

MEDITATIONS FROM OCTOBER 2015 SUNDAY BULLETINS

WAIT ON THE LORD

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The Psalmist asks us to “wait on the Lord.” Now, as human beings, we really do not like to wait. We do not like to stand in line to wait our turn. When we go to a restaurant, we expect our food to arrive in an acceptable length of time, and if it does not do so, we become impatient. Technology has brought us instant messaging, the microwave oven and coffee brewed in a matter of seconds. We live in a world that rewards us immediately and we do not like to wait.

But some things cannot be rushed. The seed planted in the ground requires a certain length of time before it comes forth as fruit or vegetable. The divine seed, planted in us, requires a time of nurturing before it comes forth as realization. The Lord is the I Am activity in us, and it operates according to our ability to receive it. As we study and learn, we unfold in understanding, and according to our belief, it will be done unto us. So, let us wait for the indwelling presence to announce itself. There really is no other way.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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Einstein said that if two percent of the people of the world decided there should be no more war, there could be no more war! We can change the world by love and scientific prayer.

Jesus’ whole ministry was one of love. By His parables and His own acts, He gave humanity the pattern for individual and world peace and salvation. If we accept the Christian doctrine as a way of life for all and conduct ourselves accordingly, we change our life and our world through prayer. For if we accept Christ we must accept His teaching of brotherly love. We must obey the command that “you love one another as I have loved you.” If we faithfully practice brotherly love, we shall find that we are living through prayer.

BE YE SEPARATE

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The message is “come out from among them and be ye separate.” Now this is not easy for us to do. As human beings, the desire is to fit in and be part of something. We seek out others who share our interests and our ideas. We join clubs and organizations. We attend gatherings, cultivating relationships and acquiring friends. We wish to be compatible with our family, our neighbors and our co-workers. The idea of being separate and apart feels a little “lonely,” and many times we are not willing to go there.

But we are not being asked to walk through life’s experiences alone. The “coming out” and “being separate,” are activities concerning our spiritual life. We are asked to go beyond what is normally accepted about life; to rise above opinion and theory, listening in a different way. Jesus

walked among the people, but he did so from the consciousness of his spiritual being. He did not neglect what was given him to do, but he also understood that he did not do the work. Let us do the same.

THE TRUTH THAT SETS YOU FREE

Rev. Maria Borrero

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When we experience an effortless flow of blessings, love, and a feeling that we are held up, that is God's Grace. When we live in grace our consciousness is filled with perfection, and we know what we are to do and what path we must take. We must let God be God in our daily living. We must learn the principles of the nature of God and live them daily. Grace is God's gift of himself to all his children. And so it is, Amen.