THE VOICE OF GOD WALKING John Wright Follette

1. Just now we thank Thee that You've ever brought the Word of Life to us. We would have been moving on in the world with hundreds of thousands and millions of people who have no idea of life, light, or truth. And You have found US. We have found Thee, but it is wonderful that You have sought us out, that You have trailed us, seeking us, desiring us. And it humbles us, Lord, to know that. The great God of the universe, seeking out little bits and broken pieces of humanity, redeeming us, filling us with Thy Spirit, and with Thy life, and with Thy love. Conforming us everyday more and more to the image of Thy Son. Preparing us, educating us, training us, shaping, reshaping, molding us, not for time and something here, but to be projected into the ages yet to come. Oh, what a calling there is upon every heart in this room, Lord. A heavenly calling. Called unto Thee, called son and daughters, called to an inheritance. And so Lord, we're here just because we've found that sweet Truth which has helped to stop us in the foolish pursuits in the things of time and sense and of the world. You've changed our vision, You've changed our outlook. You've given us something worthwhile to occupy our thought and attention. And who are we, that You should have ever found us? It humbles us, Lord. Receive our thanksgiving. Receive our thanksgiving. Receive our thanksgiving, Lord. Oh, come more and more into our hearts. Get into us and change us, and make us into the creatures that You want, that Your heart will find satisfaction and a resting place. A resting place. Now, You've brought us together. We thank You for bringing us all here in health and strength, and in victory. And we've come because we need Thee. We come because we are so very needy, Lord. You have done tremendous things for us. We know that we can never get through telling about it, but at the same time, we are so hungry for Thee, for life, and light, and truth, and revelation. And we pray that in these days in which we will sit together and look into the Word, we invite Thee to break the Bread of Life to us. We haven't anything personally to give. We can share some of the crumbs and the bread that we have been partaking of, and eating of, and we find that it is wholesome and good. But You must break the bread and You must feed us. Therefore, as we sit here during these little periods in Thy presence, and with Thy Word, prepare our hearts that we may receive the portion which is adequate.

Here we are, everyone of us moving on a different Spiritual level. That has to be so. One developed in ONE direction, some ANOTHER. One with illumination along one line, and then another. You know our capacitites, You know our limitations. You know all about us. And You know the food which is convenient, that's wholesome, and proper for the place we are moving in just now. And the Bread is so wonderful, Lord. You can break it off...portions, a portion adequate for one may not be adequate at all for the one who is sitting next to that person. But You know our needs. And You know the bread which is good. And so we ask You that we may not be "choicy," we want to choose this, we want to hear that. Don't let us be like silly children at a table, wanting the cake or something else. Don't let us do like that. Make us sensible enough to sit by and receive from Thee the portion which is wholesome and good. And we will give you thanks and praise. Remember all tonite that You lay upon our hearts for prayer. Thou knowest, Lord. We roll them back again upon Thee. Great needs of the world; those yet in dark-Those who have no idea of God or life nor light. We pray Lord, that You'll bless every agent You use, every evangelist, missionary, and worker who goes out into the field gathering, and bless them, Lord. Remember those who are called, now, in the mystical Body of Christ who need the training and preparation. We pray for them, Lord, that we may have sense enough to discern what God is doing. Help us to be quiet in our spirits so You can deal with us. Speak to us. You will reveal the need. As as You reveal to us any need, there is GRACE and the POWER OF GOD to make it real in every heart. You're not aking or demanding of us anything but what THOU art able to do IN us and THROUGH us. Help us to be YIELDED. We thank You for these lovely friends who have come. It's so sweet Lord, to sit together in heavenly places with kindred spirits, all different vocations, all different places, all different people, and yet in the Spirit, a lovely sense of ONENESS. A sense of understanding, and a sense of communion. May it be a real time of communion of the saints. Each sharing and contributing. Oh, Lord, do that for us.

We need Thee so. We need Thee so. Now tonite, whatever You have for us, we pray that you will direct our thoughts and direct our message so that it will reach the people, and each shall have it's portion. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

2. It's so nice to be back with you dear ones. You see, I don't get into meetings often. I don't think, but that I've been to only one meeting this year. To minister even, and that was just over a weekend, over a Sunday, Easter. So I'm not out in the field, where they are blessed, and have great meetings, and great rejoicing! I'm rather "shut away." But God has seen good to let me come out a little while. And it's so sweet; I just love you people. And I am just so happy to be with you. And if God has something, and I believe He has for us, we'll pray that each will have his portion. Now what is adequate for one, may not be for the other. I often preface a message with the prayer that the wise man prayed in the book of Proverbs. He said, "Lord, feed me with food convenient for me." And in the original it means, "Which is MY daily portion." So, what food may feed one tonite, the other one doesn't seem to hook on with it at all, and the other one is taking right ahold of it. Because we are all living on different Spiritual levels. And our powers of receptivity have to be built up, and the hunger has to be created in us, so that God can MEET us. Now God is here, and He has PLENTY. But it's determined by how we REACT TO IT. It's like it needs giving. So many times people say, "Well, you have this and you have that, and God was good to this one and God was good to that one." Now, no, no...don't do that way. When He GIVES, it says distinctly, "He GAVE to each according to his ABILITY. "Now how many can see that GIVING is governed by the INDIVIDUAL, AND NOT GOD? How many can get that? Put up your hand! We're having school. I'm not preaching here, "with a GREAT sermon! And preaching the eternal judgment of the ETERNAL GO000D! Now I'm not going through all the "funny stuff!" I want to TALK to you. How many can detect that? HE GAVE ACCORDING TO THEIR CAPACITY. The GIVING was regulated by the IN-STRUMENT, not GOD! And yet people are always saying, "Well, God did this and God gave that...," and they say...that's not true! God GIVES according to the RECEPTIVITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. The CAPACITY that's there. Now that; none of us are accountable for that. We "wake up" with what we have. How many of you sat up the night before you were born and designed the pattern for your living? Well, sit down. I want to say I almost made a hopeless mess of it. No, we didn't. We woke up sometime, later, to the fact that we were individuals. We became conscious of self-entity. Now, we have to live quite a little while to come to that place. A new baby born in a family is a legitimate child, and a PERFECT CHILD. A beautiful baby, healthy and all. But that baby hasn't any more consciousness of what he is than a turnip. Has he? No he hasn't. None at all. And God doesn't blame him. But God doesn't want the baby to be a "turnip" for 70 years! You know. No. You have to move into your pattern and come on or it is disasterous. A little song bird, a little lark, shut away in an egg. Well now, he's either going to be RELEASED from that egg, but if he doesn't pay the price of getting out, he'll ROT! Won't he? How many can see that? Do you get it? Well, there are alot of people that are so afraid that they'll have their "shell" broken to let them be released! But I always want to say, "Don't stay in there too long dear, eggs get BAD!" You were not born to be an egg. You had to be the egg before you were ever the bird! You are DESTINED to be a lark up here, singing. But you are so crazy in your shell, that you stay in your shell, by and by they throw them OUT. Well, that's true. And so, I deal with people like that, and they are really in the process, I call it, THE PROCESS OF BECOMING. And being a teacher, that's my field, and I want to help them to be RELEASED from stage to stage. It's perfectly alright for that little thing to be growing feathers and wings in the egg. But he can't USE them when you're in the egg at all! The shell has to be broken! And you have to be RELEASED. But so many times, you know, when the Lord tacks on a "shell," you say, "Ooooh...OHHHHH, ohhhh...ohhh...God's going to damage my life!" No, He's going to RE-LEASE you. He's going to RELEASE you. I've dealt with students so many times, and they come and say, "Well, my life would be wrecked, Follette, if I ever dared to do some of...' I said, "No. Your life would BEGIN. But you see, it has to be on the premises of an old, broken egg shell. And then the "little bird" begins to flutter, and it's feathers grow, and by and by it spreads out and here he is. And isn't he glad he didn't stay in the shell always? The shell is very PROTECTIVE. It needs to be protective for the time

being, but an egg shell can be bery confining and disasterous. So if God is tapping at anybody today to be released in any new field or capacity or realm, don't be AFRAID. Now that doesn't mean the whole personality in ONE LEAP, but it's a symbol of a PROCESS OF BECOMING. No one BECOMES in an instant. It's a PROGRESSIVE matter; purely progressive. It's like a little baby. He is BORN, but he's not a GROWN PERSON. Always remember, you must never confuse your POTENTIAL words with EXPERIENCE IN LIFE. Don't do that. I mean by that, a POTENTIAL Word that holds the POTENTIAL quality, but it's not the MATERIALIZATION. Now, for instance, I can have in my hand here a little three-cornered seed; a little hard seed. It's a little apple seed. How many of you know what a little apple seed looks like? Very insignificant; a little three-cornered thing there, but now listen. Well, you say, "That's an apple seed!" I know it is NOW in it's PRESENT state, it is an apple seed, but I am also corrent in saying it is a tree full of apple blossoms and fruit. Am I not? It won't turn into a rabbit, will it? No. Well, what makes the difference? When I deal with a SEED, I'm dealing with a seed, properly speaking, but the seed is POTENTIALLY a tree! Full of blossoms and apples. But you have a terrific PROCESS involved. Now some don't seem to see that, and they are so happy that when they find THEY are an "apple seed," they think they are a tree ALREADY with apples on it. Yes, they do. I've met them. I've met them and they think, "Why, I'm an apple tree." I want to say, "No, dear. You're a little seed and you haven't got cracked yet!" "Why, Brother Follette... I say, "No, you haven't." Well, then I have to go and sit down because I've gotten "old and crabby!" I'm not old and crabby at all. I just see things. Mother used to say, "My dear, you see entirely too much." "Well," I say, "I can't help That's the way I see." My eyes are not too big, but they see plenty. I just have to look around. I wouldn't have to go to the movies for entertainment, I just look at people, and I'm highly "entertained." That's true. That's true. So, don't get your POTENTIAL word confused with the idea that the potential word has ARRIVED.

I was eating dinner with a group of fine preachers, one of them, a very well known Pentecostal preacher. You would know him if I would mention his name, but I don't deal with personalities and so I won't satisfy your curiousity. Well, here he sat and he's well known all over the world, and we were discussing the idea of overcoming and growing in grace and maturing, and he began to get impatient, and he put his hand up like that, and he said, "Well, ALL of us are overcomers. Everybody is an overcomer!" He said, "The thief on the cross was an overcomer!" I want to say, "Lord, what a foolish thing!" Well, the thief on the cross hadn't lived any length of time to do ANY overcoming. He was a little born baby, crying, and that leader said that, and he said it right in my presence. I was almost aghast! A leader talking, he said, "Yes, the thief on the cross." Now, POTENTIALLY, how many of you know POTENTIALLY, he could have been, might have been, but that doesn't mean that he has arrived. But he said that. Now, people who think that way, whose philosophy is based on such a crooked thing as that, how many of you know they never get anywhere with God? They certainly don't. They CAN get blessed. How many of you know you can get blessed...oh, you can just get blessed, "Alalalalala!," and get NOWHERE; get NOWHERE at all, and that man's been blessed enough to raise the dead and he doesn't know anymore about this overcoming business than a rabbit! To make a statement like that, "That thief on the cross was an overcomer." I want to say, "Well, WHEN did he do all that overcoming, brother?" Why, you know it's ridiculous. You get your potential words all confused with REALITY, and we mustn't do that. We just can't afford to do it. We DECEIVE ourselves, and then in the end we have a bad time. So, in dealing with Truth now these days, we'll handle a lot of Truth, and the Truth will come along, and it will be received by some and with some it will be a POTENTIAL TRUTH, with others it will be an encouragement having already touched the significance of the Word, and you need a little more coaching on. With others it's the beginning. So don't be critical, and don't be discouraged. Let the Truth as it comes, bless each one according to his CAPACITY, according to his place, and not one of us can criticize the other. We couldn't because none of us know how far we ARE. I don't know. I just know I'm in GREAT NEED. I know THAT, and so I hold my need before the Lord, and I say, "Lord, I just am conscious that You have let this and this and this come along that I'm sure I'm in need. Now, help me." So that's the way we grow in grace. When

we see the words and we believe them; I've said it so many times before, you'll be tried with me saying it again, but I'm going to say it again. All of us LOVE the Truth, and most of us are advanced enough in God, baptised in the Spirit, and walked with Him for years that we can detect Truth. But nobody has exhausted it; nobody has a corner on it. There's no individual who has a corner on Truth. There's no church that has a corner on Truth, and there's no group of people who have a corner on Truth. It's just too BIG! It's just too BIG! But we have little glimpses of it. Little glimpses of it. And those little glimpses are all that He gives us, adequate for the place in which I move.

- Once He showed it to me like a great arch of the sky over me. He said, "That's like Truth." Now, you can't embrace all that Truth in a minute. But whatever Truth is adequate and needed for you, it will come into your heart. But don't be discouraged if you can't contain the whole spectrum of it. You can't. We can give ASSENT to it, and with all of our heart give assent to it! But listen! Truth is never YOURS, Truth is never MINE, until it is PERSONALIZED in my own LIVING. Then it's mine. Otherwise I'm looking at it in an objective, subjective relationship, and I give ASSENT to it. Now, for instance, I can have written on the wall up here, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world." Well, we all BELIEVE that, don't we? We all BELIEVE that. Do you know something? The DEVIL believes that too! He KNOWS it, and that's what's the matter with him! The Devil is disturbed tonight because he knows that is Truth, when GOD'S CHILDREN are not ever MOVED by it! Now what makes the DIFFERENCE? ONE is merely the bare statement of the Truth to which I give my MENTAL CONSENT, and I BELIEVE that. Now, the Devil BELIEVES that too, but he can't say what I do. I say, NOT, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God, THE Saviour of the world," but "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, MY Saviour." How many of you get it right away? Yes, MY Saviour. Now it is PERSONALIZED IN ME. It's POSSESSIVE, and I can say HE IS MINE. The Devil can't, and yet he gives ASSENT to the Truth. He BELIEVES that, and he KNOWS that's TRUTH. But any Truth, even Truth we give assent to tonight, that has not yet been PERSONALIZED is NOT REALLY POSS-ESSIVE. Now, I'm speaking from experience, and I'm old...as I said a little while ago, I'm eighty years old, and I've been baptized fifty-five years, and it's taken me all this time to come to some conclusions, and I'm not expecting people who are only forty, fifty, or sixty, or seventy years old to know alot of things. I'm not expecting it. But I do thank people who sit and listen and not get "peeved." I have a right to teach this way because I have DISCOVERED it. Truth is not MINE. I'm not original in Truth, and nobody else is original in Truth. Truth is just too big. But we may receive PORTIONS of it, and as we receive it into our hearts, and you say, "Lord, let this light be converted into LIFE. Light and life." Then it becomes POSSESSIVE, and then out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
- 5. When I'm teaching, I only dare to teach as far as I know; as far as I'm able to have the thing personalized in my life. Now, it's taken years and years and years and years for me to get some of these Truths. Truths which I gave assent to way back when I was baptized. It's taken years for it to become personalized. I don't say that to discourage anyone. I just say the first hundred years are a little "awkward. Yes, they're just a little awkward. But after awhile, I always say, "Lord, by the time we commence to begin to get ready, You take us home. Where are we?" So I covet people to walk carefully with Him. EMBRACE the Truth, LOVE the Truth, and the Truth will help you. I can remember the love for the Truth. Just was an obsession because I always liked Truth. In school, college, I majored philosophy, in all those fields. That's my old field, psycology, and experimental psycology; that's my old field and I loved it. To get in there and know why we were made and HOW we're made, and reactions and all that. Wonderful! But you know, that doesn't get you very far after all. That's the MECHANICS of the thing, purely the mechanics; just purely the mechanics. Then we have to learn from that, and we don't get Truth THROUGH that mechanism. Truth cometh by REVELATION. It's good to have the machinery. But the machinery never brings the REVELATION. Never does. Never does. It's good as a background, it's good as the mechanism, but TRUTH ITSELF WILL HAVE TO COME BY REVELATION AND THE HEART IS CONTINUALLY CONDITIONED TO FOR IT.

Truth stands before us unveiled; there it is, a great, lovely revelation of Truth. Now we come in the presence of that revelation; we only get FROM that revelation what the heart has built up, the CAPACITY for it's receiving; that's all we get. go back from it and then we move for awhile under the impact of that Truth. know this is Truth I'm telling? It is. Then we go back again to that same beautiful revelation. What has happened? The reception of that Truth has wrought a MIRACLE in me, and it's building QUALIFICATIONS OF RECEPTIVITY, that when I go back again to that same Truth I receive something MORE of it's enlargement. But the Truth is always the SAME; there it is. What has changed? The Truth? No, no, no. You couldn't change it. I'VE CHANGED. God has changed ME because of the power of the Truth I received by it's first visitation. How many of you know that from reading the Word? Yes, remember some of our first reactions to some of the Word, and how thrilled and wonderful. How many of you can read it now, years afterwards and get entirely different reactions; entirely? Well, I'm glad, because that's a sign of GROWTH. You're not static; I have hopes of you. It doesn't mean you're ruined for evermore. You're CHANGING. Well, think of reading a scripture. I was going to talk about something I had read and read and read, and just lately it was just like a REVELATION to me. I said, "Dear Lord, I've read that hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of times and just now I'm seeing it." Well, that should be, that should be.

- 6. So we're going to deal with Truth while I'm ministering with you because that's all I have. I don't have too many theories, and too much theoretical theology stuff. I've been through that stuff; I don't play around with it. I'm so glad I'm out of it. This is a "terrible" thing to say, I'm so glad I'm not teaching in college anymore and seminary where you have to teach systematic theology and all the "deep, profound," questions of doctrine. Oh, I say, "Isn't it lovely, Lord. We're out of that mess!" Yes, OUT of it. Because that never got me to God. It was the MATERIAL used that was going to get me to God. But it didn't get me to God. But TRUTH does. TRUTH. Let me help you with that. I hear people pray these extravagant prayers. I call them, "prayers extravaganza." Have you ever heard them? "I'll go where You want me to go, Lord!" Well, I say, "Shooo! Be still." "Oh, I would, Brother Follette.... I..." I said, "Listen. I've been in meetings where they sing that, you know, "I'll go where you want me to go," and I said, "You wouldn't cross the road to apologize to a person, when you know you're DEAD WRONG." Well, then WHY sing to the Lord, "I'll go to Turkey, Lord, and get all the "Turkeys" saved!"? How many of you see how ridiculous that is to God, and God looking down and says, "What's the matter with you anyway, dear?" "Oh, I'll go...." "Go across the street and apologize." Why, Miss Sue Duncan used to say, "Some people would rather hang by their thumbs than to say, 'I'm sorry.'" Yes. Rather hang by their thumbs than to say, "I'm sorry." Well, when you get the Truth, you know, then it begins to deal on all those funny, strange angles, and they say, "I want the Truth, I want the Truth!" I say, "I don't know if you do or not." Now, you think when you have the Truth it's going to do something "wonderful" for you. It will. It certainly WILL. It did for me and I want to read a poem on it about it the Lord gave me after I had prayed that extravagant prayer.
- 7. Many years ago I said, "Lord, I want the Truth!" Well, I DID! How many of you have prayed, "I want the Truth."? Well, be careful when you pray. He might ANSWER your prayer, and then what will you do? You see, He might say, "Well, you ASKED for it, now TAKE it." Well, I didn't know it was going to be that way. I thought it was going to be all, "Hallelujah!" Well, He says, "'Hallelujah' is up on the shelf for a little while. Now let that 'hallelujah' alone. Here. Here's the Truth." Well, I made this discovery; I wanted the Truth, but I was praying in ignorance, you see. Did you ever pray in ignorance, or didn't you? And then find out afterwards you'd prayed the most terrific prayer! But when you're in the spirit of the thing, you know you can just pray YARDS, sometimes get blessed and weep a little too, once in a while. It's really quite "funny," but how many of you know it doesn't get you too far? Well, I prayed, and I said, "I want the Truth! I want the Truth! I want the Truth, Lord! I want the Truth!" Well, God began to GIVE me Truth and I never got in such a MESS in all my life! It nearly killed me, and I said, "What's happening to me? What is the matter? I never had so

- trouble. Oh, oh, and I just went sailing in and then the Lord... I think I read this before. May I read it again? I never know when I'm going to read or not. I always bring this along with me because sometime I read and sometimes I don't. I call it the "Poet's Price," and the price of a seer, one who discerns or sees or understands the Truth. This is the PRICE that's paid for that. You pay for every last thing that's worth while. How many know Van Gough, the great Dutch painter? You know him, and you remember his terrific colorings. He was a marvelous man and died insane and all, but he was a tremendous character, but he started when he was very poor, extremely poor, but a highly gift of art in him. He's left all these great paintings for us, tremendous things, and he was too poor to hardly have anything to eat. And toward the end, one of the great artists who had met him said, "Van Gough, I'm glad you painted as you did." He said, "You painted on an empty stomach, didn't you?" He said, "Yes." He said, "Remember there' nothing done in this world that's worth while that hasn't had to be paid for." Now, that's true. There's not a thing in this world that is really worth while that somebody HAS paid for it, somewhere. You don't get something for nothing. I found that. We'll pray for Truth, you'll GET it, but my! The revolution and it's REACTIONS!
- 8. So after I'd prayed about Truth and God began to deal with me and Truth was doing what it should do, I made a wonderful discovery. Now Truth will bring two reactions. Truth will bring two strange reactions. The first is what I would call a NEGATIVE reaction, because Truth becomes very revealing and it will SLAY you, but it doesn't slay you that you may REMAIN DEAD, for Truth's counterpart is a RESURRECTION. Truth will slay you, and it's the only thing that will ever QUICKEN you. How many of you get that? Yes. It will slay you, but it is the only thing that will ever QUICKEN you. So I found a Truth has a two-fold reaction in my make-up. I was analysing my own heart and life. I have to speak out of my own heart. When I talk, I talk about all this that I've been in for years, going on, but out of my heart I speak, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. And I said, "Lord, this is terrific. I prayed for Truth, and it just seems like I've gone through hell with it!" Well, He says, "You do!" Then I remembered the quotation of an old mystic. Do you know what it was? "The way to heaven is through hell." I said, "I believe it!" How many of you are beginning to believe it already? Yes, that's Truth. That's Truth, but God gives us our taste of all of that, not in all of it's fullness. How many of you know what I mean, the TASTE OF IT, the horror, the feeling of it before you're RELEASED INTO THE LIGHT. You go through the darkness. How would you know you HAD LIGHT unless you went through the darkness. No, you got to the light. I can't appreciate the LIGHT unless I come out of the DARKNESS into the light and I begin to see. First reaction is NEGATIVE; it will slay you. I said, "That's right, it's second reaction; it's the only thing God has to quicken us. But we HAVE to be slain before we're quickened." There's no Easter morning with a RESURRECTION, unless there's been a Friday of a crucifixion. What will you have for a resurrection if you didn't have your Friday for the crucifixion? But we all want Easter morning. Well, you can't have the Easter morning, dear, in your heart, until you've had a tragedy of a Friday. THEN you'll get your Easter morning. But no one wants this order. Well, that's GOD'S order. So I found this, that even though it was most penetrating, and most disasterous, and I suffered most tremendously through it... I have great capacity for suffering, all people don't have. But I have it, the CAPACITY for it, and of course God knows that, and I have to get it, and I get it. All don't have it, and so don't be complaining about it. And I said, "Lord, I see that. Lord, it's so tremendous. I don't want it any other way." Can you see how that can be possible? It became possible to me because I began to sense the fruitage of it and I said, "Lord, if it's to go through hell, what I'm getting on this side is so tremendous, I'll go through two hells!," you see, and I didn't wnat to surrender the process and get it by any other. That's not legitimate. So, I'll read you this. You know when I write, I don't sit down and say, "I will now write a poem. No, I would write a "jingle," dear, I wouldn't write a poem. I could do that; I know the laws of the verse and rythm and meter and coloring of words. I know enough of that to do poetry, but I don't like to write that way. I've published one whole book of verse; there wasn't a poem in that book that started in my head. Every poem I write starts

in my heart and works it's way up that way and comes out this way. Do you see what I mean or don't you? Yes, it starts in here and has quite a time getting past a lump in my throat and then it's released, and then it comes out. Do you get me or don't you get me? Yes, I wasn't thinking of doing a poem. I wrote this on a pulman train traveling about a hundred miles a minute, traveling and dark on the pulman. It was night and all of a sudden I just felt this wroking in my heart and I had an old envelope and a lead pencil and I said, "Lord, I'll see it you get it with me:"

THE POWER OF TRUTH

I caught a flash of Truth one day-How daring ignorance can be!
And shut it up within my heart,
A flame that danced and sang for me.

It scorched hypocrisy and sham
And from earth bondage set me free;
It's beauty searched my trembling soul
And bared my inner self to me.

In spite the pain, I loved the flame
Which woke within my hungry heart
Ten thousand songs I cannot singToo subtle for my broken art.

And wretched I, devoid of shame, Reach out my bony hand for toil To let the gazing public see The fleeting shadows of my soul. And while they gaze, they call for songs I pipe upon a broken reed,

For I must pipe to earn my bread—

Mine is a hungry heart to feed.

The alms I gather as I pass
The flame consumes both night and day,
My heart gets little for it's song
But feeds upon the ashes gray.

O flash of Truth, O cleansing flame! They burning cannot to me ill, Though captive to thy mystic power, I hold thee as a captive still.

9. You like that? How many of you like that? How many of you get the sense of the thing? I think that would be a normal way of putting it and so out came a poem. I didn't sit down and write one. Do you like that? It has been accepted as poetry, and so I said, "Well, Lord, if I can put it down in a shape that will make an appeal to people." How many of you are blessed with a word like that? You enter into it, and I want you to know we all can't do that, but that's a little ministry on my heart, and I want to share it with you. Now, don't praise ME or thank ME. I'm not accountable for it at all. It just comes along, see. It just comes along. I don't sit down, "I will now write a poem." I couldn't do that. Now, that's like my Christmas poems that I just wrote this winter. I want to read it to you, and I want to help you with it. How many of you got one of my Christmas poems this winter? I want you to have one. Every winter I do one. It started many years ago when I was teaching in school. My students were all kind to me, and I loved them, and I wished I could give them something, and it just came to my heart, "Give them a poem." So I sat down and I said, "Lord, give me a word." And He gave me my first Christmas poem, "Hidden Ministry," and I had it printed on proper cards, you know, and gave them to the students. I didn't think anymore about it, and the next year some of the students came and said, "Oh Follette, we liked that poem! Will you do one this year?" "Oh," I said, "I can't tell, unless the Lord gives me one." I could sit down and write one about the Christmas and all that business, and rhyme it, you know, but it would have no LIFE in it. It would be what alot of people read as poetry, but there isn't any poetry in it at all. I don't want to do that, but if God gives me one, Amen! And I prayed, and the Lord gave me one the second year, and the third year, and the fourth year, till this year was my forty-fourth year! Forty-four years and every year a different slant. And I was wondering, and I said, "Well, Lord, how can I write so many?" Well, He says, "The incarnation is INEXHAUSTIBLE." Isn't that so? You can have all the approaches to the incarnation and never exhaust it. Now I have forty-four lovely poems, every year a different one, and all focusing toward the focal point which is the birth of the Christ, the Son of God, and God becoming incarnate in flesh. So I had not thought of a Christmas poem at all for the year, and it was getting up in November, and I thought, "Well, I

haven't any poem for this year. I'll just have to let it ride along." I've not been very strong this year. I've been going through a terrific battle, Spiritual OVERHAULING, REVOLUTION, and it has taken it's toll on me, and yet I'm getting along real good. The Lord's with me, and I said, "Lord, how can I ever do a poem, and they'll say, 'Have you got a poem?' I'd say, 'No.'" I wasn't thinking of a poem, and I was reading over in Genesis, and I'll read the verse. I was reading about creation. I wasn't thinking about Christmas poems or anything at all. I was having my little devotion. Every morning I have a little quiet time with the Lord. I do my own house work, of course you know, I'm a bachelor and live alone. I have to do my dishes and clean them up, clean the house and make my bed, shave and go all through performance. And when I get that done, I go in and I say I have a time with the Lord, now rain or shine, the roof can fall, but I'm not going to give this up! And I just covet anytime I have with Him. Because sometimes when I'm in there alone reading, I get, oh, the illumination in the Word, and I wish then I could sit and write, but then I have to get up and wash that day probably, iron or do some other "fool" thing. I do all the time like that, and I can't take time to do what's upon my heart. Many times I've said, "Lord, this is so sweet, I'd like to write that all out and I can't. I've got to go downtown and shop today. There's no one to do the shopping." I have no car. I have to walk. I walk three, four, five miles a day. Many times I walk six miles a day. Walk it! Car? No--walk! Yes sir, and I WALK. And I was having my little time reading, you know, about this creation, and I guess you probably have similiar expereinces as this. You've read and read and read, and then all of a sudden something DAWNS on you. And I was reading in this third chapter of Genesis about the temptation. God had created man, and here they were, Adam and Eve. And they were in the garden; it was the custom of God to come down in the cool of the evening and DEAL with them. Now, that DEALING was a revelation of His WILL to be executed. Adam was made for the GLORY OF GOD, and TO DO HIS WILL, that is, TO GIVE HIM PLEASURE. Now, that was the REAL OBJEC-TIVE for ALL creation, and he was functioning very well. He was pleasing God because he acknowledged God, and God came to him and revealed His will, and Adam would execute the will of God in creation in whatever he was doing, and that pleased God, and God was happy to come into his presence, and of course no SIN had entered. There was just complete UNITY, completeness, ONENESS from their heart, Adam and Eve with God. And they anticipated His coming, and He would reveal His will, the purpose of God, and they would go about it and it was beautiful, because He had made them to function in that fashion. Man was made primarily for the GLORY OF GOD, to GIVE HIM PLEASURE. Now YOU CAN ONLY GLORIFY HIM AND GIVE HIM PLEASURE BY DOING HIS WILL. So it's three-fold. You get your TRINITY right away, your little trinity in the objective for our creation. And so He did that.

10. Well, in the meantime, Satan knows that. Satan's desire is to defeat, to bring to naught, to cancel. Temptation and testing--now get that, TEMPTATION is always from the Devil, and it ALWAYS has a NEGATIVE idea of defeat and death and destruction. Now, the SAME episode may be used of God as a TESTING unto GROWTH, Spiritual development, maturing. So God uses the SAME INSTRUMENT, but the instrument in itself is a PASSIVE thing. The tree with the forbidden fruit is a PASSIVE thing. It is a passive thing that's going to be used either by God or the Devil. The tree is merely a PASSIVE INSTRUMENT. The Devil sees in it an instrument by which he can defeat God, and so he tempts, tempts. "Tempt," means unto destruction, disobedience, failure, sin. God planted the tree; the Devil didn't. God planted the tree, but when He planted it, His objective was, "This is the MEANS BY WHICH I will develope this man, for ALL CHARACTER IS DEVELOPED UNDER A LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING." "Swinging" on a MORAL CHOICE. That's the key that swings in the human heart, FREE MORAL CHOICES. Free moral choices. I can choose LIFE or DEATH. I can choose RIGHT or WRONG. That's part of man's creation. So the Devil knows that, and so he comes down and tempts them. I'd like to go for an hour or two in the temptation, but I can't. But how many of you know the old story so very well? And Adam is defeated. They are defeated. They take of the forbidden fruit. Well, now when they do that, the LAW that He had pronounced becomes effective. He said, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Now what is the penalty for their disobedience? What is it? DEATH. It isn't HELL. Now, don't get that all mixed up! "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt go to hell?" He didn't say that. Now let HELL alone...hell...there IS

hell, but we're not talking about that. He isn't either, but people get that all mixed up. "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shall surely DIE." Alright, DEATH is your penalty. NOT hell. Now hell...let that alone. Put a newspaper over that and be still! "Do you believe in hell?" That's none of your business! I believe in hell and heaven and demons; I believe in ALL that, but I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about something else. "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." DEATH is the penalty. Alright! Did Adam fall over a dead corpse? No. Well, was God right, that he would die? Yes. Well now, WHAT died? The SPIRITUAL LIFE which understood and related itself unto God. You see...oh, if we had time to give you some...this is man in God's creation. Spirit always PREDOMINATES. Man is SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY. That's the trinity in that mechanism, the make-up of that; God's emphasis is always here. Man says, "BODY, soul and Spirit." Well, you're beginning from the under, lower region. God is always saying, "SPIRIT, soul, and body." Why? THIS is the chief thing. This is the essential for interpretation. This is the vehicle in which we live and move, the least of us. The body of clay is the least thing of me. The least there is of me is this hunk of flesh that Follette walks around in. But you have never SEEN "Follette." You've seen the body I live in. You've never seen me, I've never seen you. If our bodies were taken off and our spirits were in there, how many of you think we'd know who we are, our spirits moving around here? No, but we get so used to the bodies we call each other by body consciousness. I'm not this thing that's jumping around here talking and chattering at you. I'm a dynamic, living, vibrant spirit! Invisible personality, and so are you. But I'm TABERNACLING in a piece of flesh which is my HOUSE and get "house conscious." I need "shingles," by the way, but never mind. You take up with my fun, will you please? I have a sense of humor. I can't say, "It shall be!! Amen!!" No, I'm human. I want to be human. Not "horribly" human, but NORMALLY, naturally human. Don't you think so? I think God wants us to be that way too. I know Jesus does, because we have a wonderful time, the Lord and I. He had a human concept of life and lived in it, and know all about it, and you couldn't tell Him a thing about it.

11. Well, come on. So he didn't die in body, nor soul. His soul consciousness, which is the psychic region; it is spiritual in the sense that it's invisible and abstract. But this is body, corporeal, tangible. It reports in SENSE. Our five senses report with this. But here was a Spiritual consciousness of God. Oh, I found something good! I was reading about this creation, and in Hebrew I found this, this good thing. "And God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul." Listen! It's PLURAL. In Hebrew it's PLURAL, "And God breathed into his nostrils the BREATH OF LIVES, and he became a conscious, living, dynamic thing because of a Spiritual life, and was a life actually in the body." How many of you can see that? And God breathed into his nostrils the Spirit of LIVES. It's plural. I said, "Goody! I've always believed it, but I didn't have a verse for it, but I KNEW it." Sometimes God tells me things, and I say, "Lord, I believe it, but I don't know what to tell. Somebody would pull my coat tail say, 'Where is it Follette?'" I say, "I haven't any idea. I just KNOW it." I don't HAVE to have a verse for every last thing, do I? I know alot of Truth that I don't see any verses about at all, but I know it, so you will too someday. Cheer up. The first hundred years are a little hard, but we'll get there. So it says SPIRIT, moving in two directions. "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Well, WHAT DIED? This (body) didn't die. This didn't die, but how many of you see THAT (spirit) was CANCELLED? THAT DIED RIGHT OUT. That he had no more Spiritual consciousness of that contact and fellowship with GOD. That was absolutely ERASED, and he DIED, and yet he was "living." How many of you can see he was a DEAD MAN? Now can you see why Jesus, when He is teaching as He does about death, spoke of people being DEAD all the time, "while she that liveth is dead." He didn't say, "While she is living she is going to heaven..." No, no, she's DEAD. So, when I found that, I thought, "Well, that's wonderful." Now, when this Spiritual contact with God which gives it access and communion goes, how many of you can see he is NAKED? How many of you can see that SPIRITUALLY, he is NAKED? How many of you can see that, or can't you see that? His BODY...He's not talking abbut his BODY, but his body becomes a PICTURE OF THE SPIRITUAL REALITY, and they found themselves NAKED, and they ran around and said, "I haven't any clothes on. Now,

give me a shirt!" Now, they didn't do anything as silly as that! They were conscious of a SPIRITUAL STRIPPING. How many of you see that now? They were conscious of a SPIRITUAL stripping, they were naked. They had nothing that would give them access to God. Now what is their first reaction? And they were AFRAID. Now, that's the FIRST place in the Word you'll find FEAR. And FEAR is a natural, normal consequence of sin. Fear doesn't belong in the category of a Christian, for perfect LOVE casteth out fear. Fear has torment, we all know it. How many of you know that? I've been tormented by fear sometimes more than all the sins in the category. Yes, "thou shalt die." Well, he DIED SPIRITUALLY and that's why Jesus always spoke of them being dead. And here there was a consciousness of stripping. Now, what is their first reaction? FEAR, because they know they're naked in the sense there is no approach to God. So they hide themselves behind the trees and they make for themselves aprons of leaves to cover. Well, you can see how foolish it is to try to meet a SPIRITUAL need with a PHYSICAL means. How many of you can see the law is completely out of order? It it's in the realm of Spirit, it has to have a SPIRITUAL medium for it's restoration. If it's in the FLESH, it has to have flesh. You can't use the other, but they don't know that. They don't know that so they adapt as soon as they can, some MEDIA which is purely on the NATURAL plane as a means of covering. I've often said, "What is the oldest vocation that we know?" Well, somebody said, "Gardening." I said, "Dress making." It's never gone out. How many of you know people today by the thousands are making dresses to make themselves acceptable to God, acceptable. Making dresses, but all they are using is fig leaves. I mean, a HUMAN MATERIAL, it's philosophy, it's teachings, it's nothing but fig leaves. And I'll tell you something. The earth is being JUDGED, and so they are using material that is ALREADY CURSED and JUDGED. Yes, they are using material that is absolutely of no consequence. So they HIDE themselves. Fear. So they go hiding behind the trees. Well, you know, you couldn't fool God. How many of you know you couldn't if you tried? No, how many of you are glad you can't? I am too.

- When I was little, we had a Sunday School card. I was born in the country where we didn't have too many things, Sunday School and little tickets like that. I have some yet in a chest and on one was a great big eye like that! And under it it said, "Thou God, seeeth me!" I'll tell you, that kept me out of alot of "deviltry" and stuff, because I'd see that, "Thou God, seeeth me," and oh! I didn't dare go up in the orchard and steal apples because, "Thou God seeeth me." Couldn't do anything that was off color, "Thou God seeeth me." Well, how many of you see, that's a MOTIVATION OF FEAR? I was trying to BE GOOD from a MOTIVATION OF FEAR. That isn't too good. God likes the MOTIVATIONS OF LOVE, and the Truth He has in the Spirit, and so I used to walk, you know, "Thou God seeeth me!" Well, it does try to keep you out of alot of "deviltry." It was alright, but how many of you can see it has a rather NEGATIVE approach which isn't too wholesome? So later on I found that. "Why," I thought, "Lord, I'm glad you DO see. I'm not bold enough. I'll cover up my eyes, but I want You to see. Lord, I can't look, but You look." How many of you ever got in one of those spells? They are "funny," aren't they, but they aren't "funny" at the time. They are terrifying. And I said, "Lord, I can't look, but it'll save me an awful lot of time trying to explain it. YOU look at it and see." How many of you now see what I mean? And I used to pray, and I'd say, "Now, Lord, I want You to see it. I don't want to hide anything at all. I want You to see everything. If I go to hell, I want You to see it." How many of you know it saves you explaining alot? These "explanatory prayers" always amuse me. And "Thou God knowest... now Lord, Thou knowest..." I say, "Listen dear. He knows plenty." But I don't dare to. I just let them pray until they get tired and their tongue hangs out, and then I say, "I think He'll get you through." How many of you know what I mean or don't you? Oh, I've been in some meetings and I always say, "Oh, Lord. Let's go home, please." I can't take too many of them. They are RELIGIOUS, awfully RELIGIOUS, not a speck of SPIRIT in them. Quite PSYCHIC at times, uh, uh, uh....
- 13. So, they hide themselves and God comes down in the cool of the day, in the even to SEEK them. What was His first word? "You miserable sinner! You're hiding away behind that tree! You come out of there! You know I've told you and warned you!" And he (Adam) says, "Lord, SHE DID IT! You know I'm the husband Lord, now stop you're quarreling, dear!"

How many of you know the story? No...but what did He say? "Where art thou, Adam?" Well. now there's quite a controversy. What was the mood in which He spoke? Is God coming down in judgment because they have been disobedient, or what is the mood in which He moves? I never knew, until I believe I got a little light in there. To me it is the FIRST EXPRESSION OF A BROKEN HEART. God had made Adam for His glory, for His fellowship, for His heart's satisfaction. And when God finds that He has broken that lovely, lovely relationship, I think it was the first picture that I have of the BROKEN HEART OF GOD. And He said, "Oh Adam! Where art thou?" And I think there was a sob in it. I do, personally, I really do. I can't seem to think that He came in His first visitation as a JUDGE. He came with the overtures of love and grace. "Oh Adam! Where art thou? What have you done?" I think it was THAT. I can't help it, and there's been a warm place in my heart since the Lord made me to see that, to feel it. He made me to feel that, and it's His first manifestation of His broken heart. God is a God of LOVE, but God has a BROKEN HEART...I know it...I know it...I know it...and there's my first little inkling of it. Well, why is He so disturbed in His heart? Because of the failure...man was made that God could have fellowship with Him. I had known this story for so long and here it was, coming up in November and I wasn't thinking of Christmas Poems at all, and I sat by my big window. I have a big picture window in my living room where I can see the mountains, and they inspire me. And I sat by this window reading, and I came to this verse. The eighth verse in the third chapter. "And they heard the VOICE OF THE LORD GOD WALKING in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amougst the trees of the garden." Then I stopped. "That's very strange. I never saw that before. 'They heard the VOICE of the Lord God WALKING.'" doesn't say they heard the Lord God walking, nor His footsteps. They heard the VOICE of the Lord walking. Well then, I thought maybe the grammer was wrong, and I went back and it isn't. In grammer years ago, I used to love diagramming. How many of you remember diagramming? Oh, I just love that. I can't do anything in mathematics, but give me grammar and all that field. I love diagramming all so well, that just out of sport, the joy of it; I took that story of Hawthorne the Great...bunkle...I diagrammed every sentence in that story. I loved it. I was just "obsessed" with the idea of grammatical construction. Words and phrases, they just charm me, but I still count on my fingers. I can't do a thing with numbers! I think they are "horrible!" They're so EXACT! Two times two makes four; you can't get anything else. I say, "I want five once in awhile." Then I get in the red. I kike, just for the fun of it, you know, because I'm sort of a Bohemian, and I like a variety like two times two makes five to see what would happen, and then something disasterous always comes along, and so I say two times two makes four and no more. I've got to keep in there, but diagramming...oh, how I loved it.

So I got this sentence to diagram it. They heard the VOICE of the Lord walking. VOICE is your subject, isn't it? A noun; WALKING is the verb, you see, it's a participle, "WALKING in the garden." Well I thought, "Who ever heard of a VOICE walking?!" Well, I said, "Lord, this is funny. I've seen that hundreds of times and I never thought of it. They heard the voice of the Lord WALKING in the garden." Well, I thought, "The best thing to do is study." So I got my Old Testament in Hebrew, and I got my Hebrew lexicon and Bible out, and I thought. "I'm going to see what that is." Well now, I made this discovery. You see, in your Hebrew, that word is NOT "voice," as we use it. It is "sound." But when the SOUND is of a human, his "SOUND" is called, "voice." How many of you get me? Everything has SOUND. It has a SOUND. If it is the human, we call it a VOICE, and that word is not VOICE, it is SOUND. "QAL," SOUND. "Oh," I said, "Hum, hum, they heard the SOUND OF GOD MOVING. That was a SPIRITUAL thing." I said, "That's right." Now what was that? Well, it wasn't His FOOTSTEPS, because He hadn't got too near to them, and it wasn't His VOICE because He hadn't spoken to them. Well, then what was it they heard? Well it's this. We're sensitive creatures, and every object in a sense, it's ATMOSPHERE, you know what I mean, we create a SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE in psychical analysis, we call it...FORCE. Everyone radiates it. It's a fact. The RADIATION. That's why some of us feel Spirit so easily. How many of you have ever been near a person and you felt their spirit, and you want to RUN? Yes, because you're sensitive. I'm a

sensitized plate. I might just as well own up to it. I'm horribly sensitized. I sense things miles away from me. Sometimes I can discern it quickly and tell you the whole story of it. I wish I didn't, because I suffer from it. I've asked the Lord to take it away because when I was first baptised in the Spirit, I was like a "witch," and those days at Elim, they used to ask them to get Follette to pray. You've know that yourself. "Well, get Follette to pray." As soon as I would get down, the spirit of the whole thing would open and I would see it. Well, I said, "Lord, I can't go on this way." So He removed alot of it. Well, anyway, the presence of the Lord is like that. The Lord...when the Lord God moves, He chooses a fashion. Sometimes it's the rushing of the wind. How many of you have known that ever? How many of you know other times it's thunder? Well, that pleased me because I found in my Hebrew that that's exactly what it was. The SOUND or VOICE of God in thunder in whirlwinds in winds, and we take it over into the New Testament in your Greek, dear, you have "phona," phone, telephone. Well, what is that? "Tele," means the "end of," "phona," is the VOICE. "The voice at the end of," is the telephone. That's two Greek words, you see. Well, then I got the Greek testament out and lexicon, and I said, "Now, I'm going to dig this thing through." But I had to stop and go to work, and I said, "Lord, don't let me forget this. I want to stay here for an hour, but You know I can't." That's why I want to get changed up home. I can't stand it anymore. I want to get into work; I feel I want to write and do things, and not cook potatoes and get dinner on. I'd rather go without my dinner than be messing with it!

- So I found that in the Greek. It's the same thing. SOUND which is translated "voice." So whatever FORM He takes in making Himself known is called HIS VOICE. It may be THUNDER. It may be WIND. It may be the sound of a RUSHING WIND. Do you remember those texts? How many of you remember at Pentecost His presence was known by what? The sound of a RUSHING WIND. REVELATION is just full of it. I got the book of Revelation down, and that word, "sound," or the "voice" of God is repeated 44 times. I wouldn't have believed it in the world, but I counted them 44 times in the book of Revelation. You'll get your interplay between VOICE and SOUND. The SOUND of harpers, it says, and the VOICE of the harpers playing their harps. Well, it wasn't the voice of the harpers, it was the voice of the harp, but it says the voice of the harpers. Well, the VOICE, meaning the SOUND of the harp, and the SOUND of the trumpet. It's sometimes called the VOICE of the trumpet, the voice of the trumpet. Well, they're interchangable. So I said, "I see that, Lord. I see that." Now, that was the presence of the Lord in His approach and they were not so far gone in their failure, but what they could detect that the same as WE can. How many of you know sinners can detect something in a meeting sometimes and want to get out and don't know why? Umhum, even a SINNER can detect when God is working, more than saints. They get fearful. Well, why? They're conscious of a presence of Whom they can't name. They don't know what it is, and they want to get away. Well, it doesn't always come, with some there's a SOUND. Some have heard it as a rushing wind. Some have heard other audible things. So as I sat there I said, "Lord, isn't that wonderful. The VOICE of the Lord, that was the SOUND." Man is able to perceive and sense sound when God moves. And then I got all these verses, and I haven't got time to say them, but oh dear! Just alot of them. I wish I had time for them, 48 of them in Revelation... Revelation, don't look at them now...if you want to take a note of it, Rev. 14:2, 8:13. Look them up when you get home. There you'll find the SOUND idea.
- 16. Now, in I Cor 14:10, you'll find Paul saying that all have many VOICES in the world. Do you remember that? There are many voices in the world. Now he's talking about the SOUNDS OF GOD'S MOVING. I said, "I can see that." Then He took me to this verse in John 12:28. Do you remember where Jesus was praying, and He said, "Glorify Thy Son with the glory we have known."? And God said, this is God speaking. And God said, "I have glorified Thee, and will glorify Thee." And they heard those words and put them down, and some said it THUNDERED. How many of you get something now? How many of you see that all don't detect when God speaks. When God was speaking, some thought it was THUNDER. Others translated the thunder into the word, and they heard Him say, "I have

glorified Him, and will glorify Him." And some standing by said, "It thundered." Well, I said, "That's right Lord, there are people today who just hear thunder." Isn't that so? Yes they just hear THUNDER. They don't hear anything but that. They hear the thunder. So I was reading along, and I said, "God came in the cool of the eve. Why did He come WALKING? WALKING, not running. WALKING, to commune, to have FELLOWSHIP with His creature, with Adam. With Eve. He longed for...He walked..." And I thought, my heart was tender, and I thought, "Lord, your great heart was dissappointed. You came to Adam. You were dissappointed. You didn't find the response that You wanted." I thought, "Lord, that's terrible that You had to go back again and You never found IN HIM what You wanted." And I felt for the Lord. I felt so sorry that creation had got into such a tangle as that. And instantly, right as I said that, the Lord said, "He came again to walk, just like that, He came again to walk." He said, "He came to Bethlehem to walk." And I said, "That's right." And as He said that, I thought, "That's my Christmas poem right here. Here it is." God came to walk with man, dissappointed, failure...He came again in CHRIST to walk the earth. And I said, "There's my poem." And He finished it with my third, because you have yor Trinity walking. So I said, "Thank You, Lord." And I got a lead pencil and a scrap of paper and I wrote. I don't think I took ten minutes to write this, I don't think.

WHEN GOD WALKED

In Eden fair and lovely, long ago, God came in even coolness there to walk And seek in Adam fellowship Divine. And they heard the voice of God as He walked. They heard no sound of footsteps, but a voice--A wistful, hungry call, "O where art thou?" O, hungry heart of God, Thy voice was heard In Eden's even coolness long ago. Hark! in lowly Bethlehem, long ago, God came again to walk and talk with man. No dim echo of a voice was there heard--The voice becomes incarnate and we hear And see again the mighty God in flesh. And still His heart is hungry as of old When Eden heard Him call so long ago. My Bethlehem is open, Lord to Thee, O, come and walk my dusty streets with me; Find what Thy heart has ever sought in man. My heart is hungry--'twas made for Thee. Come, my Bethlehem is open wide to Thee And let me hear Thy footsteps move again As in the ancient Eden long ago.

17. Do you like it? Now, that came, and I think I wrote that in ten minutes. How many of you see that you don't sit down and make up verses? I don't. But how many of you can feel the move of God in it, feel the Spirit of it, because that's the way it was. So, as I meditated on, I said, "God came in Eden and walked and talked. Jesus comes at Bethlehem, and takes the form of the Incarnate Son to walk." And right away, in Paul's letter to Corinthians, where he speaks of God coming to us, and he says, "And God will come to us and WALK IN US." Now there's your TRINITY. How many of you see it? God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit, all WALKING. I'd never seen that before in the world. Well, then that bothered me a little because it say in the scripture in Corinthians that He would WALK IN US. That is in II Cor 6:16. Don't bother to look it up now. But it's a good scripture that you can look up when you get home. He would talk with us, move through us and He would WALK IN US. Well, then I got into kind of a little tangle, a fearful tangle, but it wasn't real. I said, "Now I see that, and it says that He would walk IN us." Well, in our Greek; you see, you have to have your prepositions. "EN," and "ENTE;" the preposition, "EN,"...now "EN" can be rendered, and it's right and proper that

it should be "IN," "INTO," or "among," and they are all right. Those are all right, correct interpretations. Sometimes when it says, "He is IN them," it says, "among them," or, "in their midst." Well, it's "EN." Now, when you come to your little preposition, "ENTE," that is only used twice in the New Testament. Only two times. I had known that before, because I got interested in it. Now, "ENTE," means WITHIN. "Within." Not, "among," or merely, "in," but "WITHIN." It's used...let me see...in the matter where He rebukes them for cleaning the platter. Do you remember where He says the platter should be clean INSIDE? Remember that one? Not only washing it, but INSIDE. "ENTE." means "WITHIN." "Within." And the other one; it takes an hour to explain the next one, but I'd like to get at it with you. It's good. It's where Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees who had come to tempt Him concerning the kingdom. And in your conversation, He speaks to the disciples, and He speaks to these Pharisees. And if you don't know, I would rather say, "Be quiet, just let it rest." When Jesus speaks to them, these Pharisees...now get it straight, the Pharisees ask Him about the kingdom, NOT the disciples. The PHARISEES. And He answers them, the Pharisees, now get that, He answered them and said, "The Kingdom of heaven is WITHIN you." How many of you can see an awful stumbling block right away? That He should dare to say that to those miserable sinners. And that's just what He said, "The Kingdom of heaven is WITHIN you." And it's "ENTE." Only two places in the New Testament those two prepositions are used. Well, even Dr. Schofield didn't see this. So Dr. Schofield, when he translated, and I've got his translation, he said He couldn't have meant the PHARISEES because how could God dwell in THEM in the new birth? Well, He doesn't tell them anything about a NEW BIRTH. Now BE STILL on that. He merely made a statement. So then I was "scared," when it says here, "I will WALK IN THEM." "Oh," I said, "It's going to be one of those 'in the midst of' things, and spoil the whole thing." "Why," I said, "No. He's going to walk IN THEM." So I got my Greek testament out, and it's translated one Greek word, and the whole meaning is in that one Greek word which means to "walk about IN." Isn't that clear? Oh, I could have just shouted! I said, "Lord, You're alright!" You know how I mean? Not in a bad sense, but, "I just love You!" I said, "Lord, that's so sweet of You to let me find that, that one little word. And it's one Greek word which means to 'walk about in,' and that's the word that Paul stuck in there." That's when God comes to us, He will WALK ABOUT IN US. How many of you get your Trinity? GOD walking in the garden, JESUS walking the earth, and the HOLY GHOST walking IN us. So you have your Trinity right away.

18. Is it time to close? But I wanted to share this poem with you. Do you get it? I can't tell this on a Christmas card, so I just jot it down, and I always bless them, and I say, "Lord, bless this card." But I wish I had everyone of those young ones here with me tonight. I want to tell them how it goes.

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I'm glad you like it. Do you like it? Well, I'm glad I have a response because I didn't sit down and make that thing up. I sure didn't. How many of you can see it just flows along? It's of the Spirit, and that's the way He is.

19. Well, now let me help you with one little point and then we must go. THE VOICE BECAME INCARNATE. Let me help you with that. You see, Jesus is God the Son incarnate in flesh. He is God incarnate in flesh, and He is the voice of God, you see. He is the Word of God that's in flesh. Well, you can have a voice, and it can sound, and yet it doesn't mean anything. Now, I go, "Hooooo!" Whose voice was that? Follette's, wasn't it? How many of you know it was Follette's? Well, what did I say? Well, wasn't it my VOICE? Well, what did it say? How many of you know you can VOICE and NOT SAY? You can SOUND and NOT SAY. Well, I said, "That's right." You see the SOUND has to become ARTICULATE. How many of you get me now? Now, I say, "Glory to God." Is that my VOICE? Well, the voice has become ARTICULATE in word formation with meaning right away. "Oh," I said, "I see that Lord." The Lord is awfully good to talk to me. He teaches me just like a child. I get stuck and I don't know. I can't use any of my learning; what I've had is a fairly good education, college, university training, seminary, and I can't use any of that in this field. How many of you know I can't? I just can't. I just can't! I can't use it at all. It's a TECHNIQUE which is good. I have nothing against it, but it does not function in the field of the Spirit. TRUTH COMES BY REVELATION OF THE SPIRIT, and if we're in tune with it and it will come. I said, "That's right Lord. That's right. The VOICE, the voice, the message must become ARTICULATE with meaning." Do you know what He brought to me? He brought to me this little incident, when Jesus was baptised in the Jordan. John the Baptist introduced Him. John the Baptist introduced Him, "and there was a voice from heaven saying, 'This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." Well now, in what did His pleasure consist? In the fact that this Son has taken upon Himself the HUMAN CONCEPT of living to become the redeeming factor for God, and bring humanity back again to God as a sacrifice, and that pleased the heart of God. That was wonderful, "In whom My heart is finding the pleasure that I should have found in Adam, I am finding it in my LAST ADAM, and He pleases Me." Now, do you remember another scripture to hook with it, and "He always did that which was pleasing to the Father."? Do you get it? Do you see? How many of you see all those little things like that are hooked together? By and by you will see it's a great composite in there, terrific; it all hooks together. And He did only those things which pleased the Father. Well, why? Because He was the LAST ADAM. He was that "Adam" that should have been now performing in the Christ, and the Christ was the LAST ADAM functioning to God the way the FIRST one should. So, at the baptism, God has a testimony and He says, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." Now, He goes through the episode, the period of His identification with flesh, and carrying humanity through it's temptation, through it's struggle, through all that Adam should have borne, and humanity should have borne. He BEARS it. That's why He's such a wonderful Jesus. Isn't He wonderful? I just love Him, don't you? I think He's terrific. Terrific. I can't tell it to you...to think that that's what He would do. To take the human concept in it's limitation...not it's SIN, but it's LIMITATION. It's limitation is JUST AS LIMITED as Adam and DEPENDENT as Adam. He didn't pray for "effects. He prayed because he HAD to. That's why I love to be by Him. Don't you love to be by Him? I love to be by Him because He's human, as His human aspect of His being, it has helped me as much as anything in the world. I'm horribly human, and very natural, but I find that Jesus, in all of His lovliness was EXACTLY THE SAME, WITHOUT the sin. To be human and natural doesn't mean you have to be a SINNER. Not at all. I think it must be delightful for God to see some folks that will REALLY be natural. They all want to be so "spiritual," that they aren't anything. Do you see what I mean or don't you?

- So, after He has borne this, and it's already for it's acceptance to God, He goes up on the mountain of TRANSFIGURATION now, and He was glorified. "And a voice from heaven came, saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." How many of you get it right away? Why? The whole vocation of that Christ had become ARTICULATE in a life which is to be heard and voiced to the ends of the world. How many of you get that or don't you? I'd never seen that until He showed it to me. Do you see that? I said, "Oh, Lord, I see terrible things in here." Well, He says, "That's the way it is." He was the VOICE, but when He had moved and brought it through to it's GLORIFICATION, it became INCARNATE, and it was flesh, ARICULATE, and God says, "Now HEAR YE HIM." I said, "Thank You, Lord." Isn't that right? Yes, that's right. Now it has become a MESSAGE you see, ARTICULATE, and now He pleases God. The whole pleasure is unto God. He is the One that's pleased, and we're so happy to have Him, aren't we? I don't know how people live without Him; I really don't. I don't know how people live without Him. How can they get along? He's come AGAIN to WALK IN US and WITH US. (Prayer) Our loving Lord, we thank Thee for Thy visitation. We thank You that You've come to us that You're SEEKING us, desiring once more to enter into a fellowship divine which you sought in Adam. Find it in us. Find it in us, Lord. We are human, but You have redeemed us. You've filled us with Thy Spirit, with Thy life, and with Thy love. Find in us the pleasure that you want and grant that as we walk, you may walk IN us again, up and down the dusty streets, walk in us. Bless this little broken word, Lord, tonite. We've done everything, read and talked, recited and everything, but Lord, pick it all up. It's all broken to pieces, but it doesn't matter. Pick all this up together. Put it into our hearts, then let us think about them and pray about it, that our hearts and lives may be changed under the power and impact of Truth. And Thy heart shall be satisfied for Jesus' sake. Amen and God bless you. You've been so good to listen.
- Now, what time to the morning meetings start? I've forgotten it. Ten o'clock? About ten o'clock. I think I'll tell about it tonite, and you can think about it. I hope it won't keep you awake. I've been praying about these meetings, and it's always been my custom to speak every morning, a good straight message, and another one in the evening. I don't think that I'm geared up to two good, strong messages. This is what I would like to do, but I think I won't...I'll give you a good, straight message in the morning, then I want you to have a little time by yourselves, but all visit together. But you know, there are times when God wants some hearts alone with Him, and you try to find some little time when your heart is with Him, and take that message all the while I'm talking about before Him. Think about it, pray about it. Then in the evening, I want to have an INFORMAL time of finding out your REACTION TO THE TRUTH. Now, I really mean that. It's a little on the Ashram idea. How many of you remember E. Stanley Jones Ashram in India? I was in one in India, and I like the way they conduct them. He would lecture in the morning, speak, give tehm a good, straight message. Then they were to pray and think about it. THEN they would get together and "pool" their reactions. One would have this reaction, one would have THAT reaction, and they would all of them together...how many of you know what a lovely feast we had, because one would get a thought that I hadn't thought about at all. And they said, "Well, when you gave that message, well, this is what it did for me. Well, I had this thought..." How many of you can see the possibility of sharing your bread, and breaking bread with one another? And so I would rather do that. I'll talk to you. You couldn't keep me still. You know that. I'll talk to you in the evening, but rather than having a staid message, I would like the evening given over to our reactions. What did the morning message mean to you? Did you get this or what was your reaction to that? How many of you know right away we had something to offer? Now, they did that, and I was in one of his Ashram there, and it worked out beautifully, and I liked it, and I've never been able to put it over to my people because they always say, "YOU talk." Well, I know, but my dear, I talk PLENTY. Now, after I've given the message, now I would like to get the reaction tonite. How many of you got something" Did you get anything at all? Well, has it helped you? All right, well, I don't know what that is, but it would be kind of nice to know if it helped you. If it sort of straightened out some of the "kinks," or put you off on a new line of thinking, or opened up some little new vista of...I'd like to know, so in

the morning I'll talk to you. I'm not sure what I'll give, but there are two, three lines of Truth which are still on my heart. I haven't told you everything I know. After all these years I have something to say, but I'll try to give you something that I think will be helpful that God has layed upon me. Then in the evening I wish we could have it just informal, and each say, "Well, this is what I have," and you can ask questions about it, too. Now don't ask me where Cain and Able got their wives, and all that "funny stuff." I don't bother with all those crazy things. I couldn't be bothered with them. I can't be bothered with half the questions they ask in theology class. To me it's so primary. It hasn't anything to do with REALITY OF GOD. Waisting your time asking questions. I could ask a million, I could just sit here and ask just as many questions as you could, and more too. There are more things that I don't know about than I DO know about. So, I don't want you to ask question like that, but I would like you it you're not straightened out in some of my teaching, you can ask me a question, "Do you mean this, Follette, or do you mean that." And I'll be glad to help you. So God bless you.