

**The Love of God - The Rod and the Staff - A Non Believer -
What is this Stillness?**

Macello: God bless you.

All: God bless you Macello.

Macello: So love brings us together once more and enfolds us in his love as the sheep return to the fold watched over by the master so we once again return to this fold watched over by the love of God. Now Brother John what have you in your little book for Macello?

Brother John: We've got three items Macello and it comes under the general title of "The Love of God".

Macello: You want me to talk for you on the love of God. The love of God Brother John is an eternal love, is a universal love, it is the love which embraces not just mankind, it is a love which embraces all creatures upon this Earth and all creatures and particles of the universe, it is an ever reaching love, a love immovable, it is love which will never fail to respond to those who seek it within their hearts for the true and correct purpose, to share this love one with another as you do. You take your love Brother John and through all the tribulations of your work, still you will not turn your face from God and you will accept into your life and into your work all those whoever they may be, whatever they may be and you give freely of this love regardless of how it is returned to you and this I speak of not only for you Brother John, I speak of all of you concerned. There is times in your life when you will feel hurt and put aside and shunned and misused but if the love of God is truly in your hearts then you will not condemn because condemnation doesn't come from love, it only follows persecution and mistrust and unthinking. All of you have had this very facet of your being put to the test. Many are chosen but few remain and this I feel will answer many questions for you, many are called to his service by his love and by the manifestation of the love of God through the Spirit of Christ within each and every man and many are chosen from those who are called and they have the freedom of their own choice.

Can they withstand the tests which are put before them which tear at their material thinking and tear at their subconscious thoughts and bends and sometimes even torments the spirit, but if the love of God remains within that spirit, then those who are of his thinking and of his choice will remain for they are the ones who have been looked upon as being the just and not the unjust. The love of God is in all things but is not an easily obtainable thing, for a man to keep this in his heart and keep pure within that love, because of the many trials and strife's of this material world upon which you live, because of the material thinking and the involvements which become you in your life, your love of God is surely tested. How many times have I heard it said among you, "you must test the spirit", but look upon it as Macello sees it for I am in what you call in the spirit and if my spirit is to be tested to make certain that I am a worthy spirit to be received among you, then you must surely understand in your hearts that you also must be tested of your spirit so that we also know that your spirit is a worthy spirit to receive those things we have to impart of God. And when your spirit and my spirit can blend in harmony and understanding as one then you have Brother John a true manifestation of the love of God. Is this answer for your question?

Brother John: Yes beautiful thank you. It's not really a question Macello, medium wants Macello's definition of the rod and the staff, the phrase that's mentioned in the twenty-third Psalm.

Maccello: Of the rod and the staff. Is a question I will love to answer. We hear in your teachings, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me, and you will see many of these Prophets of old, they hold a staff and the staff is a symbol, it's a symbol of unbending, of rigidity, of support of sustenance, it's a symbol of strength upon which a humble man can lean upon and support himself. And so it is we come back to your first question; the rod and the staff they are symbolic of the love of God, it is upon this upon which man depends for support, for strength, to do his work and this is why it was said thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. It is as well to say your love and your presence they comfort me. It is a symbolic image of the strength of God, is unbending, it can be broken by those who will misuse it and who feel they have no use for this, but very often they find without it they are without the support they need. You were symbolised with the power of God when Moses struck the Christian with his staff and there poured forth the water from the mountain, when he cast his staff upon the ground and turned it into a serpent symbolic of the presence of God in all things, even in the creatures of the Earth. He used his staff to touch the waters and turn them into blood, again symbolic of God's presence, is a beautiful symbol, is a pictorial symbol if you wish, but with all of these Prophets, with all of those who use a staff for whatever they may do, they use the power and the love of God. They know that they have in their hands something of which they can command, they can support, they can use it to help, just as the shepherd will take his staff and rescue injured sheep. Without his staff he feels he cannot control his flock and this is so, and so it is without this staff, without this symbol of the love and the strength and the impending power of God in our hands, how are we to command our flock, how is he to command or to guide and to protect his flock here on Earth. You will hear it also in the Psalms that thou art my rod, thou art my saviour, thou art my keeper and this is also again witness to the fact that God is our rod and he is our staff, he is our strength and he is our protection and this he is in all things our support in life knowing his love is in all people and all creatures and in all things. Is this answer for your question Brother John?

Brother John: Yes thank you, very much. Last one, how would you convey the love of God to a person who does not believe in God?

Maccello: It's so simple Brother John, it's so simple. I could answer this with two words, by example, and this is the only means by which a man has to portray the love of God to the eyes of a disbeliever, by example. But you see, example covers many, many things and so it is for one to do this he must himself be a true believer in God, he must be a true disciple of Christ and I look upon each and everyone of you as being disciples of Christ, you are his children, you follow his example, you teach his word, you obey his commandments as near as you possibly can. Knowing this in your heart you can turn to a disbeliever knowing that your faith can not be daunted by his disbelief or by his doubt or even sometimes by his fear for you see you will find that there is perhaps no man here on Earth who can truly say he does not believe in God. He believes but in his own strange way and because it is a strange way he finds it difficult to accept all those things which are spoken of him. He would be truer to say, I cannot believe that he does all these things, I cannot believe that he is in each and every man. And while he is saying these things he is proclaiming his belief because his thoughts are dwelling upon this and he is only saying to his brother man in another way, I am still searching for this God, and if he did not believe in him he would not search for him. So you see, you with the strength of your love and belief and faith in him would be foolish to try to prove the love of God and the presence of God verbally to any man but you would be wise to prove by example. Is this not what Moses did, is it not what Christ did, they proved by example. They proved that the love of God and that God himself did exist by showing the many miracles of God, by displaying the power of God, by allowing themselves to be used as instruments and channels of this power and this love.

So I say to you do not waste your energy on words but conserve it and strengthen it by the example of your love for your fellow men, prove to them by what you are that he is in your heart and slowly and gently and very surely they will come to accept Christ and God are one in man and that there is a perfect unity in all beings and fear, as we have taught so often before, is man's greatest sin because you see through fear he allows himself to be blinded from the presence and the love of God. But still the love of God exists around him, caring for him, waiting for that day when he comes close enough, even perhaps at the moment of his transcendence into this planes, he will know the love of God and perhaps it may be said that your example showed to them will help them understand this in those last moments of their being. So be his servant, continue always to be his child, do not waste your energy too much with words but strengthen your resolve by the example you set of God's love on Earth and just as Christ did, just as his disciple's did, they believed, they believed. As the Prophet said to the blind man at the gate of Beautiful, silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I thee in his name, and he received his sight. This was proof by example and it was not just the one who received his sight who found the strength to believe, but it was the many who stood and watched. And it is the many who stand and watch and listen to your example Brother John who will come to believe, maybe not in your way but in their own way according to their understanding and awareness they will receive the love of God and they will believe even if it is in secret. Do you understand this and does it make you happy now?

Brother John: Yes, God bless you.

Maccello: So you see once again you have found yourself what you thought was three different questions, all of them have come into one, the love of God in all things. Is it not simple?

Brother John: Beautiful thank you.

Maccello: Now do you wish to talk with Maccello?

Brother John: Well I was going to ask you to talk tonight on the Holy Spirit.

Maccello: In a word, in a word Brother John, the love of God is a Holy Spirit within all men and it was the love of Christ, it was the essence of Christ and he was the purification of Christ's spirit. And why do I say this, why do I talk of purifying his spirit, I talk of this in truth at the moment of his baptism he was touched by the waters of the Earth and he was blessed by mortal man, he was acclaimed by John the Baptist and this made him a mortal man. But Christ was still a chosen one and to make this evident in the hearts of men that he was baptised, God descended in the form of a Dove, so we are told, and a voice from heaven said behold this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, and this was a conformation from God that he was a chosen instrument of heaven to bless this Earth and to show by example the love of God. To hold a world full of heathens and disbelievers and from there he went into the wilderness for a prolonged period where he had to live as a man, he had to fend for himself as a man, he had to receive of him, temptation and deprivation, he had to become as the earth and having done this, as I have said, once again before he could begin his work his spirit was to be purified and cleansed. And this was done when he cleansed himself of all the temptations of the Earth by proclaiming his love for God and it was here that the Holy Spirit, of the Spirit of Holiness should I say, entered into him and he came down from the mountain and said to his mama, now I must go about my Father's business. The rest of this is a long told story, one you know so well, he went about his Father's business and he taught the spirit of love and he implanted into the hearts of all men who would receive of him the spirit of God touched by his own spirit,

fulfilled in the hearts of men not only by the words he spoke, but by the example of his life, the example of his faith and belief in God. His immovable faith, his undying trust and his eternal devotion to the cause of God's love here on the Earth and this is the true spirit of God and the true spirit of love made manifest in men. Does this answer your question Brother John?

Brother John: Yes thank you Maccello. After the baptism, when John the Baptist baptised him in Jordan, John says to the crowd, behold the Lamb of God, what did he mean?

Maccello: In the lamb Brother John, you see one who is so gentle and so delicate and very often so trusting. It is the symbolic creature of gentleness, of love, who will readily follow its shepherd because it trusts in its shepherd, he knows the voice of his shepherd, he knows the movements, he can even understand the walk of the shepherd and he trusts and believes without question, without saying a word. It is a gentle creature and it does feed mankind and God was saying this that Christ is as a lamb among men, he loved, he trusted, he knew men, he knew God. He knew that God was his shepherd; he knew that if he followed him he would be fed, he would be protected, he would be clothed, he would be kept from harm and away from danger and this is why Christ so often used this expression of the good shepherd. Is why he used this in his teachings and he told the story of the good shepherd, he was telling the story of God because he knew that God saw him and each and everyone of his children as a lamb in a fold. And if you recall I spoke with you the last time saying to you how he had to converse with men according to their understanding at that time. And so he had to make a simple picture for them to follow and for them to understand and to learn from and so he used the analogy of the lamb and the shepherd. And he used this again when he spoke with Peter and asked him three times to feed his flock and his lamb and his sheep. He was using this same analogy and Christ was saying to Peter the same as God had said to John the Baptist, you are my sheep, you are a Lamb of God, you are my flock and I am the good shepherd. God is the shepherd of all mankind and of indeed all-living creatures upon this Earth and he will bring them into his fold one by one according to their need and according to their progression. Is this make you happy Brother John?

Brother John: Yes thank you very much indeed Maccello.

Maccello: Time I know is creeping on and soon it must come to a close but I want, very quickly, to say to you do not be despondent, do not allow your intentions to be cast aside, as we have said, many are called few are chosen and many are chosen, if you wish, but few will survive the pace and you have come with contrite hearts and I know that this concept of working together is maybe a little difficult because I am not asking you all a question but you see, you have a task to fulfil and we feel it is much more convenient for you to fulfil this task so much easier if we channel this energy properly and in good haste so that it is understood more clearly and accepted more readily, not so much by you who are gathered here, for I will come on odd occasions and I will talk with you many, many times till your heart is content, but you see, those who will read these words however you may print them, can not do this, they can not share with you these moments for they are in scattered parts of this land and on this Earth. And so it is we must make a tiny little forfeit, just a tiny one, in order to take these words born of the hearts of each and every one of you from the questions you ask among yourselves, you are asking these things on behalf of a nation, on behalf of the Earth, so it is, forfeit this one little moment in your time with Maccello and I will praise and bless each one of you and I will fulfil your pathways to the best of my ability and many, many times I will come and talk with you as I did in old times and we will share many happy moments together if you will allow these words and the teachings of Christ to be made manifest among men through your endeavours here in this

little room. You understand what I am saying to you? Please do not be sad of heart for I do and still love each and every one of you more than I did before because I know you are making a sacrifice, you are giving up something you love so that others may receive and this is in truth, the spirit and the love of God manifest it's self within your hearts and this is why you remain, this is why you are who you are and this is why you will progress and we will feel privileged always to be present and to touch your heart and your hand and to journey with you through life as best we can. Is this make you all happy now?

All: Yes thank you Maccello

Maccello: Is this make an explanation of why we are doing it?

All: Yes thank you.

Maccello: Christopher, I have not forgotten and I love you very much and we know you are tired and we know you have worked so hard. I will place my hand on your heart in your sleep state, you will be revived, fear not, but sometimes we have to hold a little harder just to prevent you from going too far and hurting yourself. You see Christopher, I also am a shepherd by virtue of the work I do, you understand this?

Brother Christopher: Yes thank you Maccello.

Maccello: So it is enough. I will leave you to converse among yourselves, think of what I have said to you, to be filled with the love of God, to hold his staff in your hand, to know that he is your rod and your comforter and to know that the spirit of love is in each and every one of you. It's surely inspiration enough to continue as you have begun. I will as I promised Brother John, I will leave you with a question, it is a simple question, I will not test you too much and perhaps those of your loved ones, of Christopher and Jacqueline and Maria can help you. Brother John, when next you stand in your temple of love and when you feel the stillness around you, what is this stillness? I will leave you to answer gently; you may think to yourself this is a simple question. It has many depths, I will leave it with you.

Brother John: Thank you.

Maccello: Brother Gustus Emmanuel is smiling, he also is happy at this, that you have been asked this question, what is this stillness I feel in my heart. Your happy now, was not so hard was it?

Brother John: Well you can go on.

Maccello: So now I will take my leave of you and I will pray you will remain here in his service and keep of good cheer and a good heart, I will come again and talk among you with great joy. Does this make you happy now? God bless.

All: God bless you Maccello.

Brother Gustus Emmanuel

Gustus: God bless you my children.

All: God bless you Gustus.

Gustus: May the love of Christ rest in your hearts and be among you always. May his love enlighten your being and still troubled waters. I would remind you when you question among yourselves, why so few.

I will say to you, not a tiny sparrow falls from the heavens without God knows of it and he knows of the suffering of all things and he knows of the cause of all things and he understands all things. As it is ordained so it shall be and his love goes forward with all of his children and he will bless their understanding and cause divinity in their cause. Bring to me your crucifix:

O Father, these tears I shed I shed in thy name, I shed them for the cause of mankind, I shed them for the cause of these thy children, I shed them in the remembrance of him. I take these tears O Father, I bless and I wash away with these thy tears O Lord all things of the Earth from this thy symbol of love, we praise thee O Father for the sacrifice of this Thy Son and pray for his continual presence in the heart and soul of all men. May we receive of him O Lord, a true trust and love that he showed in his Father that he gave to us as an eternal blessing, that thy love and thy name shall remain manifest upon this Earth and through this love man shall progress and become as he was. Receive O Father our prayer of blessing and receive our eternal love and undying service that thy cause may be made known and manifest here upon this Earth and I pray O Lord, that this symbol of his suffering and love and sacrifice which was ordained of thee shall remain as a symbol of love and suffering and sacrifice to all those who look upon it and receive it and contain it in their presence. And may this symbolise the love O Father that all such effigies shall show into the hearts of men wherever they may be and they enter into the temples of thy love and into thy churches may they look upon this symbol O Father, and know that thou art within them that they may receive of thee and know of thee through the vein of thy Son and through the love of Christ our saviour. Amen.

All: Amen.

Gustus: In thy name O Lord, we bless this that it may be received of thee, loved and trusted, cherished and ordained. Take it my son.

Brother Christopher: God bless you Gustus.

Gustus: Brother John?

Brother John: Bless you dear brother.

Gustus: I would ask, in order to further the work of these thy children, you will take your holy book after I have returned to my place of religion and you will read to them chapter fifteen complete from the book of Corinthians. And I would ask Brother John, in joy and of light heart, that you will remember this chapter and all it says in seeking the answer to my Brother Maccello's question. I only seek to help you.

Brother John: Yes thank you.

Gustus: Let us pray.

O Lord our heavenly father in whom we trust, who art our deliverer and shield, look down upon us O Father, enter into our hearts, make manifest within us thy love that we may receive the spirit and inspiration of thy Son Jesus Christ, and his work, and his love, and his word shall be made known to man according to his understanding, that he may find it within his heart to receive of him once again in a new light and a new beginning and the we of thine administering angels, both here and many other places upon this land and upon this Earth, who strive to fulfil this task according to thy will, shall serve thee well O Lord. In thy name O Father and according to thy will, we bless the head of each and every one of these thy children and we appraise their hearts and their stalwart belief and faith. Enter into them O Lord be their guide and council, be their strength, be their

understanding, enter into their lives O Lord that they may grow in thee that the love of thy Son and our saviour Jesus Christ our Holy brother shall remain and rest and dwell within them for this day forward and even forever more. May the love of God and the Son and of the Holy Spirit rest and dwell and remain within you, may he ever be your rod and your salvation, in the name of the one God in and through his Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.

Gustus: God bless you my children.

All: God bless you Gustus.

Brother John: Gustus?

Gustus: My son.

Brother John: Just before you go would you briefly describe what you look like to me?

Gustus: I have very little hair my son.

Brother John: That was shaven was it?

Gustus: According to my faith.

Brother John: Yes, I thought that.

Gustus: I wear the Holy robe of white linen. I wear the Holy rope around my loin as a symbol of the rope, which held His Son upon the cross. I wear the Holy sandals upon which I walk across his Universal Plane. I wear the Holy mantel around my shoulders to define that I am of the White Brotherhood and that I lead them in prayer from time to time, this my son is scarlet. Is this to your understanding my son?

Brother John: Yes indeed.

Gustus: I wear also the symbol of Christ's love for man, which we have just blessed for you. I carry the scrolls of universal love and teaching and I hold them for eternity, for this is an eternal lesson that I must share with such as you. God bless you my son.

Brother John: God bless you. Thank you.

Extracts of Discussion Afterwards (10 minutes included above)

Brother John: Heavenly Father, father of all love, we have had reflections of that divine love shining into our midst this night in this little upper room. Father we thank thee and we ask your blessing upon those emissaries of light and peace and love and healing and comfort. We thank you for them Father and we know that they will go to their respective places again taking up that mission of service to Earth. Thus are your laws enacted among us your children and may we take up the simple tools of your love, of your gifts, of your peace and of your healing to those who are by the wayside. We thank you for all things in life, for every creature, may we have that hallowed love for the lowliest of your handiwork, we thank you for all things but above all we thank you for one another and may we shine and show forth the Christ in each one of us and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each one of us this night always. Amen.

All: Amen.

Brother John: This is the passage of scripture requested of us by Brother Gustus Emmanuel; (*First Corinthians Chapter 15*):

Moreover brethren I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you which also you have received and wherein you stand, by which also you are saved if you keep in memory what I preach to you unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve. After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once of whom the greater part remain unto this present but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James, then of all the apostles, and last of all he was seen of me also as of one born out of due time (*That will be Paul*) for I am the least of the apostles that am not need to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain but I laboured more abundantly than they all yet not I but the grace of God which was with me therefore whether it were I or they so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you there is no resurrection of the dead, but if there be no resurrection of the dead then is Christ not risen and if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain. Yeah, and we are found false witness's of God because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not then is not Christ raised and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, you are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept for since by man came death by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive and every man in his own order Christ the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ that is coming. Then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power, for he must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death for he has put all things under his feet but when he says all things are put under him it is manifest that he is accepted, which did put all things under him and when all things shall be subdued unto him then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him that God may be all in all.

Else what shall they do which are baptised for the dead if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptised for the dead and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus Our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus what advantages me if the dead rise not. Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die, be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners, awake to righteousness and sin not for some have not the knowledge of God, I speak this to your shame. But some men will say how are the dead raised up and with what body do they come. Thou fool, that which thou sowest does not quicken accept it die and that which thou sowest thou sowest not that body that shall be but bare grain. It may chance of wheat or some other grain but God giveth it a body as it has pleased him and to every seed his own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh but there is one kind of flesh of men another flesh of beasts, another flesh of fishes and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial, the glory of the celestial is one and the glory of the terrestrial is another, there is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars, for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead, it is sown in dishonour it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness it is raised in power, it is sown a natural body it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body and so it is written the first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. How be it that was not first which is spiritual but that which is natural and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the Earth, earthy, the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy such are they also that are earthy and as is the heavenly such are they also that are heavenly and as we have born the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God neither does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of a eye at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore my beloved brethren be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Brother John: Yes it's quite a fantastic chapter that is really.

Sister Mary: It includes many sayings that I thought came from much later centuries.

Brother John: Yes I think there's a bit that's sandwiched in, you know.

Brother Les: It seems to answer some of the questions that you were asking in the last week.

Brother John: In the other week on the resurrection.

Brother Les: He mentions God, about him making man in God's image.

Brother Christopher: Is that the Old Testament or the New Testament?

Brother John: New.

Brother Les: And Gustus wanted that read did he?

Brother John: Yes.

Brother Les: Perhaps he wanted to answer all your questions in one hit.

Sister Mary: Well he set John a question you see.

Brother John: Maccello did, what is this stillness within me.

Sister Mary: That's around you.

Brother Christopher: That when you go into your temple of worship what is this stillness you feel within you...