likes to know and likes to do. I am sorry to say that religion mostly cares for these two things. Religion helps people to know, and religion helps people to do. Even today Christianity has become such an active religion of knowing and doing. Seminaries just educate people to know and to do. They train people and stir them up to know and to do. This is altogether a kind of education against God’s eternal purpose. It is no wonder that among thousands of Christians you can hardly find one who knows that God does not want us either to know or to do; God wants us only to love Him and to keep ourselves open to Him. “Lord, I love You. I fully realize that I am just an empty vessel, yet You treasure this earthen vessel because this earthen vessel was created by You according to Your eternal plan to fulfill Your heart’s desire. Lord, I just love You. I like to contain You. I like to be filled up with You. I like to be saturated and permeated with You. Have mercy upon me that I may keep myself open to You all the time.” (*CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” pp. 239-240)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” ch. 22

**Tuesday 3/28**

***Related Verses***

**2 Cor. 4:7**  
**7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

**Eph. 3:17**  
**17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**Deut.6:5**  
**5** And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**2 Cor. 3:16-18**  
**16** But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.  
**17** And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
**18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

**1 Thess. 5:23**  
**23** And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Related Reading***

God does not want us to do anything; He wants us only to be a living vessel. If you were an inanimate vessel, a vessel without life like a jar, you would be easy for the Master to use because you would not have a will or a mind or an emotion...But God created a living thing,...a living jar full of emotions, with a strong will, and with a mind. After the fall this living jar became a problem to God. This problem has been among the Christians all these centuries. Either the Christians are indifferent, or they are too hot in knowing and in doing. On either side the Lord could not get the vessel.

This point is clear in the New Testament, especially in...Paul’s fourteen Epistles...You may say that the summary of these fourteen Epistles may be expressed in just two words: open vessel. God wants an open vessel. In Romans 9:23 Paul tells us that God created us as vessels of mercy unto glory. Then in 2 Corinthians 4:7 he says that “we have this treasure in earthen vessels.” These two verses may be considered as a basic secret to our experience of Christ and the church. (*CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” p. 241)

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An open vessel is doing nothing but keeping itself open to the filling up. The processed God—the Triune God, the all-inclusive Spirit, the compound Spirit—is here waiting for an opening to get into you. How much He would enter into you depends upon how much opening you would give Him.

You may say that you have consecrated everything to the Lord. You have consecrated your wife, your children, your eyes, your ears, and your hands. I, too, have made this kind of detailed consecration many times. I even consecrated every single hair and every cell in my body to the Lord. Yet, have you realized that even after such a thorough and detailed consecration you still are not open to the Lord? Seemingly you have consecrated yourself to God, but actually you have consecrated to yourself. Your consecration did not keep yourself open to Him. Your consecration still kept you under your knowing and under your doing. This is the real problem. This is also the real burden of this Perfecting Training. The real burden is to pin your situation down, pointing out to you what your real trouble is. You love the Lord, you love the church, and you can declare strongly that you have seen the vision. Even you may say that you are open. But you are not open to the Lord. You are open to your knowing; you are open to your doing. It is really hard to have a person on the one hand absolutely open to the Lord and on the other hand doing nothing. If you can love the Lord and yet do nothing, that would be a miracle. When you love someone, surely you want to do something for him. Today’s Christian philosophy and logic tell you to do something for people to show them that you love them. But the Bible logic says to love the Lord but do not do anything for Him by yourself. Love the Lord to the uttermost; do not do anything for Him by yourself. It is not so easy. Sometimes even those who do not love the Lord want to do something for Him. This is to be religious. Our problem is that we are too active...You have to be active-passive...To love the Lord to the uttermost is to be active. To not do anything is to be passive. You need to be saved, to be empowered, to be sanctified. For this you need to love the Lord and yet do nothing. You need to let the Lord do everything. What is in our fallen nature is just to know and to do. What the Lord wants is that we love Him, that we keep ourselves open. Do not do anything. Let Him in. Yet you always like to do something and keep yourself closed, causing the Lord to have no way to enter into you. (*CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” pp. 241-242)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1965,* vol. 2, “The Tree of Life,” ch. 1

**Wednesday 3/29**

***Related Verses***

**Matt. 22:37**  
**37** And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**Gal. 2:20**  
**20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Mark 12:30**  
**30** And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength."

**Luke 10:39-42**  
**39** And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to His word.  
**40** But Martha was being drawn about with much serving, and she came up to Him and said, Lord, does it not matter to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to do her part with me.  
**41** But the Lord answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;  
**42** But there is need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

**1 John 4:16, 19**  
**16** And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.  
**19** We love because He first loved us.

***Related Reading***

1. You just need to love Him and to keep yourself open to Him, giving Him every opportunity to do everything He wants to do. You become the enjoyer, enjoying Him and enjoying His doing. So whenever you would pray, thanks would come out of your mouth because you are so grateful to the Lord. You would experience that the Lord is your victory, your sanctification, everything to you. You will be the enjoyer of what the Lord is and of what the Lord does. (*CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” p. 246)
2. ---
3. It does not mean that you are lazy or indifferent or dumb or sleepy. No. You are on the alert, and you are so sober. You love the Lord, and you keep yourself open to Him all the time. Yet you would not do anything, but He would do everything. Not only is this possible, but this is also required by the Lord. The Lord requires you to stop your doing. But He does not want you to be sleepy or indifferent; He wants you to be very alert. Love Him and keep yourself open to Him. Tell Him every day, “Lord, I love You. Lord, I am here open to You. Lord, have mercy upon me, and by Your grace I do not like to have any part of my being closed to You. I like to keep myself entirely and thoroughly open to You.” If you try this, you will see what will happen. You will not need to worry about your victory; you will not need to care for the losing of your temper.
4. You are a vessel created by God. As a vessel full of life, you need to exercise your emotion to love Him. Love the Lord your God with all your heart (Matt. 22:37). As a vessel, you do not need to do anything, but you need to keep yourself open. We all know the principle of the free will. If you do not love Him, the Lord would not force you to love Him. If you do not keep yourself open, the Lord would never force you to keep yourself open. So you must exercise your free will to love the Lord and to keep yourself open. But stay away from doing. Forget about your bad temper. Forget about your besetting sins. Forget about your weak points. Love the Lord and keep yourself open and stop doing...The only solution to our problems [of peculiarity] is the filling up of the Lord within us. And this depends upon our loving Him and keeping ourselves open to Him all the time. The proper prayer, the deeper prayer, the genuine prayer, is just to keep yourself loving Him and open to Him...It is not so simple to stop your doing. But by His mercy through the genuine prayer your doing will be stopped. The genuine prayer is always the killing prayer. It kills your every doing. The more you pray yourself into this genuine prayer, the more you are killed. Actually, it is not you who are killed but your activity. It is not you in yourself but you in your activity that will be killed. Your genuine prayer will one by one kill all your activities, and it will calm you down. Sometimes it will even kill your burden. Then you will be a clean, empty, and open vessel. You will be a living vessel absolutely calmed down so that your Master has the absolute free course to fill you up. When He fills you up, He does everything for you. Then you simply enjoy His doing. This is the proper, genuine Christian life. A genuine Christian life is one that loves the Lord and keeps itself open to the Lord and stops its doing. Then the Lord comes in and the Lord does everything and this vessel just contains the Lord and enjoys the Lord’s filling up and enjoys the Lord’s doing. This is the proper and genuine Christian life. (*CWWL, 1980*, vol. 1, “Perfecting Training,” pp. 246-247)
5. Further Reading: *CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, “A Deeper Study of the Divine Dispensing,” ch. 1; pp. 47-52 (A Supplementary Word)

**Thursday 3/30**

***Related Verses***

**Rom. 8:2, 10-11**  
**2** For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.  
**10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.  
**11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**Col. 1:27**  
**27** To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

**Col. 3:4**  
**4** When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

**John 6:57b**  
**57b** , so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

**John 4:14**  
**14** But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water gushing up into eternal life.

**Psa. 36:8-9**  
**8** They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.  
**9** For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

***Related Reading***

1. Today the One whom we believe in and worship...has become the Spirit, the ultimate consummation of the Triune God, for the purpose that we would partake of His divine dispensing. This is the mysterious economy of God, which is to dispense and to distribute to God’s children all the rich elements of God. Now this God has been processed and has become a holy breath, everywhere filling the earth. Even while you are preaching the gospel to others, He is in your mouth and in your heart. He will come out of your heart and will enter the mouth of those who listen (Rom. 10:8-9). He is the Holy Spirit, the Triune God, Jesus Christ, becoming life and everything to those who believe and receive Him. He is so wonderful. (*CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, “A Deeper Study of the Divine Dispensing,” pp. 388-389)
2. ---
3. This wonderful One is in us mainly to be our life, operating and working quietly and gently in us. This can be compared to our physical life. Every day, twenty-four hours a day, it operates quietly and gently in us. While we are sitting here, an operation is working within, which is our digestion. However, we do not feel it. Whenever we feel it, that proves that there is something wrong with us. Not only is there the digestion, but there is the assimilation as well, which makes the digested food elements part of our blood and constitutes these elements as the cells and tissues of our body. When God’s Spirit works in us, He operates in a similar way.
4. He is coming to us not only to be our life but to be our everything, that is, to be our person. He wants to abide in us, to make home and to settle down in our whole being, so that He can become our all. He is waiting all the time within us for us to turn to Him and to receive His supply. Some always speak of the Lord’s dealing with them and His rebuking of them. But in my experience of sixty or more years of following the Lord, it seems that the Lord has never rebuked me severely. I have indeed offended Him many times. But He is always willing to supply me and to dispense Himself into me. Today the Lord is definitely living in me. He is our life to be our everything. He is our person, our Head, our Husband, and our Savior. He wants to make His home in us and to make our whole person His place of rest.
5. God’s economy, that is, His plan, purpose, and arrangement of things to accomplish His desire, is carried out in ways very different from ours. For example, God wants us to please Him. When we read this word, immediately we would make up our mind, pray, and even fast, saying, “God, be gracious to me. I do have the desire to please You. But You know that I have all kinds of obstacles, problems, and weaknesses. I cannot do it. Please help me.”...But although God wants us to please Him, He has no intention that we please Him by our own effort. Rather, He wants us to please Him through living by His life and even by Himself. Stanza 1 of *Hymns*, #499 says, “Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace! / The Christ who’s all within me lives.”...The above hymn continues to say, “With Him I have been crucified; / This glorious fact to me He gives.” What is this glorious fact? “Now it’s no longer I that live, / But Christ the Lord within me lives.” It is no longer I that live. This is truly wonderful! Now it is Christ that lives. This is glorious! However,...most of us would say that sometimes it is He and not we. But most of the time it is we and not He. This is our real condition.
6. God requires man to do many things. But He has no intention that man would do them by himself. (*CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, “A Deeper Study of the Divine Dispensing,” pp. 389, 478-479)
7. Further Reading: *CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, “A Deeper Study of the Divine Dispensing,” chs. 8, 11

**Friday 3/31**

***Related Verses***

**1 Tim. 1:4**  
**4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

**Eph. 3:9, 16-17**  
**9** And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

**16** That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,  
**17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**John 14:16-17**  
**16** And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,  
**17** Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

**1 Kgs. 19:11-12**  
**11** And He said, Go out, and stand upon the mountain before Jehovah. And suddenly Jehovah passed by, and a great, strong wind rent the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before Jehovah - Jehovah was not in the wind. And after the wind, an earthquake - Jehovah was not in the earthquake.  
**12** And after the earthquake, a fire - Jehovah was not in the fire. And after the fire, a gentle, quiet voice.

**1 John 2:27**  
**27** And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

***Related Reading***

According to my study of the Bible and my Christian experiences, I realized that in my Christian life the things that I experience of Christ, of the Triune God, of the Spirit, and of the divine life with the divine nature are altogether normal to me. They are a normality. At the beginning of my Christian life, I read the writings of some inner-life teachers who taught that all these spiritual and divine things were great miracles that were not easy to attain. They indicated that a number of requirements had to be fulfilled for us to reach a point at which we were qualified to receive these miracles. I tried to experience these things according to the instructions given in their books. Eventually, I found out that the experiences of the Spirit in God’s New Testament economy were not according to what they taught. Actually, all the spiritual and divine things that are provided by God for our enjoyment are altogether normal. They are normalities. But I also found out that these normalities are miraculous to the uttermost. (*CWWL, 1987*, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” p. 387)

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I was considering what term I should use to describe my experiences of these spiritual and divine things according to the holy revelation...Thus, I picked up the words normal and miracle to come up with the phrase *miraculous normality*. If we desire to properly and adequately visit people by knocking on their doors for gospel preaching and have the proper home meetings, we must have the experience of the miraculous normality. We must know what the miraculous normality is to be adequately qualified to carry out God’s New Testament economy. (*CWWL, 1987*, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” p. 387)

I was saved when I was nineteen years old...At that time I had a natural imagination within me that salvation [and being filled by the Spirit] should be...extraordinarily miraculous thing[s] and that...one day some great thing would happen to me. But after I had passed through many experiences, I had never had anything extraordinary happen to me. Instead, all that happened in my spiritual experience concerned merely normal matters. Today, over half a century has gone by. The more I have experienced, the more I feel that these matters of spiritual life, which are matters in God’s New Testament economy, do not have anything that may shock people outwardly; rather, they all appear to be normal occurrences...Now, I see clearly that as far as spiritual matters are concerned, the more normal they are, the more proper and real they are. And the more normal they are, the more rich they are.

I can truly testify from more than sixty-three years’ experience that the spiritual life of God within us is a reality. This is not the physical life created by God but God coming into us, born within us, to be our life. Our outward man is the God-created life; our inward man is God being our life. Christianity has nearly discarded the aspect of God becoming our life within. They have also made the matter of the Holy Spirit coming upon men and the Holy Spirit filling men a rare and strange thing. In fact, this spiritual matter of God coming into us to be our life is a very normal matter. To be saved is a very normal matter. (*CWWL, 1987,* vol. 2, “Words of Training for the New Way,” pp. 165-167)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1987,* vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” ch. 13

**Saturday 4/1**

1. ***Related Verses***
2. **Rom. 10:12-13**  
   **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;  
   **13** For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
3. **John 3:6, 8**  
   **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.  
   **8** The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it goes; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.
4. **1 Pet. 1:3-4, 22-23**  
   **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
   **4** Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens for you,  
   **22** Since you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another from a pure heart fervently,  
   **23** Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God.

***Related Reading***

When we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, we receive the processed Triune God. To open up our mouths and call is most normal. It is normal to call “O Lord Jesus.” We can call on the Lord’s name in any way, at any time, and in any place. Thank the Lord for the normality of calling “O Lord Jesus, O Lord Jesus.” But when we call “O Lord Jesus,” do you realize what we get? We get the processed Triune God! This is miraculous. To get the processed Triune God is the top miracle, the greatest miracle among all the miracles. In order to receive Him, there is no need for me to dress up, make myself extremely neat, and be reverent by kneeling down in a proper way to pray in a formal way. There is no need for me to “wait on the Lord” for a number of days before I can contact, receive, and enjoy Him. All that I need to do is call “O Lord Jesus,” and I get the processed Triune God for my enjoyment. This is the greatest miracle in this universe and the totality and absolute aggregate of all the miracles throughout all the generations. This is altogether miraculous, yet it is so normal. We can call on the Lord’s name while we are driving or before we go to bed. (*CWWL, 1987*, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” p. 388)

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Regeneration is a miraculous normality. Some inner-life teachers said that it was not so easy to be regenerated, and they called regeneration the “first blessing.” I read a number of writings in an attempt to understand what regeneration is, but I could not find the answer until I read an article by Brother T. Austin-Sparks. He said that regeneration was to receive God’s divine life in addition to our human life. I was happy when I read that definition. From that day I understood what regeneration is. To be regenerated is to be born of the Spirit in our spirit (John 3:3, 5-6), thus obtaining God’s divine life to become the sons of God (1:12-13).

We have observed...that many have been genuinely regenerated instantly. This is miraculous yet normal. It is a miraculous normality. (*CWWL, 1987*, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” pp. 388-389)

Now I would use an illustration from the Bible to show you that matters of spiritual life are normal matters. Romans 10:6-7...[indicates that] no one can cause Christ to come down from heaven and then to descend to the abyss and to be resurrected from the dead. Christ has already accomplished all this for us...God has already prepared everything of His salvation for us. This can be compared to God preparing air for human beings on the earth so that once a person is born, with a cry he can breathe the air into him. Today, if a person wants to be saved, he only needs to open his mouth and call, “O Lord Jesus!” Then he will obtain salvation.

The Lord as the Spirit is already in your mouth and in your heart. The Lord as the Word is also already in our hands and within us. Now you need only to receive the word and contact this Spirit, and the Lord will become your supply. Then day by day you will be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and you will allow the Holy Spirit to descend upon you. This should be your daily experience...Brother Moody once said, “The greatest miracle in the universe is that man can be regenerated.”...Every day in the spiritual life, we can experience this great thing in the universe. It is miraculous yet normal. Therefore, it is a miraculous normality. (*CWWL, 1987,* vol. 2, “Words of Training for the New Way,” pp. 168-169, 172-173)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1987*, vol. 2, “Words of Training for the New Way,” ch. 10

**Lord’s Day 4/2**

1. ***Related Verses***
2. **Psa. 23:1-6**  
   **1** Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.  
   **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.  
   **3** He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.  
   **4** Even though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death, I do not fear evil, For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, They comfort me.  
   **5** You spread a table before me In the presence of my adversaries; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
   **6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me All the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah For the length of my days.
3. **Further Reading:**
4. Further Reading: *CWWL, 1965,* vol. 2, “The Tree of Life,” ch. 1

**Hymns, #548**

**1** Earthen vessel I was made,  
  Christ in me the treasure laid;  
  His container I must be,  
  As the content He in me.

**2** In His image I was made,  
  Fit that Christ should all pervade;  
  Thus the vessel God did form  
  With the content uniform.

**3** In my spirit He remains,  
  With His power He sustains;  
  As the Spirit one with me,  
  He is my reality.

**4** Moving in me day by day,  
  Mingling with me all the way,  
  All my steps He regulates,  
  Every part He saturates.

**5** Him expressing from within,  
  Making Him to others seen,  
  I transparent have to be  
  That He may be shown thru me.

**6** Transformation is my need,  
  To be broken more indeed,  
  That the clay may change in form,  
  To the treasure to conform.

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 3:21-4:25

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 5-6

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Designation and Resurrection

Scripture: Rom. 1:4

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 52, 54-56

Supplemental Reading: *Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans*, chs. 3, 18

Hymn: 203

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