


A STUDY OF MERE CHRISTIANITY

Lesson 13
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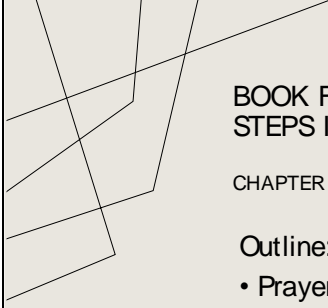


PEACE THRU CHRIST
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LESSON 12 CHAPTER SUMMARIES

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4.1</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Theology is the way we learn about God, and thereby learn about ourselves.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4.2</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">As we learn about God we see Him as Triune. This is necessary to see His work, which allows us to see how we have life with Him.</p>
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**BOOK FOUR: BEYOND PERSONALITY: OR FIRST
STEPS IN THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY**

CHAPTER THREE: TIME AND BEYOND TIME

Outline:

- Prayer & Eternity
- Two Difficulties

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PRAYER & ETERNITY

In the last chapter I had to touch on the subject of prayer, and while that is still fresh in your mind and my own, I should like to deal with a difficulty that some people find about the whole idea of prayer. A man put it to me by saying 'I can believe in God all right, but what I cannot swallow is the idea of Him attending to several hundred million human beings who are all addressing Him at the same moment.' And I have found that quite a lot of people feel this.

TWO DIFFICULTIES

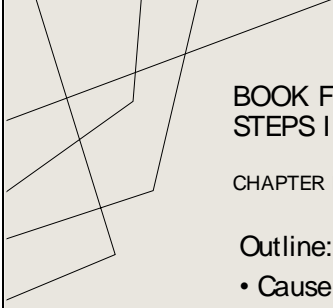
1. The incarnation of Jesus

In other words I was assuming that Christ's life as God was in time, and that His life as the man Jesus in Palestine was a shorter period taken out of that time—just as my service in the army was a shorter period taken out of my total life. And that is how most of us perhaps tend to think about it.

TWO DIFFICULTIES

2. God's omniscience and human will

All the days are 'Now' for Him. He does not remember you doing things yesterday; He simply sees you doing them, because, though you have lost yesterday, He has not. He does not 'foresee' you doing things tomorrow; He simply sees you doing them: because, though tomorrow is not yet there for you, it is for Him.



**BOOK FOUR: BEYOND PERSONALITY: OR FIRST
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CHAPTER FOUR: GOOD INFECTION

Outline:

- Cause and Effect
- God's Love and His Nature
- The "Whole" of Christianity

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GOD'S LOVE AND HIS NATURE

The Christian View of God's Love

1. God's love is from His nature
2. Love does not exist outside of a relationship
3. Do we emphasize "God is Love" or "Love is God?"
4. God's Love is a "living, dynamic activity."

And that, by the way, is perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions: that in Christianity God is not a static thing—not even a person—but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama.

THE "WHOLE" OF CHRISTIANITY

"God is love, and that love works through men – especially through the whole community of Christians. But this spirit of love is, from all eternity, a love going on between the Father and the Son." (p. 176)

God's (like a Father to a Son) Love

By the Holy Spirit

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<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4.3</p> <p style="margin: 0;">God's eternity is essential to who He is, and thereby essential to who we are, yet it is beyond our understanding.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4.4</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Faith is sharing life with God; a life which is His and is manifested in His nature.</p>
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