

MEDITATIONS FROM OCTOBER 2014 SUNDAY BULLETINS

THY WILL BE DONE

Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson
October 5, 2014

Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
(Matt. 25:34)

Experiencing the kingdom of heaven is often believed to be a special dispensation bestowed upon special individuals. Yet the Christ tells us that the kingdom, in which we experience perfection, infinite love and peace, was prepared for all of us from the beginning – even before we began seeking the Father’s presence. It was prepared for us before we even heard of the Christ Mind.

This kingdom was always available, waiting for us to turn within and claim our heritage.

Paul was quite aware of this. He told the Romans, *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, we are joint heirs of the kingdom with the Christ.* He knew.

The Kingdom of God is within us – within each one of us. As we begin loving our true identity as children of God, we find it. This awareness in which we experience the love and substance of the Kingdom is built into the fabric of consciousness. Turning within to the truth, we realize that we are heirs to divine substance.

Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
And So It Is.

SOWING AND REAPING

Rev. Donna Gatewood
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Every farmer and everyone else that ever planted a seed or a cutting knows that the seed or the cutting you put into the soil will bear fruit after its kind. A kernel of corn will produce corn and a cutting from a rose bush will produce another rose bush. This is the law of nature. We can see this law in nature but for some reason we are not able to relate to our human affairs.

Scripture puts it this way: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” This verse describes an unalterable law that affects everyone in all areas of life, family, work, and pleasure. It is both a warning and an encouragement.

A kind word spoken or a good deed done will result in your receiving a kind word or a good deed just as a word said in anger and a deed done out of spite will come back to you like a boomerang. We always reap what we sow, more than we sow, and later than we sow.

Jesus used agricultural images to show that when we allow God’s Word to produce positive qualities in us, the results multiply; “The one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears

the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

On the other side of the ledger, the prophet Hosea describes the consequences awaiting those who sow the seeds of ill will: “They sow the wind and they reap a whirlwind.” What are you sowing?

THE JOURNEY

Rev. Janet Friedline

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The human being is in a state of motion – going from one experience to another, testing this and trying that. Sometimes there appears to be a purpose for what we do. Other times, actions appear to be random, with no clear intent in mind. Some people call this activity a journey, going from one place to another, usually leading to a particular destination. We have also noticed that we do not always arrive at the destination. And we wonder why. Were our goals too ambitious? Were we not prepared for the journey?

When it comes to our spiritual life, we sometimes refer to it as a journey, or as being “on the path.” But where are we going and how will we know when we get there? If heaven is within, then just what is the “journey?” Mystics tell us that it is not necessary to go some place. Rather, we should become still and realize “right where I stand is holy ground.” This is the moment for revelation; let us become still and listen.

WE BUILD CONSCIOUSNESS

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Many individuals put up with human discomfort simply because they do not know how to get rid of it.

There are those who believe that God is responsible for their present circumstances or the circumstances of others and pray that God get rid of them. Not really convinced that he can. So they continue with the same old aches and pains because as of yet they are not aware of the power of consciousness.

Consciousness is the instrument through which the invisible is made visible. And we build consciousness through every thought we dwell on. Therefore, some people are building a consciousness of poverty by dwelling on the very thing they no longer want. And all the while it has nothing to do with God but with their habitual pattern of thought.

There is no disease in God and there is no lack in God because God is too pure to behold iniquity. God has no knowledge of the human condition. Only of His Creation, and His Creation is Pure, Perfect and Complete.

Paraphrasing the teachings of Jesus: “Seek first a consciousness of God and all things shall be added unto you.”