

side of the altar, what a parallel. The river comes not merely from the temple, it comes from the altar. The river comes not merely from the throne of God, it is also the throne of the Lamb. Now of course it stands to reason, Jesus Christ is God. The altar is a part of the temple, but God wishes to stress this and to drive it home to us, that that stream which is the real stream from which our spiritual nourishment must come, is a stream that comes not merely from the divine source, not merely from the sovereignty of God, not merely from the Bible, wonderful as that is, but it is a stream which flows directly from what the Lamb has done upon the altar, which flows directly from Calvary's cross. A man can tell me I believe the creed right straight through, I'm thoroughly orthodox, I know the creed you want, and then he can preach day after day and never mention the atonement of Christ, and I say his belief is a head belief and not a heart belief. I believe that every bit of our spiritual sustenance should come from the throne of the Lamb, and from the altar. I am disappointed when I hear a sermon, I don't care how fine the minister is, I don't care how godly he is, I don't care how true he stands to the Word of God, I am disappointed if I hear a half-hour sermon and the thought of salvation through Christ's death on our behalf is not clearly brought out somewhere in that sermon. This is the overshadowing truth of Christianity, this is the vital center of all, and it must be stressed in all our messages, in all our thought, in all our writing, if we are to be truly Christians, the three come directly from the altar, it is from the throne of the Lamb.

Other religions, some of them have some wonderful statements of theism. I one night had a most interesting time, one evening in Jerusalem, sitting in my room with an Orthodox Jew, reading together some passages from the Koran about the sovereignty of God. And we both thrilled to the marvelous statements of the, of God's power and majesty, which are contained at some places in the Koran. This marvelous truth is wonderfully described in some of the statements of Mohammed. But it never (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) attempts to go into salvation, it never can explain what that means, because it has one little gem but it misses the main thing, salvation through the death of the Lord Jesus, it must come from the throne of the Lamb, it must come from the altar. This is the (7  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) water check between that which is truly true-of-the Christian and that which is not. Oh, if we are truly to understand God's will