

A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

By the king of Iraq

“To the peoples, nations and men of every language, who live in all the world:

May you prosper greatly!

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

How great are His signs,
How mighty His wonders!
His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;
His dominion endures from generation to generation.

“The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone He wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men.”

Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing.

He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back His hand or say to Him: "What have you done?"

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.”

Who is the king of Iraq (formerly Babylon) referring to in the second chapter in the book of Daniel? He is referring to and praising the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Of this God Daniel said, “Praise is to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom and power; you have made known to me what we asked of you. (Daniel 2:20-23)

He is the Creator of heaven and earth. He is sovereign over all the kingdoms and nations of the world. He is the God of Moses. His name is “I AM WHO I AM” as explained in the book of Exodus 3:14 “God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation”

The world would have been vastly different had only Siddhartha Gautama , and Confucius, and Joseph Smith, and Veda Vyasa, and Krishna, and Vishnu, and Dalai Lama, and Mary Baker Eddy, and Charles Russell, and Sun Myung Moon, known this God worshipped and praised by the greatest king ever lived in Iraq, King Nebuchadnezzar. He ruled all the peoples and nations and men of every language. There was none like him before or after his world reign.

It is catastrophic and indeed devastating to the future condition of all mankind that these religious leaders did not learn anything from the world's religious history written so accurately in the history books of 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

How can we know and worship this all-powerful, all-knowing and omni-present God today? Not only can we personally know this almighty, holy and loving God, we may also have a personal relationship with Him and call him our Father!

This mighty and powerful God has chosen to reveal Himself to all people of the world through His son, Jesus Christ. In John 14:6, Jesus answered, "**I am the way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The major religions of the world present many ways to God. All these ways lead to a DEAD END. It is very discouraging when you are driving down a road and suddenly you see a sign DEAD END. People follow many roads to heaven hoping for the best that somehow they will experience salvation of their souls and enter a blessed eternity. About one billion people follow the Hindu road built by Siddhartha Gautama. There are other roads built by Confucius, Joseph Smith, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Charles Russell, and Sun Myung Moon. There is the Communist Road devised by Marx and Engels with a billion followers today. Some day these millions of people will discover that there is an end to these roads that read DEAD END or WRONG ROAD.

The Word of God clearly spells out that "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is **no other name** under heaven given to men by whom we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) The Prophet Mohammad was correct when he preached that there is ONE GOD. According to God's Word Jesus Christ is the one and only way to God. Because God says in His Word "For there is **one God** and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5,6)

I wish to speak to you about Jesus, and Jesus only. Because He reveals God the Father to us and He and the Father are ONE. (John 30:30) It is Jesus Christ we need. "He took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses", Isaiah 53:4 "He bore our sins in His own body on the tree". (Galatians 3:12)

It is the person of Jesus Christ we want. There is a picture of the Constitution of the United States, very skillfully engraved in copper plate, so that when you looked at it closely it was nothing more than a piece of writing, but when you looked at it at a distance, it was the face of George Washington. The face shone out in the shading of the letters at a little distance, and you see the person, not the words, nor the

ideas; and I thought, "That is the way to look at the Scriptures and understand the thoughts of God, to see in them the face of love, shining through and through; not ideas, nor doctrines, but Jesus Himself as the Life and Source and sustaining Presence of all our life."

Jesus Christ is all that you should ever need. For we have not only what we need for this hour, but also in Him, all that we should need the next and the next and so on, until sometimes we get a glimpse of what it will be a million years afterwards, when we shall "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father" (Matthew 13: 43), and have "all the fullness of God."

And now, thank God, we have Him, moment by moment, as we go on into the future before us. We are like the little bottle in the sea, as full as it will hold. The bottle is in the sea, and the sea is in the bottle; so we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.. But, besides that bottleful in the sea, there is a whole ocean beyond; the difference is, that the bottle has to be filled over again, every day, evermore.

Now the question for each of us is "What think you of Christ?" In the Word of God we discover that He is our perfect Power, He is our perfect Love, He is our Faith, and He is our Life. "And the life I now live in the flesh, I live," not by faith on the Son of God, but "by the faith of the Son of God" (Gal. 2 20). That is it. We live the Christian life by the faith of the Lord Jesus.

You have no faith in you any more than you have life or anything else in you. You have nothing but emptiness and vacuum, and you must be open and ready to take Him to do all. You have to take His faith as well as His life and healing, and have simply to say, "I live by the faith of the Son of God." My faith is not worth anything. If I had to pray for anyone, I would not depend upon my faith at all. I would say, "Here, Lord, am I. If you want me to be the channel of blessing to this one just breathe into me all that I need." It is simply Christ, Christ alone.

He will carry you through difficulties, danger, fear, life and death into eternity. Dear friends, I show you in His Word a truth which is so precious. The Apostle Paul tells us that there is a secret, a great secret which was hidden from ages and from generations (Col. 1: 26), God says it "is now made manifest to his saints"; and Paul went through the world just to tell it to those that were able to receive it; and that simple secret is just this "Christ in you the hope of glory."

Your body may be broken and your suffer depression and frustration and doubt. Receive and believe this little secret, 'Christ in you'; and receive Him for your body as you have received Him for your soul. You will be made so strong and well that work will become a perfect delight.

Concerning wisdom. How we need it. I went to Christ about it, and asked if He had anything for me in this way. He replied, "Yes, my child, I am made unto you Wisdom." 1 Corinthians 1:30, "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."

Often I have a disobedient will. Can Jesus help me? He said, "Yes, my child, it is God who works in you to will and to do." (Philippians 2:13) He made me to learn how and when to be firm, and how and when to yield. Many people have a decided will, but they do not know how to hold on just at the proper moment. So, too, I came

to Him for power for His work and all the resources for His service, and He has not failed me.

If this precious little secret of "Christ in you," will help you, you may have it. May you make better use of it than I. I feel I have only begun to learn how well it works. Take it and go on working it out. Christ for all, grace for grace, from strength to strength, from glory to glory, from this time forth and for evermore.

HIMSELF

by A. B. Simpson

Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling, Now it is His Word.
Once His gifts I wanted, Now the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing, Now Himself alone
Once 'twas painful trying, Now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation, Now the uttermost.
Once 'twas ceaseless holding, Now He holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting, Now my anchor's cast.
Once 'twas busy planning, Now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring, Now He has the care.
Once 'twas what I wanted, Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking, Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him, Now He uses me.
Once the power I wanted, Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored, Now for Him alone.
Once I hoped in Jesus, Now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying, Now they brightly shine.
Once for death I waited, Now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored, Safe within the veil.