

Rivers of Living Water

mind and said, "In yourself you are as unattractive as the water of the Yangtze River, but when your whole being is turned Godward and your life lies all open to Him so that His glory shines upon it and into it, then you will be so transformed into His image that others looking at you will see not you but Christ in you." Oh! friends, are you and I "reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the Lord"?

But there is to be a progression in our likeness to Christ—it is to be from glory to glory. The spiritual nature is ever reaching out after and laying hold of that which is spiritual in order that it may become more spiritual.

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:2, 5).

"Not fruit," "fruit," "more fruit," "much fruit." Do these phrases not unveil before us the potentialities for Christ-likeness open to every branch in the Vine? Do they not also show us the positive progression "from glory to glory" God expects to see in us? These expressions are descriptive. Which one describes you? Only the much fruit glorifies the Father.