

THE DAY OF GOD

So why does God send all these Messengers and what does He want us to do? He wants us to become as good as possible, and to realise that everyone and everything in the world has been created by Him. Bahá'u'lláh said:

"There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God."

In the past, people did not understand these things. But now everyone can understand, and it is as though the world is beginning to grow up. Small children sometimes fight over their toys, but as they grow older they learn how to share and be friends.

First of all people learnt how to have unity in families. Then in tribes, cities and countries. Now it is time for world unity. This is what Bahá'u'lláh is telling the world:

"be united", "regard ye not one another as strangers", "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship", "Ye are the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch".

One way of becoming united is by being just. It is not fair that sometimes women are not treated as well as men. It is not fair that one country uses too much oil, or gold, or wood, so that there is not enough for others. It is not fair that some people are very rich while others are poor, and sometimes even die because they have no food to eat. Bahá'u'lláh said that all of these things must change.

When we have justice and get rid of our prejudices, then the world will become united.



Questions:

- a) What does *God* want us to do?
- b) Where do people get inspiration from?
- c) How do small children sometimes behave?
- d) How should older children and adults behave?
- e) What is one way which would help us to become united?
- f) What is another word which means the same as just?
- g) Can you learn one of the short quotations from Bahá'u'lláh which is mentioned in this chapter?