

The angel in training watched his supervisor leave after he had given out the assignment. He looked around in disbelief. His job was to fill a human heart with God, and the size of the job was literally the problem. The human heart was so tiny that he had to use special glasses and lighting to even see it. How was he supposed to put even a tiny piece of God in there?

When the supervisor came back around, the angel looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the Spirit to enter these tiny vessels! Indeed, it is easier to thread the eye of a needle¹ than to be able to put a meaningful amount of God in a human heart! How can I do this?”

The mentor replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God!”

So the angel trainee began by just taking a small wire and dripping some of the Great Spirit into the heart. To his amazement, the heart he was working with accepted it, and grew to accommodate more. He then switched to a small tube with a bulb on the end, and was able to feed more substance in. Again the heart grew in size to accept it.

The supervisor returned to conclude the class. “This lesson has to do with flexibility, with the capability of expanding the human heart (or soul, if you will). The Great Teacher used different images to present this idea to the people: wineskins that had to expand as the wine aged² and a tiny mustard seed, which had the capacity to grow into an enormous tree³.”

The cross has a very mysterious power to uplift a man’s soul. You saw the heart of your contact expand as he began to understand the Goodness of God. It grows especially fast when the meaning of the cross begins to sink in.

Some hearts hunger for that Goodness, and cannot be overfilled⁴. Others, though, have no interest and ultimately shrink to nothing or become solid. But hearts that become hard as stone can become pliable as the blood of the Son dissolves and softens them.

Filling them needs to start slow, just as you have done, and then you can increase the quantity⁵. At some point along the way, a conscious effort will be made by the person to open the gate wide and allow their heart to grow even more⁶.

The angel asked, “Is there a limit to this growth? How much can be achieved?”

His teacher replied there is an ultimate limit, but there is great room for expansion. “It has even been said that they can be filled with all of the fullness of God⁷.”

And then the angel realized that the ultimate example of this was that the Son of God became a man⁸ with the fullness of God dwelling in Him⁹.

1. rich man and the eye of a needle; Matthew 19:24-26
2. parable of the wineskins; Luke 5:37-38
3. parable of the mustard seed that grew into a huge tree; Luke 13:18-20
4. “blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness”; Matthew 5:6
5. see passages discussing milk first, then solid food; 1 Corinthians 3:2, Hebrews 5:12-13, and 1 Peter 2:2
6. Paul talks about opening wide our hearts; 2 Corinthians 6:11-16 and 2 Corinthians 7:1-3
7. “... you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God”; Ephesians 3:19
8. “God with us”, Matthew 1:23; also see John 1:1-5 and 14
9. “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him”, Colossians 1:19; “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”, Colossians 2:9

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