

DOMINION

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Good Morning... This morning we come to a most important subject, and one that each student must work out for themselves, the subject is: "*Dominion*." In the beginning, God gave us dominion, an unlimited dominion, dominion over everything between the skies and the bottom of the seas. Actually, dominion doesn't work that way at all! Dominion is always a dominion over our self. We never can have dominion over each other, the divorce rate proves how futile it is to try. The failure of the various socialistic movements, shows how impossible it is. We never can have dominion over each other, we never can have dominion over "anything" or "anybody." But when the Bible says that "*God gave us dominion over everything, in the earth and above the earth and beneath the earth,*" it means exactly that. It means that we have dominion over our consciousness, and over everything within our consciousness. And since the entire universe exists within our consciousness, by having dominion over ourselves—we automatically have dominion over everything that pertains to our lives.

But this dominion that was given to us in the beginning, we have completely lost: not partially lost, but completely lost. We have no dominion as "the human race" I'm speaking: we have no domin-

ion over the weather, over the climate, over foods, germs, storms. We should have, but we do not have. And the reason is that: dominion is something that we voluntarily surrender for a temporary moment of peace, it is exactly that which happens in free countries. The man most responsible for the freedoms that we have in the United States, one of the men to whom we owe the most, Thomas Jefferson, said that "Democracy must in the end fail, that people will lose their freedoms—they will surrender them," and they have. Gradually, bit by bit, we let somebody or other come along and take our freedoms from us, and always the reason is the same: a little temporary peace.

An illustration of it is, someone has said that: "the power to tax is the power to enslave," and of course we'd never believe that—so we've given our governmental authorities the power to tax. And of course "taxation" has really become... into the acquisition of our properties and freedoms. "Taxation" has become such now that it is no longer taxation, it is really the taking away of everything that an individual can have above their living. This we surrendered, not necessarily, but it was so easy just to say, "oh, it's a war measure," and there it was. Evidently peace still hasn't come, because they haven't changed the taxes.

And so it is, you could go through one phase of your own life after another, and watch how you have surrendered certain privileges, certain liberties. Even in home life, we do that same thing, that is, the human world does: if there's one dominating member of a family, gradually all the others will surrender a little here and a little there, until that one is running the whole nest.

Now... dominion is something that is given to us by God—and therefore, we always have it, it has never been taken away from us. The only thing that has been taken away from us is "the exercise of our dominion". . . that we have surrendered. The dominion we still have, and we can assert it—at any moment that it seems important enough to us. Not before, nobody is going to assert their dominion because, it requires an effort. And at this stage of experience a very vigorous and continued effort, until we once more are in possession of our dominion.

Now we do not want dominion over each other, let us immediately get all ideas out of our head—that what we are seeking is dominion over someone else, or dominion over something else. The dominion that we are seeking, is "a dominion over our own universe," and that means dominion over our own consciousness: what we accept as true or false.

Let us take the subject of “weather” or “climate.” Now in the present age as you know, the human race is subject to weather and climate, and it is for this reason, that there are colds and grippe and flu, and many other germ diseases—all because we have given dominion to these. Now I can prove to you in two minutes, that this is unnecessary. In the field of Evangelical healing, they tell us that about 80 percent of the people who come to the healers for healing, have (I mean in England, this is). . . have some form of rheumatism or arthritis. Now do you know that in the metaphysical fields, and I don’t care which one of ’em it is, in the metaphysical fields—less than 5 percent are suffering from rheumatic and arthritic conditions. The reason is, that the very moment an individual comes to any of the metaphysical teachings, they begin to realize that: power doesn’t exist outside in matter; they begin to realize that power is in mind, or Spirit, or God, or consciousness. And, automatically without any specific treatment, without any *s p e c i f i c t a k i n g* thought—automatically they begin to fear weather and climate and age “less.”

You find over here, that you hear it over and over again “oh, I’m past forty, I’m getting rheumatism.” You hear very little of that in the metaphysical field, and almost none of it in our field. And when we do hear of it, it is mostly the new beginner. After a while, it seems to disappear. And the reason, we don’t have any dominion over weather, we don’t have any dominion over climate, we don’t have any dominion over

germs—we have dominion over our consciousness, and thereby we accept our consciousness as being **power**, authority, and dominion: “*all power is given unto me.*” And automatically, we are withdrawing it from weather, climate, germs. And the first thing you know, we are freer of those conditions than the rest of the world.

Now remember, let no one tell you that we have control over the weather. But, in our work in The Infinite Way we have performed experiments, where: tidal waves and hurricanes have been predicted, and where they have been predicted to strike a certain place, a certain time, and with certain force—and five successive times, these have dissolved before they struck. Now let no one believe that we have dominion over tidal waves, or that we have dominion over storms—we have dominion over our consciousness. We do not “**give**” in our consciousness, we do not **give power** to anything external to ourselves. We acknowledge that “*all power is given unto me.*” I have been given **God-given** dominion—and therefore, I do not acknowledge a power external to myself. I acknowledge that all power is embodied in the *Kingdom of God* that is within me.

Remember this, we are not getting egotistical—we are not saying that “I have any powers of my own, or any dominion of my own.” We are saying that “we have **God-given** dominion, so that: **if we** have God-given dominion, the storm has none; if we have God-given dominion, the germ has none; if we have God-given dominion, the storm has none.” Now again, you come back to the basic

word of The Infinite Way, which is our sacred word and our secret word: “**consciousness**”. . . “consciousness.” If you understand that **God** is infinite divine Consciousness, **and** that this Consciousness is your individual consciousness, for **God** has given us all that we have: God has given us **HIMSELF**; God has breathed into us **HIS** life; God has given us **HIS** mind, **HIS** consciousness, **HIS** awareness, **HIS** dominion. Therefore, if the *Kingdom of God* is within me—the *Kingdom of Dominion* is within **me**.

Now I don’t want any dominion over you, I want only dominion over me. I want the dominion to know: that “**nobody**,” and “**no thing**,” and “**no circumstance**,” and “**no condition**,” has dominion over me—because I have **God-given** dominion; and since the *Kingdom of God* is within me—this dominion or power flows out **from** me, and governs **my** universe. Don’t forget, I’m not intruding into your universe, I’m not intruding into your life, I’m not intruding. I’m making no laws for you, I’m making no rules for you, nor am I trying to take anything away from you. I am asserting “**my God-given** dominion” over “**my** universe!” And that sets you free, to have “your God-given dominion” over “your universe.” And then you will find, that if each of us “**assumes**” our God-given dominion over our universe—we will all be working together. We will need to take nothing **from** each other, but we can share **with** each other—everything that we have or everything in our twelve baskets full that are always left over.

But see what a relationship it makes, if I know: that *“I and my Father are ONE, and all that the Father hath is mine”*. . . now I have dominion over my supply. Do you see why I don’t have to take away anybody’s supply? Do you see why I can leave everybody free with their supply? Because *“I and my Father are ONE, and all that the Father hath is mine”*. . . and now I have dominion over **my** supply.

Ah, but the moment I have dominion over my supply, I have so much that I love to share whatever it is I have, with those who have a need of it. But then as each one, has that same dominion, they find themselves also with twelve baskets full left over—and since we don’t all have a supply of the same thing, we all have something to share with each other. We’re all sharing love, but that love takes different forms.

So you see that, in the subject of “dominion,” it is never to be confused with “domination.” It is the same way, when we come to such matters as “elections.” You know actually, we have dominion over what kind of a government we will have. But you can’t have that dominion by going outside and deciding who you want to elect, and then forcing their election, if you have that power—for the simple reason that after [elec] they are elected they may not prove to be the right one. Politicians don’t always live up to the promise of their campaigns.

But, if we will assert our God-given dominion, by realizing: I don’t want any man to govern—I want to realize **“God’s** government on earth as it is in heaven,” I want to realize **“God’s** dominion on

earth.” And cling to that, in your daily meditation period for “world work,” and “government work,” “national work.” Hold to that, “that you are not choosing this candidate or that, you are not determining which one is going to do the best, and so forth”. . . you are going to have **God-government**, you are going to realize **God’s government**.

And then what happens, if you actually do hold to this, you will discover that those **nearest** representative of good government, will be the ones elected. It may not be one entire party, but it can be the best out of two parties or three parties, so that eventually—your fate isn’t in the hands of a party, and your fate isn’t in the hands of certain men. You continue to realize, “I must be God-governed, I recognize and realize only God’s government on earth, even God’s government of men.” And then you will witness not only a different type of person getting into government, but you’ll find that those who get in come more-or-less—under the government of a wisdom higher than their own, even though at times they don’t know why.

This does not mean that you have any dominion over them, and you don’t want any. Your dominion is over your own consciousness of government, your own awareness of government, your own choice of government. And therefore, you’re not choosing who shall govern me—you are merely choosing how **you** shall be governed. And then, as a miracle will reveal to you, eventually, no matter who’s elected—you will find yourself **free**, or at least more free of intolerable conditions, than you have

ever been before. But remember, your dominion does not extend to anybody or anything external to yourself.

I may at this point say to you... “that one of the great mistakes made by the Hebrews, was in believing that Jesus was going to be their king.” Now, the Hebrews were no different than we are, we always want a king... a ruler. If we could have it, we’d all prefer to have a dictator, as humans... for the same reason: it’s so easy to let “the father in Washington” decide what we should have, rather than to think it through and vote intelligently.

And so it is that **gradually**, the government in the United States has been taken over by a little group of men, and while the people think they still have their freedom and their vote—you’d be surprised how little of their own way that they get. And the reason is, that they have surrendered, little by little, their jurisdiction, their dominion—by just letting somebody else think for them and act for them.

Now, we do not have to go out and make the mistake of the Hebrews, and believe that we want a king, or we are going out and enforce these few men to govern us, because we like them. Nor are we in our spiritual work going to set up any temporal kingdoms. No! *“MY Kingdom is not of this world,”* and I am not seeking any jurisdiction over our government or your government or any government in the world. All I want is dominion over my own consciousness to the extent, that every day I want at least one [mediteri] meditation period, if it’s only for three minutes, in which to realize: “thank you Father, I am

God-governed, God-maintained, God-sustained, and this is the spiritual Truth about everyone in our land and on our globe.” In this way I have dominion, and I assert my God-given dominion over my invisible world. And this always has the effect of operating in human experience for the universal good.

In the same way, why should we permit anyone to determine the amount of our supply? Why should we allow a committee to decide how much we should earn? Why? Why, do they love us so much that they want to give us so much? Hardly, hardly.

Now you have dominion over your supply, not by going out and fighting for it, not by unionizing and striking for it—this is not the supply in the spiritual world, this is not the way of supply in the spiritual world. Those are the human weapons, that have been forged for humans—who have no knowledge of spiritual power. But if you have knowledge of spiritual power, you don’t have to fight, *“stand ye still.”* And then begin to realize: *“God is the source of my supply; God is infinite, the source is infinite, the flow is infinite; I and my Father are ONE, all that the Father hath is mine; by inheritance I am heir of God, I am joint-heir to all of the heavenly riches.”*

Do you not see I am asserting my dominion, my God-given dominion over supply? And yet, I’m not trying to take any away from you, I’m not trying to take away from my neighbor—I am asserting my spiritual right, to the infinite supply of God. Then I just watch it as it unfolds on the human plane, and eventually if I hold to this, maintain my spiritual dominion—

eventually my supply must increase, opportunities must increase. Something must increase to bring an increase, because it is “God’s Will” . . . that we have abundance and that we have twelve baskets left over to share with others.

Probably, we lose part of our dominion, by thinking in terms of “yesterday’s manna,” or “yesterday’s avenue of supply,” or “yesterday’s limitation of supply” . . . instead of taking each day as it comes, and realizing: *“this is the day the Lord hath made, this is the day in which I and my Father are ONE, this is the day in which all that the Father hath is mine”* . . . and living each day in that consciousness. Then eventually watching **how** the flow begins to start in our direction.

It is the same in business, in the human world, it is a highly competitive thing, this business thing. And for that reason, a business has become to a great extent “dishonest,” in its advertising, in its products—these things never live up to the full promise that’s made. And the answer always is that “well, business, competition, it’s necessary.” Probably so on the human plane, those are the human weapons that have been forged.

But not on the spiritual plane. On the spiritual plane where you realize, “God’s government of business,” you’ll soon find, and businessmen do find—how their business changes, how it increases: not by running around to take somebody else’s away **from** them—but by the normal expansion that must come to those who are spiritually led.

If only you could see in our little

experience, how supply has been increased. Not merely for ourselves, we’ve just gotten a little share of it—but how supply has increased through the tape recording work. Do you know that, just in our own little work, the tape recording work goes into thousands and thousands of pounds a year. And, that the tape recording manufacturers benefit by it, the workers in the tape recording field benefit by it, the tape makers benefit by it, the post offices benefit by it. If you could know the thousands of pounds that are spent each year for postage, you would see how everyone benefits **by**—not taking business from someone else, but creating a new industry. And what has resulted is, that there are now thousands of church groups making tape recordings, and mailing ’em all over the world to each other—just as we started when tape recorders were first brought out. It has opened up a whole new **field** of earnings for people, without taking away from anybody, their business—creating new business.

So it is in every field... it isn’t only that we have created a monthly *Letter*, that now has a department in the States, and has a department here, and has a department in Germany—all creating new business. But now I notice that other metaphysical movements are having *monthly letters*.

And so it is that business **increases** by the creation of new ideas. Well, of course the monthly *Letter* idea was a new one, the tape thing was a new one. And, do you think that my Father hasn’t got a million other new ideas? Of course! God is infinite, and if we go back into consciousness, we will

bring forth as many new ideas as we need—without going around and taking away from somebody else's already created business.

But, there comes the matter of dominion. How do we come to the new idea of a monthly *Letter*, or the new idea of tape recordings circling the globe? Through meditation, daily meditation. And eventually, something comes forth from within—and a new activity is started, and another activity comes forth, or another activity comes forth. So it is.

There are more new ideas in your consciousness at this moment, that have ever been brought forth in the thousands of years that men have been on earth. All of 'em put together could not equal what you **have** in undiscovered talents and ideas within you. But, how are you to bring them forth? Only by a conscious effort, only as you assume dominion, and sit down each day and realize: "God constitutes my consciousness, infinity is within my consciousness, and I must open out a way for the imprisoned splendor to escape." I don't know what day the lightning will strike, I don't know what day you'll bring forth some new idea in teaching, or some new idea in mechanics, or some new idea in discovery or science, or religion. But one thing is certain, it would be **impossible** for you to turn into your consciousness, every day for a year—and not find something new flowing out from it. It would be utterly impossible! Because, God constitutes your consciousness, your consciousness is infinite.

But unless **you** assume dominion over your time, and take three or four or five minutes a day, to go

into your consciousness and let it flow: "**Speak Lord Thy servant heareth, speak Lord Thy servant heareth.**" Only a few minutes each day, and I can assure you a year could not pass—without some new idea unfolding, some new way opening up, some new supply manifesting in your experience. It has to be—from the infinite nature of your own consciousness.

Now remember, it doesn't do you any good to say "**God** is infinite." It is only when you come to the realization that the infinity of **God** is embodied in you: "*Son thou art always with ME, and all that I have is thine;*" or, "*I have meat the world knows not of*". . . I have new ideas in me, I have new sources of supply in me, I have new dominion in me, new Grace in me. Each day the manna must fall fresh: I do not have to rely on yesterday's manna, I do not have to rely on yesterday's way of earning a living, I do not have to rely on yesterday's anything. Every moment of every day is fresh, and every moment of every day contains **God**. Ahh but you see, if we do not "**consciously** turn" in that direction, it is of no avail to us. If we do not assert our dominion... we will not have it.

It is the same way in our homes, as humans—we could all be dissatisfied with our homes, with our mates, with our children, with our parents. Certainly human faults are abundant. And eventually, we could let all of these have enough dominion over us to make our lives miserable. But if we want dominion, over our own peace, we must assert that, by going within and realizing: God Government in my home, God's Love in my family. Not my love, not human love, not

my wife's love, not my children's love. They may have it, they may not have it—but I can't be bound or limited by whether or not they have. I must go within and be sure that I have **God's** Love! When I am sure that I have **God's** Love, every member of my family is an instrument through which **God's** Love flows—and I am the instrument through which God's Love flows to them.

Then they don't have to be **bound** by whether my nature is good or bad, or my generosity is little or big. They are governed by **God's** Grace, not my goodwill; and I am governed by God's Grace, and not by [anyone] what anyone wants to give me or withhold from me. But if I do not [assume] assert that dominion, and subject myself to God's Love, and God's Grace—I'll have nothing but human love and human grace, and sometimes that will not be sufficient. Because that is the history of the human race: it loves to get, it hates to give. It's only as natures become "**spiritualized**," that we think less of getting and more of giving. But how does a nature become spiritualized? By having God-dominion and God-Grace and God-Love. Not complaining about somebody's lack of human love, but by accepting God's Love.

But this is all an act of consciousness. We must assume dominion over what we accept or reject in consciousness. And, by assuming **God's** Government, **God's** Grace, **God's** Love, **God's** infinity of supply—we free ourselves of man-made conditions, in the home, in the community, in the nation, and ultimately in the world. But always remember, **God's** do-

minion.

When Jesus said, “*I have overcome the world*”. . . do you know he hadn’t at all? He hadn’t overcome Rome, he hadn’t overcome the Sanhedrin, he hadn’t overcome jealousies outside in the world, he hadn’t overcome persecution. Then what did he mean? He meant he had overcome “his world,” the world within him—so that he was no longer subject. If Rome wanted to be Rome let them be Rome, if the Sanhedrin wanted to be Sanhedrin let it be, if people wanted to persecute let them—he was free and independent of all of it. And only at that last moment, when he wanted to submit to it—did he submit himself to it. Up till that moment he could walk through the crowds invisibly—he could do anything he wanted because, he was not subject to the external world. And only when he’d choose to be, when he felt that that was his mission—only then did he yield himself up, submit himself to arrest and execution.

But don’t think it was necessary. No, it wasn’t necessary. That was his own idea, and it was his inner conviction that “that was right for him to do.” And because it was, it made it right for him to do. But, always remember “he had overcome the world,” he had overcome the world to such an extent, that: they couldn’t persecute him, they couldn’t catch him, they couldn’t move in on him, they couldn’t do a thing, they couldn’t stop his eating, his infinity of supply, they couldn’t stop his healing work. No! He had overcome the world, by overcoming “self.” And that means he had allowed **God** to have full dominion in his consciousness. But you can

only do this, by an act of your own consciousness, and it really won’t do to do it just once, today—and then believe from now on you’re God-governed. No! The hypnotism of the world is so strong, that if you do not **constantly** assert your **God-government**, and the infinity of your supply, and your **ONENESS** with God—that pretty soon the world comes along and does you out of it.

But **if**, you persist for a period like a year, in having a specific period of meditation each day, in which you realize: “*the Kingdom of God is within me; all that the Father hath is mine; God has given me dominion over the sea, the air, the sky, all that is in the earth; nothing shall have any power over me, but God-given dominion flows out from me; there is no power external to me, to operate in me or on me or through me—for I and my Father are ONE, and that ONENESS gives me God-power over all of these universal beliefs.*”

Well you see, you have now **exercised** the **God-given** dominion that you’ve always had. If you persist in this for a year, you will find that it has become so automatic, that you probably don’t have to sit down every day for this period—but you’d be surprised how every single day something out here, will force you to remember it. And you’ll always be consciously remembering: “dominion is not external to me, dominion is of the Kingdom of **God** that is within me.”

Then, you have dominion, to the extent that the weather doesn’t bother you, the climate doesn’t bother you. It doesn’t mean that you look at a bad day and call it

good—it just means that the bad day can go on being a bad day, without having any bad influence upon you; it doesn’t mean that a thousand will not fall at your left or ten thousand at your right with germs or infection or contagion—it just means that you have such God-given dominion within you, that **none of these things** have dominion over you.

“Time” and “the calendar.” Do you realize what slaves the human race, what they all are, what slaves to the calendar? They get to be 16 and they start to get intolerable to live with; they get to be 21 that’s the age when they know it all; and then all the other ages until the body starts to disintegrate. **Why?** The calendar says so! Well where is our **God-given** dominion over a calendar?

Well we have it, but we haven’t “**exercised**” it, and that’s the word. **If** you want to go through life and maintain your body in some degree of health and harmony, faculties—you may not achieve the full hundred percent of spiritual perfection, let’s be satisfied if we do a little less than a hundred percent. The point **is**, that **we** must have dominion, **we** must recognize “that **God** is the same today as when we were 30,” and if **God** is the same today: God’s government is the same today, over spirit, soul, mind, and **body**. “*Your body is the temple of the living God,*” and God governs it: but not if you surrender dominion to a calendar, not if you surrender dominion to time, not if you surrender dominion to climate or weather. Heavens no!

All of these losses of freedom, have come about because we’ve

surrendered them. Not because we haven't dominion—but because we haven't **exercised** dominion; not because we should have dominion over anything external to us—but we must have dominion over what we accept in our consciousness. Do we accept in our consciousness, “two powers” or “one power?” Do we accept in our consciousness “a power external to us” or, “all power as being within us?” We are the ones determining this, God gave us this dominion—it can only be kept by exercising it. (pause)

We are really living in a world of “withinness”. . . we are not fighting elements outside of us, we are not fighting principalities or powers. Think of that now, and remember it, we are not fighting principalities or powers, we are not fighting persons or conditions external to ourselves—the only fight that we have is to awaken ourselves to exercise our **God-given** dominion over our own consciousness. Then, we can accept everything in the external world “as an appearance,” and learn how to handle it. And of course the main way of handling it, is recognizing that **no power** exists **external** to our consciousness, all power is given unto me, God-given dominion: over every concept—whether or not I accept it; over every universal belief—whether or not I accept it. You see the human race, doesn't have this power because it knows nothing about it. It is not being taught its God-given dominion and how to exercise it—therefore it suffers through ignorance of its own rights, it suffers through ignorance of its own **powers**.

You can understand how this comes about... everything that be-

comes organized has to have a boss, and that boss sooner or later tells you what to think, and how to think, and how much to think, even what to read. And as you surrender your liberties, you surrender your freedoms, the first thing you know—you get to looking **outside** for everybody to tell you what you should do. You begin telling your children what to do, and they end up telling you. “*As ye sow, so shall ye reap*”. . . all [doe] the dominion we take over others eventually comes back to have dominion over us. **But...** when we are satisfied to exercise our dominion over **ourselves**, then we are coming under God's Grace, and we live not by the will of man, but by the Grace of God...

See how this involves meeting every temptation that appears out here, to surrender power: to infection, to contagion, to weather, to climate, to persons—how we have to resist the temptation to **fight** them. “Resist not evil” is the law, “resist not evil,” just turn within and realize: “that evil appearance out there is not a power—whether that evil appearance is a person or a tiny germ; the evil appearance is not a power—all power is given unto me.” And it's not a power over anything: it's a power to know the Truth, it's a power to receive God's Grace, it is a power to receive God's Love, it is a power to express God's Grace, to express God's Love, to **give** God's Love.

Really, we are under God's Grace more when we are giving than when we are receiving, because it is always the evidence that we ourselves know that “*I have meat the world knows not of, I have meat.*” **That** one statement of

Scripture is enough to change your life, because the human mind is so busy “knowing what it lacks.” And of course it demonstrates you know, what it “has”. . . and when it has “lacks” that's what it demonstrates, “lacks.” The more you know you lack, the more you demonstrate of lack.

But in proportion as you can realize: “*I have meat the world knows not of*”. . . *I have meat, I have this inner Grace, I have the Spirit of God indwelling in me, I have the Presence of the Christ in me; “I am the meat”*. . . *I embody meat, wine, water, I include within myself the resurrection...* Why? Because Christ the Son of God, dwells in me. And this Christ or Son of God or Spirit of God, **IT'S function** is to heal the sick, raise the dead, feed the hungry, forgive the sinner, resurrect the body—that is the **function** of this “**I**” that is within me, this “Identity,” this “Christ Self,” **that** is its function. The Son of **God** was sent to earth, ordained to heal the sick, forgive the sinner, raise the dead, resurrect the body. That is the **function, not** of a man who lived 2,000 years ago, that is a function of “**The Christ**”. . . that this man 2,000 years ago manifested, and said that we should do. “*Greater works shall ye do.*” Why? “*I*” *The Christ, will never leave thee nor forsake thee; “I” The Christ, have been with thee since before Abraham was; “I” The Christ, will be with thee unto the end of the world; and... “I” The Christ am with you, that ye might have life, and that ye might have life more abundant.*

Then all we have to do to exercise dominion, is to constantly, consciously, realize this indwelling

Christ, whose name is “I” within me. Recognize it, realize its nature, realize its function there, realize why it was **incarnated** in us. *“I in Thou and Thou in me”*. . . realize why this Christ is incarnated in us, and then **exercise** it every single day of your life. You won’t do it without exercising it, you lose it just like you lose your franchise of citizenship, if you don’t exercise it. Something’ll come along somebody’ll come along, and take it away from you. Only, in the case of dominion, nobody will ever take your dominion away from you—you’ll just cheat yourself of the joy and the benefit of exercising it. It will always be with you, because it is spiritually promised to us: *“I will never leave you, I will be with you to the end of the world; I am come in you, that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly.”*

It is up to you to exercise this, work with it, think with it, live with it—just a brief period out of each 24 **hours**. And then find that you’re not sitting back supinely like this, waiting for the world to do something to you, you are out in the world, and your God-given dominion is doing it through you—and everybody in the world knows it, and they soon see that they can’t step on your toes. There’s a flash in your eyes that lets ’em know how far they can go, and no further. Why? Because God and God’s Grace shines out through your eyes. It’s evident that you don’t want what anyone else has got, it’s evident that you’re not plotting and scheming to take away from anybody else—that all you’re doing is “being mighty sure that man doesn’t govern you, only God

governs you.” (pause)

Do you see why “meditation” is the major activity of an Infinite Way student? Do you see why these thoughts can’t come to you, while you’re out bustling in the hurly-burly of the world? Until you’ve had a sufficiently long time to dwell in meditation, I don’t mean long periods of meditation but I mean a period like a year or two, to get used to the fact that your wisdom comes from within you, from within your own consciousness—to where you are learning to draw it up from within yourself. Then you’ll find that in your meditations, every Divine idea necessary for you to have will come forth. You can’t get it out of the world, and I’ll tell you why: everything that’s out in the world belongs to somebody, and you’ll either be struggling to take it away from them, or praying to **God** to deliver it to you.

Now that’s not the way. The way is to discover that **God** constitutes your individual being, **God** is your life, **God** is your mind. Now get inside of your **mind**, and draw forth its treasures: *“open out a way for the imprisoned splendor to escape.”* But do it first by realizing *“the Kingdom of God is within you”*. . . and whatever of good is to come into my life, **must** well up from within me. And it must give me Divine ideas, new ideas, it must give me strength, it must *“go before me to make the crooked places straight.”* Always **let** this imprisoned splendor escape, instead of looking out here and expecting it to come from *“man whose breath is in his nostril.”* Even if it’s your wife, or your husband, or your child, or your parent, what’s the

use, let them have what they’ve got and what they can demonstrate—you go within.

Everyone has the Kingdom, the **fullness** of the Kingdom, indwelling—bring it forth, bring it forth. God gave you dominion in the beginning: God gave you **HIS** Mind, **HIS** Life, **HIS** Soul, **HIS** Spirit, even the substance of **HIS** body is your body. You by exercising dominion, bring it forth from within you. (pause)

Above all, you are not seeking a temporal kingdom, you are not seeking a temporal power—just God’s Grace, God’s Grace. You don’t even have to think of it as the word “power,” because this is sometimes misleading, and the minute we think of “God’s Power”. . . we think in some terms of “temporal power.” It’s much easier to think of it as “God’s Grace,” rather than “God’s Power.” God’s Grace, God’s Love—we want to live by Grace, we want to live by Love. *“Not by might, not by power, by God’s Grace, by God’s Love”*. . . all of which is embodied within me. It does not come **to you**, it flows out **from you**—through your recognition of it, through your exercise of this dominion. (long pause)

And now, you can understand from this, what the Master meant when he said *“MY Peace give I unto you, not as the world giveth”*. . . “MY Peace.” Now this “MY Peace” is already established within you, it has been given to us *“in the beginning before Abraham was.”* It isn’t something you’re going to get today, it isn’t something you’re gonna get tomorrow, it isn’t something you’re gonna get with reading so many pages of a book. . . “MY

Peace” is established in you from “before the world began.” What you’re going to do is recognize that the Master said “*MY Peace is given unto you.*” And again, going within realize it: “The Christ Peace is established within me, I do not know what form it assumes in the world, because it isn’t the kind of peace the world can give.” But each day let us retire within for one minute, to realize: “Christ Peace is established within me, and flows forth from me.”

And then discover, that it is literally true: this Christ Peace for which the world is waiting—is already here; this Christ Kingdom for which so many people in the world are waiting—it’s all established right here, within you; “*the Kingdom of God is within you—open out a way for this imprisoned splendor to escape.*”

And meditation is the means, going within each day, even if it’s one minute, two minutes at a time, 10 seconds at a time, but repeating

it, 20, 30, 40 times through the day, so that you can really say at night: “I have prayed without ceasing, I have kept my mind stayed on Truth.” And then find **how**, you become God-governed through that. But it’s all a question of “you,” and “your activity in consciousness.”

Thank you, thank you, we ought to really play marbles this afternoon, or bring knitting or something.