

Surrender

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Self-Surrender

Joel:

Now, in a completely relaxed meditation, give up this world, give up all desire. You have the capacity now to give up all desires except the desire to know God aright, to drop the concern for health, supply, or home, to drop all anxiety for friends or relatives.

Drop it all into God because if God cannot take care of it, you certainly cannot; but God can, if you are willing to surrender your concerns and your desires.

Remember, you cannot hold on to something and surrender it. You cannot surrender anything and hold on to it. Either you are going to hold on to it and learn

ultimately that you of yourself could not do it, or you are going to surrender it. Surrender all anxiety for yourself or for anyone else. Surrender all concern for yourself or for anyone else:

. . . . I surrender all things unto Thee: I am not withholding anything; I Am keeping no mental images in my mind to be concerned about. My only desire is to

. . . . know Thee aright, to live forever in the remembrance that Thou art in me, and that Thy whole kingdom is within me. I rest in Thy grace; I rest in Thy peace.

. . . . Father, forgive me, if I have sought anything but Thy peace and the health of Thy countenance. Father, forgive me if I have ever sought anything but Thy grace or felt

. . . . that I ever needed anything but Thy grace. Thy grace is my sufficiency. I live by Thy grace; I live because I am an heir of God and joint heir with Christ.

. . . . Earthly woes, earthly concerns, earthly anxieties—all these drop away because I am home in Thee, one with Thee. Thou art in me, and I in Thee, and therefore we

. . . . are one. In that oneness is my completeness, my wholeness, my perfection. If I had Thee and the whole world I would have nothing more than if I had Thee alone

. . . . I dwell constantly in the realization that where Thou art I am, that we are inseparable, indivisible, and that Thou knowest my need. It is Thy good pleasure to give me the

. . . . Kingdom—the Kingdom that is already established within me.

. . . . Thou wilt never leave me, nor forsake me. If I am good or bad, rich or poor, sick or well, Thou wilt never forsake me. Through the realization of that, the lost years of the locust are

. . . . restored, and I am whole again, whole through the realization of Thy presence, through the realization of inseparability and indivisibility, God is the Father and God is the Son,

. . . . and we are one. In this conscious oneness is my Allness. The sun, the moon, and the stars up there in the sky are all under God's government; the tide is coming in

. . . . and going out under God's government; trees, grass, and plants are growing; flowers are blooming; fruit is ripening - all under God's grace

. . . . The cattle are grazing on a thousand hills under God's grace. Coal and diamonds are in the ground and pearls in the sea, all under God's grace. Substances that we are using from

. . . . the ground today were placed there thousands of years ago; substances that will be needed thousands of years from now are forming in the earth and in the water now.

. . . . Every need is provided for by God's grace. God's grace is indeed my sufficiency. All things have been given to me by God's grace: not by might, not by power, not by prayer, but

. . . . by God's grace. So I relax into God and receive the same God-government that directs the earth and all its activities. I am in Thee, and Thou art in me—and we are one.

Take no anxious thought for anything in the external realm; take no anxious thought for anyone in the world.

The kingdom of God is established within you, and God's grace is your sufficiency. Take no thought!