

Prayer to Obey God's Will and Be Totally Free

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God displays his love and wisdom everywhere. We must discover His love and wisdom within difficulties just as we do within His blessings. The law of cause and effect permeates all of nature. We cannot escape this law; it is a manifestation of God's wisdom. His infinite acts manifest as laws so that we may freely use them.

If there were no such laws, everything would operate haphazardly, without any order whatsoever. We would be forced to live in a state of constant insecurity and agitation. The sciences would not be able to function, and normal life, too, would be impossible. The fact that God, who is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, and totally free, has appeared in the form of "laws" is truly an act of His infinite love. Therefore, at the same time that we express our infinite appreciation to God, we must also respond to God's love by sincerely obeying these laws. The fact that there are laws here and now means that there is God here and now and also God's love here and now. Indeed, God is present here and now around us, above us, to the right of us, to the left of us, before us, behind us, within us...everywhere.

I now feel this deeply and vividly. My breath is God's breath, and my pulse is the heartbeat of God's life. God never leaves me, not even for a minute, not for a second, not for an instant. He protects me at all times.

God said to me: "Know Me here and now, be enlightened of Me, and become aware that I am within you. I am

all-encompassing power. I am almighty, all-knowing. The fact that I dwell within you means that you, too, are almighty and all-knowing. Rid yourself of your self-imposed limitations. It is because you view yourself as a lump of matter called the 'physical body' and as a finite existence that self-limitations appear in your life. But you are not matter. You are life! You are one with Almighty God who created the universe. Become completely aware of this Truth and thereby banish all fears and all worries about the future. Simply deepen your sense of oneness with Me, and live by listening to My voice and by obeying My will. When you do this, you will be able to demonstrate My very power in your life. If you lack a sense of oneness with Me, then the divine infinite power (within yourself) that you can demonstrate will decrease accordingly. Become aware of the self which is essentially one with Me. Your work will then transcend your physical energy and develop into a major undertaking in which I will work directly through you."

Having heard God's voice speaking to me in this way, I have now acquired a much deeper enlightenment. I express my deepest gratitude to God who has given me a compelling awareness of my oneness with Him.

—From *Shinri No Ginsho*, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 203-206