

# TODAY

"Today thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." Said to the thief hanging on the cross...also said to you hanging on the cross of your problem, the moment you can turn unto ME and ask of ME. Too good to be true...too wonderful, for, as is so tersely stated in the following lines:

"People have come to fear God. I think they fear Him more than they fear the devil. They have been told for so long that they are sinners, that all earthly pleasures are sent to lure them along the path to the burning pit, that they feel a greater fellowship with the Prince of Darkness than with the Lord of Hosts.  
(Life of Caralo)

There are thousands of mistaken souls today who think they are doing the Lord's work when they are filling every passing soul with Fear of life....stamping sin and evil all over the glorious universe.

It is wonderful to see how easily Jesus forgave the thief on the Cross and how quickly He said to him, "Today thou shalt be with ME in Paradise. It is a beautiful contrast to the forgiveness of man. He forgives or thinks he does, but he never forgets that he has saved or forgiven a sinner. I once attended a large meeting in London where a pompous Cleric bathed in the admiration of the audience over the sinners he had saved. He set himself up as a savior of men. He gave a long and glowing account of his work....and then paraded in front of the audience a number of the saved ones. It was all so ghastly....this hypocrite who knew sin in everyone else except himself.

So, through a hundred and one experiences, we begin to learn that to look to man is to lean upon a broken reed. "Turn ye even unto Me with all your heart and ye shall find rest for your soul"...and so at the darkest and most fearful hour of any human experience you can turn unto ME and hear the heartening words, "Today thou

shalt be with ME in Paradise"...and the sudden torture and hatefulness of the human picture disappears. It is all so impossible to put into words...and yet it can happen to you in the "twinkling of an eye"...not through thought but by assumption of a new level of consciousness.

It is a fact that thousands of people feel a "fellowship with the Prince of Darkness" because after years of struggling they have found it is easier to commit sickness than health, evil than good, and they have come to accept "When I would do good, evil I do" as a fact.

Then comes Jesus with the simplicity and Truth of the WORD...and most of all Love...the Love that never faileth...and so the self-resurrection has begun. It has been a long trek back to the pristine beauty of the "Image and Likeness," but this return journey is fraught with such magnificent experiences as, "This day shalt thou be with ME in Paradise." Not tomorrow or next week...but This day...The day you can call upon ME and accept the light that is yours, regardless of what has gone before.

"Now men are always supplicants to some outside power, for they have forgotten their own godliness.

They pray to saints or try to invoke demons, but they do not look into their own hearts for Truth." (Life of Carola)

The way to Paradise is through Paradise...the state we are in now, no matter however troublesome it may have become through mismanagement, was Heaven when we were in a lower degree. To begin to recognize this is to experience in some degree at least this instantaneous quality of the WORD. "This day shalt thou be with ME in Paradise." When we begin to accept this new dimension of Jesus Christ, we will experience many things formerly thought impossible. This recognition of going to Heaven through Heaven explains in a measure the revelation of, "If you make your bed in hell (of human belief) I am there," and where I AM, there is

Heaven. It is always in the nature of revealing, never creating or changing, merely bringing greater LIGHT....and in this light we find things which we did not know existed. As the coming of Day gradually breaks up great dark masses into many objects...out of the darkness a rose garden may appear, but it was there all the while.

Gradually the differentiation between Thought and Consciousness takes place, and you begin to understand that the moment you enter into a given consciousness you partake of everything that is indigenous to that level. By taking thought about it all, the best you can do is sometimes to reach up and take a single manifestation from the higher plane...but the next morning you are hungry again and then you cannot find ME because you are still working with the uncertain thought-taking process.

Is it any wonder then that you are told to "Be still and know that I AM God.?"

"This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise." "My grace is sufficient for thee"...do you hear...do you begin to sense-feel the urge within you at the Speaking of the WORD..."This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise?"