

Okay, so I like to do this. What does this mean? Oh, it means too much. We might as well get started. Brothers, you have a law in you when you have no life of God in you, and that law is to please God. It is. I'm not talking about the law that is in your flesh that fouls this all up. I just want to talk about you. Don't think you're so terrible. You're not really rebellious. You have a desire to do good. Now, is that true or not? How many times have you wept over not doing good? You go out here, find the worst man in Santa Barbara, California, get him sober for a few days, and he'll tell you somewhere in his talk, "I want to do good." I want to do that. He wants to do good. It is the natural desire of man to follow the Ten Commandments. How many people have said, "My religion is the Beatitudes? My religion is the Ten Commandments, and my religion is the golden rule. I'm always doing good for people."

Now then, where did we get there? Where did we get there? We got it from the knowledge of good and evil. Now let's talk about this. I want to ask you a question. Now this is a good question. I want to ask a really good person. Who is kind of a good person? Anyone? Oh, Steve. Steve, have you ever done anything good? You have? I kind of do. Well, you want to do good, but brother, I hate to tell you this, but good is a life form, and you can't do a life form. You can only *be* a life form. What is the life form of good? No, God. God is good. God is goodness. What is God? He is goodness. Somebody came up and said, "Good teacher?" And Jesus said, "Only God is good." Just cut him down right there. Only God is good.

I want to do good. I can't do a life form. I can only be a life form, and I cannot do God. Therefore, I go around all my life willing to do good because I have the knowledge of good, but I don't have the life of good. So, all my life I go around willing to do good, and God says, "There is none that doeth righteousness, no, not one. None seeketh after me. None doeth good, no not one. You're going to get to see. No, no, never. You can't do something that is. That's like saying, I am a rabbit. No, you may try all your life to be a rabbit. You can't be a rabbit. A rabbit's a rabbit. You can't be good. God is good, and you cannot be God. The Life...Hallelujah. Oh, wait a minute.

Listen. Let me tell you all this. All my life, I've been looking over here, and I've been looking at the Ten Commandments, and I have said, oh, I want to obey the Ten Commandments. And God said, Man, there is one thing you should never do; don't you dare eat that fruit, because you're going to learn the knowledge of God. And I do; the ten commandments. I have the knowledge of God; I know what I ought to do. And if I could do them all, I'd be God, because there would be no imperfection in me, and only God is that.

Alright, where does that leave me, brother? It leaves me incapable of doing good. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, I'm liberated! Brothers, you don't have to do good anymore. You can't do good. Forget it! Stop eating off that tree! Alright, there is within me a principle to do good. Well, why can't I? I don't have the right life for that, but even more, there is a higher Life form in me that cancels out the law of good, the desire to be good.

Boy, I'm a Roman 7 man. That which I want to do, I can't do. By the way, this same passage, and we'll not stop to read the scripture, says that my body is dead toward...do good. Maybe I didn't say it loud enough. Can't do good. Can't do good. If you feel the pulse, it's dead. There

is no... It's dead. I am dead toward doing good. I just can't do it. But listen, it is my body that is dead toward doing good because of sin, but listen to this. Flesh, body, do something evil. At least 80 times in a minute. It is alive toward sin. It is dead toward righteousness. I have a body that just can't perform it. That's what it says, right? Isn't that what it says? Did we make this up? Praise the Lord.

I find another law in my members warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into the captivity of the law of sin which is in me. It brings me into captivity. Let's just read this whole thing again. We can see it again. We can see it now. But then it is no more I, but sin that dwells in me. What is that talking about? In verse 16, if I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. The very fact that I don't do it proves that it's a good law. Alright, verse 17 says, therefore it's no more I that's doing it. It's somebody else. It's sin doing it in me. For I know that in my flesh dwells no good thing, for to will is present with me, but how to perform good, I can't find it. What it is saying: Do good. And I can't find it. There's nothing in me that'll go with the good. I cannot do good. I really can't, brother. And brother, if you've never seen that, you've never taken the first step toward being a Christian.

Brother, you're the biggest failure that ever walked. You can't do anything...for God...you can't do any good. You can't perform it. He says, I cannot find the way. Alright? Verse 19, For the good that I would do, I do not. But the evil which I would not, that I do. I'm an expert at doing evil. Now, if I do that which I would not, it is no more I, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find in a law that when I wish to do good, evil is present with me.

You know, how many times have you had this experience of saying, "I am not going to do evil," and then just went ahead and did it?? We're not talking about good; we're talking about just not doing evil. A man on dope, he's taking heroin in the veins, maybe there's a long story, and he doesn't want to do this anymore. I will not do evil. I will not do this. I'll stay away from it. I will not do it. "I will not be broken down by this," and while he's saying it, he's going to prepare the needle. He cannot help it. The sin that dwells in the body pulls him down.

Okay. Verse 22. *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man, but I see another law in my members, that's my flesh, warring against the law of my mind.* What's the law of my mind? To do good. And brings me into the captivity of the law which is in my members. *Oh, wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* I've got this body of death that will not do good. Now, what does this mean to you? It means one thing. Forget this business of doing good. It has no place for you as a Christian. Forget about it. Forget about it. Isn't that great? Forget it. It not only has no place for you, but you also can't do it anyway. And you say, wait a minute, Gene, this is heresy. Well, praise God. Hallelujah. We need a little heresy like this. God said to man, "Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of good."

There are two things that characterize man. The first one is knowledge. We study the Bible to know, and we dissect this sentence, and that sentence, and when we get full of knowledge, we're full of death. We pour it into the mind, and the second great characteristic of man is...even the study of the Bible is so much a sense of doing good. Praise the Lord, I've

just given up Bible study. I don't study the Bible; *I eat it*. I found out there's another tree in that garden. You don't come, learn, and pack knowledge into your mind. This was the very thing that God was speaking of. Now, I'm not telling you to quit school. Please don't misunderstand me. I believe every one of us needs technical skills to earn a living. Otherwise, you know, the scripture says if we can't earn a living for our families, we're worse than an infidel. I'm not talking about that. We're talking about a spiritual matter here; a very spiritual matter.

Now then, there is in me a life that is the life of man, the life of the soul, the life of the knowledge of good and evil. It is life that wishes to do good. It is the life that wants to do and perform good, but it is canceled out by a higher life form. It is canceled out by the life of sin in my members, and I cannot do good. I can only do evil. I'm checkmated. I'm cut off on every hand. I cannot go any further. A life higher than my mind stops. Oh, how many tears have you shed? Oh, God! We look around for some sort of experience that will satisfy us. Maybe we'll go speak in tongues, and we'll be able to, you know, be at peace in this matter of doing something good, of really serving God and really obeying God. Maybe I can learn the Bible, and I can really serve God and love God. Checkmated. A higher life form. Only a higher life form can do it. A higher life form. Checkmate: you can't do it. Oh, wretched man that I am! Who can deliver me from the body of death? Thank God. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord. There's a higher Life form, brothers. There is the Life of the triune God, and brother, there's not only a Life of God, but there is also the power of that Life, the principle of that Life, and the law of that Life. And that Life and the law of that Life has set me free from the law of sin. Hallelujah! Praise your Lord! Say hallelujah. Thank God. There's a higher Life form, and it's in me, and that Life form...listen...that life form of Satan may look down on my little life form and say, you aren't going anyplace. And the Life form of God looks down on that life form and says, "You've had it." Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Praise God.

Alright? Brothers, when you sense the desire to do good, who is that? Me, that's my principle. When there is the sense of lust, evil, flesh, gratifying the flesh, who is that? It's Satanic life, it's sin, it's a living thing in me. Brothers, we have been here on Friday and Saturday. This is Saturday night, and until this minute, I have not told you anything about how to live in the Spirit. I haven't. I've only been telling you about this foundation. We want to build a...praise the Lord...we want to build a foundation in Santa Barbara. A real foundation.

Now, then, we want to... tonight... take one little step - one little step - toward living by the higher Life form. Now, brother, when you sense what, what do you sense with this third Life? What's the sense of this Life? Let's read. *For the law of the spirit of the life in Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death. And what the law could not do in that it was weak to the flesh, God sending His only Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do what? Who walks not after the flesh, but after the spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, and they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit.* And we're going to come back to that verse. *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is Life.* That verse

should say, "To have the mind of the flesh is death, but to have the mind of the spirit is life and peace." And if you have an RSV, that's what it says. To have the mind of the flesh is what? Death. But to have the mind of the spirit is life and peace.

Now, brothers, here is the first principle in walking by the Spirit, by living in the Spirit, by having a higher Life form, the highest Life in the universe. And here it is. I want you to listen very carefully. Well, that was verse 6, I believe. Romans 8:6. *To have the mind on the flesh is death; to have the mind on the spirit is what? Life and peace.*

Okay, now here's tomorrow, kids. I want to talk to you not as a brother or as a sister; I want to talk to you as a corporate man. I want to talk to you as a body of believers. I want to talk to you as a brother, and I want to talk to you as a sister, but I also want to talk to you as a group meeting together. And you must learn to really meet together. Tomorrow, tomorrow in a real sense, brothers, you're in the garden all day long. The mind set on the flesh is what? And the mind set on the spirit is what?

What do we have here? We've got three life forms. The life of sin, the life of the spirit, and what's right in the middle of it? My life. I'm back in the garden. I got over here the tree of knowledge: I can eat off of it all the time, all day long. And I've got the Tree of Life. Who's in the middle? The mind. The mind is right here. How do you live by that life? Brother, I'll tell you the first thing you do is you don't live by this tree. You don't eat of this tree. Here's the battlefield: you are the battlefield. I said when we started this little talk that man is literally the battlefield of the universe. And you have the initiative. Tomorrow morning, when you wake up, you can set your mind on the flesh, or you can set your mind on the spirit.

Brothers, it's wherever you set your mind that you walk. The mind is the key. The mind literally is the soul. The mind is you, and if tomorrow you get up and set your mind on the flesh, you will walk in flesh, and you have the sense of death, right? Do you walk with a sense of death? Sometimes, you have to admit you do, right? There are times when you walk with a sense of what? Brother, there is within your being another Life, the highest Life in the universe, and whenever you sense life and peace, put your mind there, your mind on the Spirit. When you have life and peace, you're in the Spirit. When you have death, you're in the flesh. This is the first step in walking in the Spirit, and it's all in my soul to decide.

Brothers and sisters, listen. The first conscious waking thought you have every morning is about it. You know, when you kind of roll over in bed, even before you open your eyes, your mind's going to go one or two ways. Brother, you ought to come out of your sleep every morning saying, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord, that the mind might be set on the Spirit. There is a Life in you that you can set your mind on. Brothers, when the temptation comes early in the morning to set the mind on the flesh, don't do it. Reject it. Deny it. Deny the mind that privilege. Deny the soul that privilege and set the mind on the spirit.

Now what can I say? In verse 6, it says, *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.* Now the best way to translate that is: to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. I'd like for you to write

that out in the margin of your scripture and memorize it that way. To learn it that way. To know it that way. Don't memorize it; just learn it that way.

Alright, now, brothers, how do you know Life? How do you live by this Life? Alright, several of you, you know, have come and said, "I'm not clear about something, Gene. What do I do about this and this?" Brothers and sisters, it's a matter of whether it's going to be here or here. You come to a sense of something. I mean, you come to a situation where you have to do something. All you have to do is pay attention to your inmost being. What do you have? Do you have a sense of death? That's the flesh. Do you have a sense of life and peace? That's the spirit. And I've got to decide one way or the other. All through the day, I live by one of these lines. I set myself somewhere each day. Set my mind on the flesh and set my mind on the spirit.

Listen, I would not have you bound by this. I want you to know that God doesn't care how many times you set your mind on the flesh; I mean, he does care, but let me just say for a moment, and may the Lord be merciful in what I'm saying. It doesn't matter about the flesh to God. It doesn't matter about you being foolish, about having a great mind, and being always in the emotions, and being very strong in the will. The thing God cares about is turning to the spirit, because God knows that the very moment you walk in the Spirit, just a little bit...just a little bit...the Lord is there and the door opens, and He's there. Because, brothers, this is the highest Life form, and he's there all day long, just waiting for an opportunity to just pull a little bit in you. To get in through the door, just a little bit. To get out into the Spirit; to transform the soul. He's there just waiting.

So, brother, turn to the Spirit. Find the sense of life and get there. Find the sense of peace and get there. And when a decision comes up, brother, you have to deny the mind, deny the emotion, and deny the will, but you also have to find the source of peace. You go out and want to buy a new automobile. Look at that car over there; isn't it beautiful? Red. Four doors. Power-packed. Brand new. Oh, I really want it. I'm excited about it. Then I say, "I'll go over and talk to the man." I'm excited. Then I have to look at that. What do I have? I have a sense of death. Oh, I want it so much. Well, it's not a sense of life, brother. Sometimes, even a greater sense of death. Brother, you go to the next place, and I want to tell you this: somewhere down the line, you're going to end up with a Volkswagen for sure.

Now, brother, you come to that place. You come to that place where there is a sense of life and a sense of peace, but you say, Gene, there are times I just don't know. I say, brother, that's the church. You come to some brothers and sisters and say, "I submit myself." You submit yourself to one another. I'm not clear on something, and you sit there and fellowship the whole thing. You know, while you sit there and fellowship and you're talking about that big red automobile, there's just so much sense of death. Even while you're trying to smile and you're telling them all the rational good reasons why, you know, and you really are happy up here, and you're telling them all the good, fine reasons why...there's a sense of death. Then you keep on talking, and in a minute, it's like going through a barrier, and it takes you up and all up here. Oh my God. It's better. You go ahead, fellowshiping with the

brothers and just explaining the matter with them. You don't like it a bit. Oh, I'll tell you, you're so sad, and then, all of a sudden, down there, just a little piece. There's Life.

Now, brothers, if you're listening, and if you're a good brother...I don't mean good brother...if you're a real brother, you won't say, "Now, Brother Steve, I just feel like you ought not to have that big red Mach 1." You don't do that. You just, Lord, amen. I stand with my brother, Lord. Lord, give him the peace. Lord, give him the Life, and you have a real sense, you may want to share it, but you may not want to share it. You may want to share it, but you have to pay attention to your own self, brother. Don't be too overbearing, and brother, let me say something else to the others. I'm talking to the others now. If he goes out and buys the Mach 1, brother, you say hallelujah, he's going to learn the lesson. Praise the Lord. Well, about six weeks later, there's a great big old dent in that car, and the insurance won't pay for it, and he's stuck with \$2,000 worth of repairs, and he's looking at that automobile, and he says, Lord, I should have followed the sense of Life—next time I will. Brother, you win both ways. You win both ways, because you learned the lesson in the church. I should have gone along with the sense I had after talking with my brother. You just, even when you lose, you're going to win, because God's going to teach you to go along with the sense you have, either when you're dealing with the Lord or the sense you have when you're dealing with brothers and sisters. Praise the Lord. Isn't that a wonderful God? Hallelujah.

You're going to know the cross, or you're going to know the Spirit. You can't lose, but, brother, listen. You know that for every one of us, there comes a time when we shall say, Lord, you go your way. I'm going to have that Mach 1. And brothers, you fellowship with them, and you know how they feel. You can look in their eyes and see it, and their will just swells up: I've got to have it. I'm out of control of myself. I have got to have it. There's nothing I can do. So, you go have it, brother, and when you do, you've had it. You are not going to have peace, and you'll learn the lesson. Brother, the next time around, you're a little bit humbler, brother, and you're a little bit more willing, and you go along. Brother, this is the Life of Christ, and this is the life of the Father. The sense of Life. Isn't this wonderful?

Alright. We're going to stop. Listen. Just check. Set your mind on the life and the peace. Find it. If you can't find it, go to the brothers. Fellowship with it. Fellowship together. Brother, when you come into the meeting, what do you do? You come into the meeting... if you have had any experience in Life this week at all, you walk through that door right there to come into the meeting, brother. You share it just as quickly as you can, or death will set in. Death will set in. You walk through that door...brother, it's God who's given you a hymn this week, and you've sung, and you've been in the Spirit, and there's been a sense of life and peace. You come in. You open it. If you can't sing it, read it. Brothers, listen to this. Hallelujah. Praise God. And you just read it to them, and you present life and peace; you present the overcoming life to the body. Another brother says, "Hey, listen, I already got something this week. I went into the variety store, and I was just about to buy such and such, and I had a sense of death." And I said, " Well, Lord, then what? This? Oh no, still a sense of death. Huh? Still a sense of death. And so, I said, " Alright, Lord, I'll lose. You win. You win." Hallelujah.

And I went out of there through the sense of life in me. Hallelujah. Share it with the church. Brother, when you hear it, say amen. Praise God.

And brother, you sow your life out, and you sow your life out. I'm talking about the Life of the Lord, the highest Life. You sow out your experience of Life, and you sow out your experience of Life, and brothers and sisters, we all feed on the Life of the Lord within us. I feed on the Life of the experience of the Lord you have. You feed on the Life of the experience that I have. I not only get my victory, but I also get your victory. I not only have the Life of the Lord that I've experienced, but I also have the Life of the Lord that you have. Praise God. Hallelujah. When we leave the meeting, we're full of Life...the highest Life in us.

Just a word. We are only beginning. Tonight we begin. Tonight, we really begin. This is the beginning tonight. This afternoon, yesterday, that was preparation. Tonight we begin. Brother, listen. There's a Life in this universe. It's higher than my life, and it has nothing in the world to do with me doing good. So, brothers and sisters, leave good alone. It is not - I want to repeat this - it is not a matter of you doing good. Don't get out here and say, do I do this? Do I do good? Should I do this? Should I do that? Brother, forget the goodness and pay attention to Life. It is a matter of Life, not goodness. And the Life of God in you, which is the incarnation and the being and the characteristic and the essence of good; He will take care of any goodness he needs. Pay attention to the Life. Stop eating from the tree of good, and start eating from the Tree of Life.

There's a life in this universe. It is a Satanic life. It is a life that is greater than my life, but God put man upon this earth to do battle with Satan. God put man upon this earth to do battle with Satan. And God said, in doing the battle, what do you do? You just eat Life. Just feed on the tree of life, and the more the third-highest life form feeds on the highest Life form...brother, don't let anybody tease you. Don't let anybody steal it from you. We are not lower than the angels. We've got the Life of God within us. We are higher than the angels. You tell Satan that tomorrow. Satan, I was made a little lower than you, but praise God, I have the highest Life for him in me, and I am higher than you, and I am greater than you, and I am more powerful than you. Get out of here.

There is a Life form in this universe, and it is the highest Life form, and it is Life, and it is peace. Listen, brothers and sisters, there was a life on this earth that walked on this earth, and I want to qualify one word before I go any further. It is not for God to give you, individually, all the characteristics and the power of that Life. I hate to tell you this, but I want you to get clear: all of the Life of God may be in you, but all the glory and the power of God is not in you. But, brother, you're here, fully, completely there in the body. God does not put it in the individual. He kept it by putting it in the body, and the body learns the headship, and the head controls the whole body, and the head delivers the Life and the power to the body.

I know that here, right now, you're young, and we had this experience in Tyler. We've had this experience with all the young churches, and I want to pass it on to you. You want to see miracles. I'm just waiting to go back. Brother, don't get sidetracked by that. Listen, you have

all of the Lord in you. You know, when a life is conceived within a mother, all that life is there. Science tells us that even if you're colorblind, when that little seed first begins to be born, the gene and the code that science has found tells us that even colorblindness is there. All the essence is there. And how big is it? It's like that, right? There's just a little, bitty life in you, but it's all of Christ. All that there is of Christ is within you, but it's a little Life. It's very small. It's small; you have all of him, but he has not had his full growth in you. And we meet together for the Lord to grow in us. We need some growth in that life. So, don't get distracted by miracles and by signs and wonders. What you want to do is to see that Life grows up from the center, and when that life is full and mature, the Lord will trust you. He will trust you, and, you know, at that time, you won't really care very much.

I just cast this word onto you. I've been in mature churches, and mature churches are never categorized by great outward signs and wonders. The mature church just doesn't fit. That's for the baby church. That's for the church that's gotten off on the wrong foot. Just take, for instance, if I am a very, very, very, very poor man, and if I get a hot dog, and I'm very hungry - I need a hot dog. Well, you ought to have a hot dog. Everybody should have a hot dog. I've got a hot dog. Hot dogs are just wonderful, the greatest thing in the world. Everybody ought to have a hot dog. I'm not even sure you can be spiritual without a hot dog. I've got a hot dog because I'm so poor, and I haven't eaten in so long. Oh, last night, somebody got healed. Hallelujah. Praise God. Hot dog. See? It was just a hot dog.

Brother, I'm rich. Every day I eat beef—big old roast. I'm eating my roast. Somebody said, "You want a hot dog?" What's a hot dog? I've got a feast in front of me. Why do I need a hot dog? What'd you have for lunch? I'm not even sure. I didn't even notice. I was just eating. That's all I know. I just ate something. I don't know what it was. Maybe it was pork. Maybe it was beef. Maybe it was fish. I don't know what I was eating. I don't. It's no bother to me, but this is what I'm going to do. Brother, you know, when we're going around, hey, let's have a miracle. Brother, we're just poor. We're just poor. We want to see the power of God because we've seen so little of the power of God.

I want you to know that I just passed this on so that you might not be distracted, brother: in one of the churches I have been in, there is a brother who has a great gift of healing. So I said, I want to see the brother who heals. Brother, who's the brother who heals? I don't know, give me a moment. Who was that? Oh, yeah. You mean him? Oh, it was Brother Andrew. Brother Andrew. Yeah. Oh, we'll find Brother Andrew. That's right. Later. Where's Brother Andrew? Oh, you wanted to see Brother Andrew. So, where's Brother Andrew? Well, I can't find him. He had a lot of people there at the meeting. So, I need to... So, finally, I located Brother Andrew. There were a whole bunch of fellas getting on the bus, and I poked my head in, and a Chinese brother said to me... Hey, uh, well, Andrew. Hmm? Hmm? Hmm? Hmm. Oh, I'm so glad to know you. Hmm? Hmm? Hmm? Hey, brother. You know? Hmm? Hmm? You're the brother who heals. Heals? Maybe. Yeah, a little maybe. We don't know.

Listen, that brother has laid his hands on hundreds of people who were healed. You don't go home and say, "Oh, somebody got healed. Hallelujah." Why? Because, brother, you have been eating beef and chicken and fish and all the abundance of the Life; why get sidetracked

on a hot dog? Brother, it's a small part of the full-grown man. When you're a little baby, don't get sidetracked by little things. Let the man grow up. Brother, pay attention to the Life. Pay attention to the growth in life, and God will take care of the rest.

Well, I'll tell you, when the church is really full-grown, every brother will have his mind set on the Lord Jesus, and he will not be going around talking about that. If you study the churches in the New Testament, it was the weak churches that were all excited about the outward things, the churches with the troubles and the divisions. But the churches that were really rich in the Lord were not set on the miracles and the gifts and the outward thing. Brother, I believe you're gifted in prophecy; brother, I believe you have the gift of, well, I'm not sure. And, sister, I believe you can interpret. And, brother, I believe your gift is the gift of helping other people. And your gift, sister, is the gift of hospitality. Oh, phooey. Forget it. Brother, that's not the church. Those might be some things that just kind of happen in the church, but, brother, there is Christ, and that's all you need. That's all the church - when it's really a healthy church - that's all it wants.

Brothers and sisters, you have to pay attention to that Life. That Life lived upon this earth, and it drew men to it. That Life projected by its characteristics, that Life projected the image of God. That Life was on this earth, and it drew men to Him by its magnetism and its fullness. It drew men to Him. Listen, brother, fruit on this earth, a banana or an orange or an apple, that looks like real abundance, but that was created by the highest Life, and it only speaks of the abundance of the Lord. When you see a beautiful sunset, that's beautiful, but listen, that was created by uncreated life. When you sit down at table to eat tomorrow, you say to the food, "Food, you're going to taste good, you smell good, you look good, and for a few minutes, you're going to feel good, and you're going to fill me, but you're really not food, and you're really not filling, and you're really not the real taste, and you're not the real food. Food, there's something superior to you: it's the Lord Jesus Christ. He's more abundant than you. He is more filling than you, and he is greater than you, and I'm going to sit down and enjoy you just as a picture of feasting on the Lord.

It's the creation; it's the created, and it only pictures the abundance of the Life. There was a life upon this earth that had the power of God. He walked upon this earth and healed. Yes, that life also had power over Satan, and it cast out demons. Yet, even more than that, it satisfied the inner, deep instincts and yearning of man. That Life was Life and peace. That Life was the abundant Life, the highest Life, God's Life, and it lives in you. Forget everything else. Forget the gifts, forget the doctrines, forget the desires, the tastes, forget everything; your ambitions and all, and just eat and drink and live by and draw into you and walk with and set your mind on the Spirit, on Christ, and you will have a rich church. You don't ever need any other help. That's all you need. Just take it. Set your mind on the Spirit.