

# SLB-037

The Rest of Regeneration - Lesson 3

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- "Come unto me, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; and ye shall find rest to your souls -Mt.11:28-29
- Hebrews 3:10 "for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his."
- Ephesians 2:10 (YLT) "for of Him we are workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God did before prepare, that in them we may walk.

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- We are considering the Basic Spiritual Life Tactics within the context of the 3 Phases of the Spiritual Life:
- Phase I: Salvation = Regeneration
- Phase II: Life on Earth = Rest (The SPIRITUAL LIFE)
- Phase III: Life in Heaven = Resurrection

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- Phase I: Salvation
- Regeneration
  - Recognition
    - Recognizing the Convincing of the Holy Spirit
  - Repentance
    - Changing the mind
  - Reliance
    - Total trust

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration (by Witness Lee)
- “Regeneration is a rebirth which brings in a new life. It is absolutely a matter of life, not a matter of doing.
- Regeneration is simply to have life other than the life we already have.
- We have already received the human life from our parents; now we need to receive the divine life from God.
- Hence, regeneration means to have the divine life of God in addition to the human life which we already possess.
- Therefore, regeneration requires another birth in order to possess another life...

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration (by Witness Lee)
- “To be regenerated, to be born again, does not mean to adjust or correct ourselves.
- It means to have the life of God, just as to be born of our parents means to have the life of our parents.
- To be regenerated is to be born of God (John 1:13), and to be born of God is to have the life of God, that is, the eternal life (3:15-16).”
  - (Witness Lee, LS of John, 98)

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration
- Supernatural Spiritual insemination by the Spirit of God is required to bring about this new spiritual birth within an individual.
- Regeneration is not merely greater insight or understanding but in a complete new creation of the individual (cf. 2 Cor.
- Regeneration is the impartation of a new and divine life; a new creation; the production of a new being.
- It is not that the Inherited Human Nature From Adam is altered, reformed, or even reinvigorated, but a new birth from above. (John 3:37;5:21;Eph.2:1, 10; 2Cor.5:17.)

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration
- As an organic member of God's family, a believer's regeneration is as permanent, as eternal as God's own life.
- God's life is both eternal and indissoluble.
- Therefore, "*having been regenerated, not of corruptible seed (spora) but of incorruptible*" (1 Peter 1:23), we enjoy a relationship with God which is equally eternal and indissoluble.
- In the human realm, no matter how naughty or unwilling a child may be, he is still his parents' child.
- No decision either by the parents or the child could ever dissolve the relationship which they share, for a relationship of life supersedes any based on conduct or will.

# Spiritual Life - Regeneration

- The receiving of the divine nature means that the individual has truly been born of God.
- God has become his legitimate genetic Father and he is the Father's legitimate genetic son.
- This is a change so radical and so complete that there is a passing from one order of being into another.
- Eventually in this great change the IHNA infusing every cell of the fleshly body will be jettisoned and the identity as a separate entity will be fully revealed.
- (“We will be like Him for we shall see Him as He is”)

# Spiritual Life - Regeneration

- The New Creature will have become precisely what his new position in Christ requires him to be.
- The significance which is achieved by a birth from above—an insemination by the Holy Spirit—actually now experienced by all who are saved, is too often and for want of due consideration almost wholly misapprehended.
- The typical concept that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is an indefinite influence for good in the individual's present life is far below the concept set forth in the New Testament.
- Even the doctrine of sonship by adoption fails to express the extent of our Spiritual resource.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration
- The Bible uses the phrase “children of God” to refer to our relationship with God, not as a metaphor, but as a literal description of this genetic union with Him.
- *“Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called children of God; and we are....Beloved, now we are children of God” (1 John 3:1-2).* Paul Billheimer explains further in his book *Destined for the Throne:*

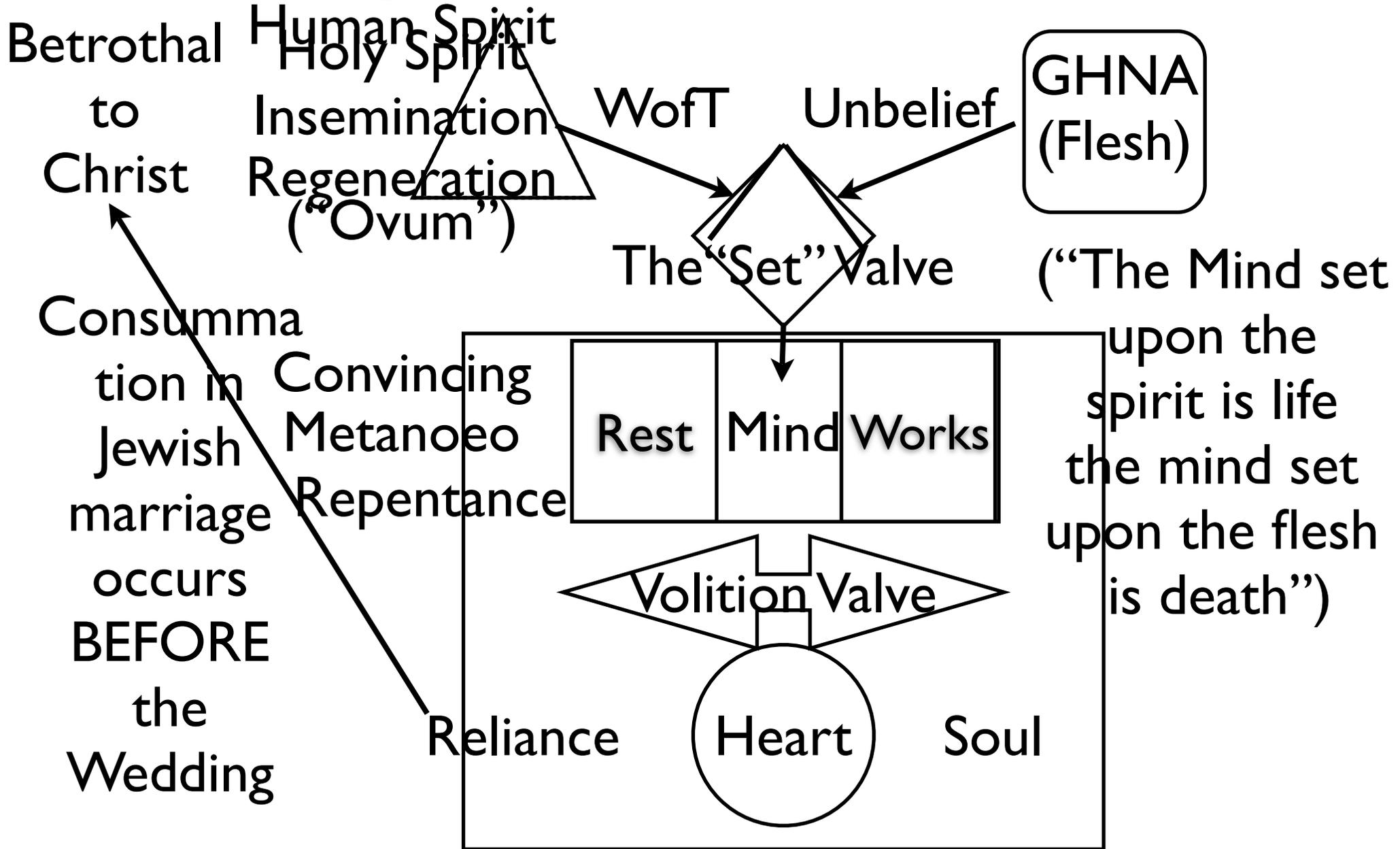
# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration
- “In John 1:12-13 we learn that the plan of redemption was inaugurated to set up a unique and original generative method by which these “many sons” would be born and progressively disciplined by a sanctifying process in order to bring them to glory.
- Regeneration is therefore much more profound than the concept of adoption, which holds that God the Father merely adopted His believers, granting them the position of sons, yet sharing with them no relationship in life.

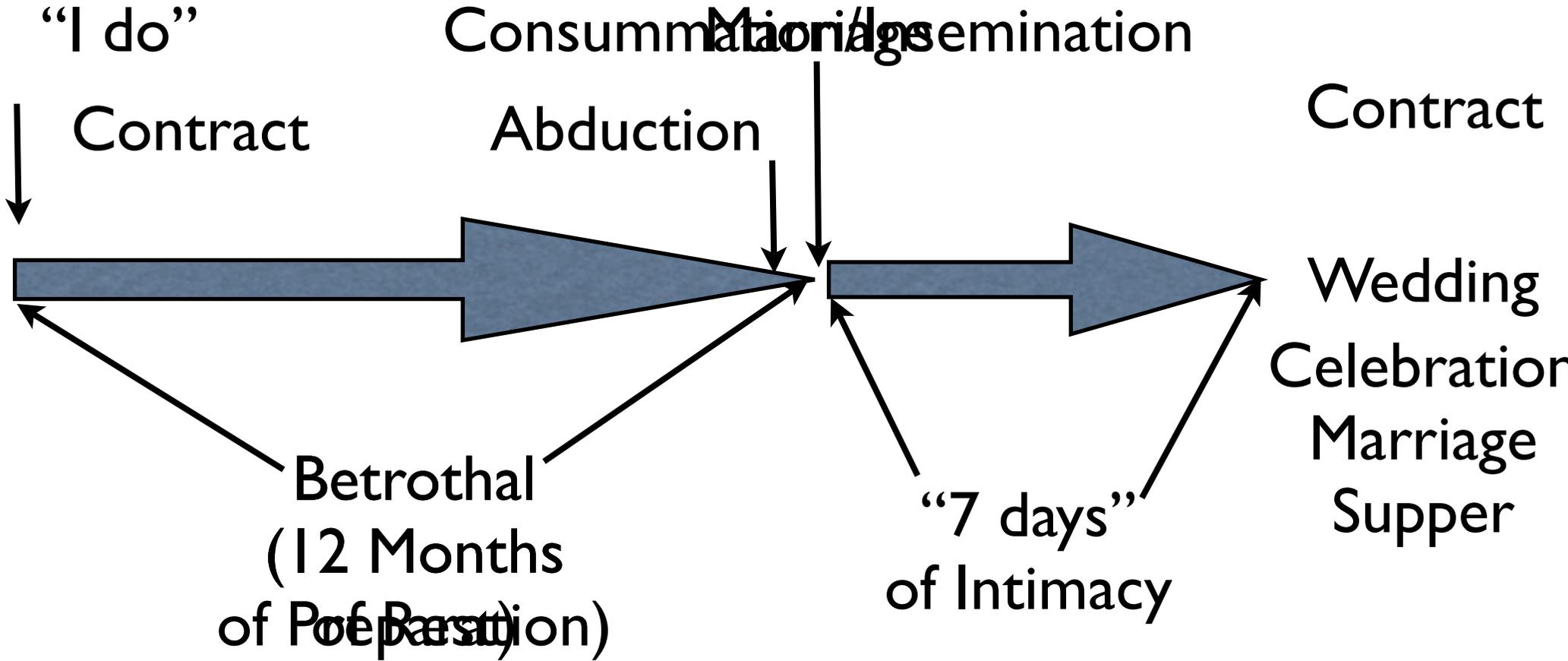
# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Regeneration
- “Nowhere in his Gospel does John suggest an adoptive relationship.
- Instead, he likens regeneration to the birth of a child.
- In his study on the Greek word Teknon (“children”), as used in John 1:12, Marvin R. Vincent points out, “Teknon, child, denotes a relation based on community of nature, while huioi, Son, may indicate only adoption and heirship...John never uses huioi to describe the relation of Christians to God, since he regards their position not as a result of adoption but of new life” (Word Studies, 49).

# The Regeneration Mechanics



# Biblical Betrothal and Insemination



The Bridegroom, His Father and the "Helper" take care of everything!

# The Rest of Regeneration

- Remember, in Betrothal, the Father, the Bridegroom and the Helper, provide everything in preparation for the Marriage; and the Bride's work for her old family is over.
- Rest is the living of the Life provided BY the Father of the Bridegroom, The Bridegroom, and His Helper.
- "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works." ([John 14:10](#))

# The Rest of Regeneration

- "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise." (John 5:19)
- Likewise, we are to live the same:
- Ephesians 2:10 (YLT) "for of Him we are workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God did before prepare, that in them we may walk."

# The Rest of Regeneration

- The dictionary gives the following definitions of rest:
- 1. TO CEASE FROM ACTION
  - The word rest means to cease from labor or exertion.
  - Applying that to God's rest, it means no more self-effort--no more trying to please God by your human works.
  - Rest involves cessation from legalistic activity; we rest in free grace.

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## ●2. TO BE FREE FROM WORRY

- Some people are never at peace because they're always bothered about something.
- To rest means to be free from whatever disturbs you, or causes you to worry.
- It means in this sense to be quiet, still, peaceful, and free from fear.
- To enter God's rest means to be at peace with God; to possess the perfect peace that God gives.
- It means to be free from guilt, because our sin is forgiven.

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- 3. TO BE SETTLED
- God's rest is the kind of rest where a man is stabilized in Christ, and does not run from philosophy to philosophy.
- He is no longer blown about by every wind of doctrine, but is rooted and grounded in the truth of Christ.

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- 4. TO BE SECURE
  - To enter God's rest is to be secure, having absolute trust and confidence in God's care for you.
- 5. TO HAVE SOMETHING TO LEAN ON
  - To enter God's rest means that you can lean on Him.
  - You can rely on God for support, trusting Him to supply all your needs.

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- We are familiar with the doctrine of “Faith-Rest”, as a Problem Solving Technique, related to trusting the Promises of God for solutions to our problems.
- While it is a valid doctrine, I believe that this fails to emphasize the necessity of Rest as THE way of life for the Believer.
- Rest is more than trusting God for the solution to our problems, it is THE essential approach to living the entire Christian Life.
- We will cover the technique of “Faith-Rest” under the topic of Reckoning - To rely with confident expectancy.

# The Rest of Regeneration

- "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? " ([John 14:10](#))
- We have the Father indwelling us; and not the Father only, but the Son and the Spirit.
- "If any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9)
- "He who is joined to the Lord (Jesus Christ) is one spirit with Him" (I Cor. 6:17).
- The "normal" Christian Life is the "Rest of Regeneration", doing NOTHING of ourselves, but "the Father who dwells in me DOES His works."

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- “We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, ‘I know Him,’ but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the Truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did” (1 John 2:3-6).
- How, again, did Jesus walk?
- "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works." (John 14:10)

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- “See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what He promised us – even eternal life.
- “I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in Him.
- “And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming” (1 John 2:24-28, NIV).

# Rest

- Andrew Murray - "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, abounding therein. "COL.2:6-7
- IN THESE words the apostle teaches us the weighty lesson, that it is not only by faith that we first come to Christ and are united to Him, but that it is by faith that we are to be rooted and established in our union with Christ.
- No less essential than for the commencement, is faith for the progress of the spiritual life. Abiding in Jesus can only be by faith.

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- “There are earnest Christians who do not understand this; or, if they admit it in theory, they fail to realize its application in practice. They are very zealous for a free gospel, with our first acceptance of Christ, and justification by faith alone. But after this they think everything depends on our diligence and faithfulness. While they firmly grasp the truth, “The sinner shall be justified by faith,” they have hardly found a place in their scheme for the larger truth, “The just shall live by faith.” They have never understood what a perfect Saviour Jesus is, and how He will each day do for the sinner just as much as He did the first day when he came to Him.

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- “They know not that the life of grace is always and only a life of faith, and that in the relationship to Jesus the one daily and unceasing duty of the disciple is to believe, because believing is the one channel through which divine grace and strength flow out into the heart of man. The old nature of the believer remains evil and sinful to the last; it is only as he daily comes, all empty and helpless, to his Saviour to receive of His life and strength, that he can bring forth the fruits of righteousness to the glory of God. Therefore it is: “As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted in Him, and stablished in the faith, abounding therein.” As you came to Jesus, so abide in Him, by faith.” (Andrew Murray)