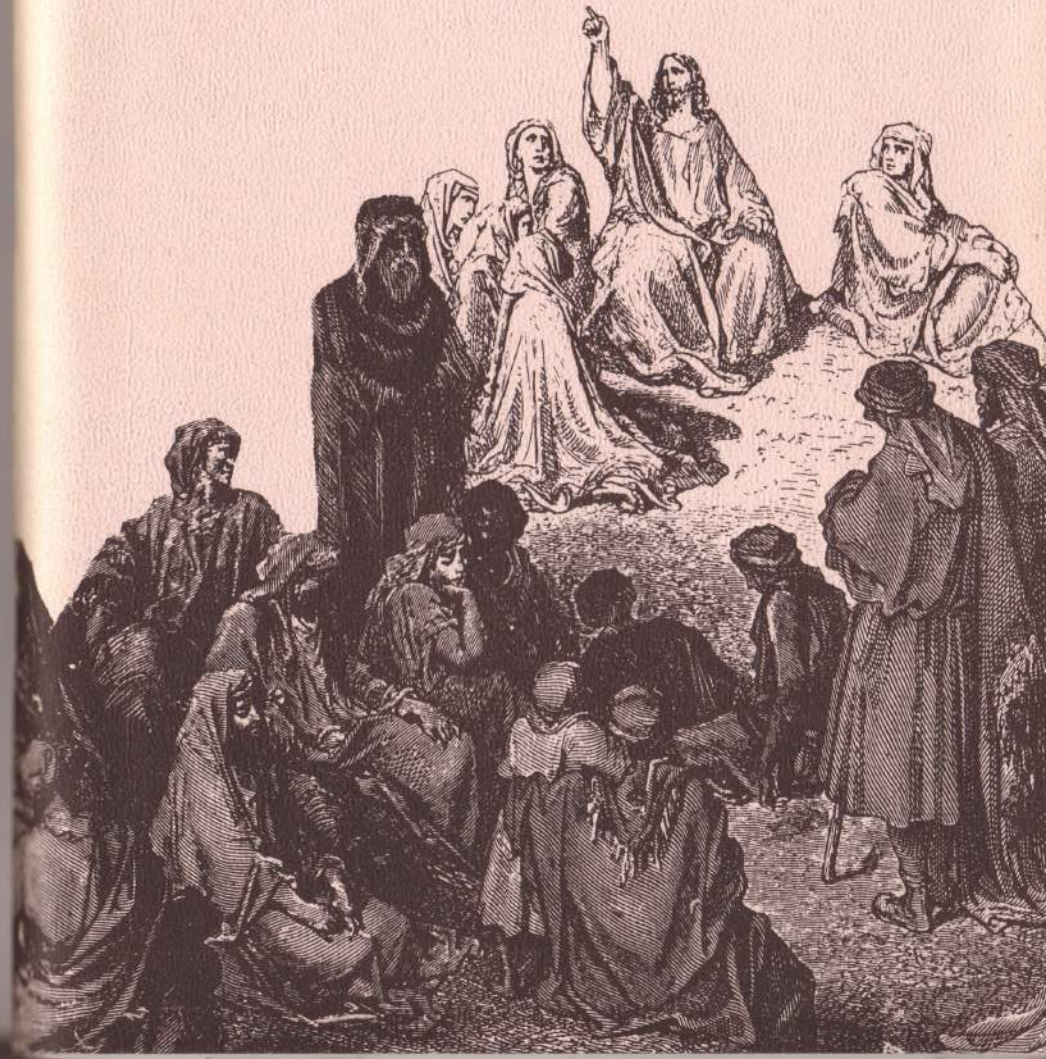


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## INTRODUCTION

**M**UCH of the writings of Seeley D. Kinne span the time prior to the 1920's up to the late 1940's. He was given by the Spirit a prophetic insight into the desire of God for the restoration of the deeper workings of the Holy Spirit within His people, to bring them forth into the fulness of His redemptive purposes. Seeley Kinne's heart was burdened for a restoration and the going on to perfection of a saved and Holy Ghost baptized people.

"God has so planned His church and His working in her that every step is a door of opportunity to further advancement. To one brought into a saving relationship there is a call to be baptized in the Spirit, then a further call to deeper things. If the believer becomes concerned to be spiritual and to 'desire spiritual gifts,' he may discover the necessity of grace and the fruit of the Spirit in his life. A call for crucifixion of the old nature may appear. Desire for Christ and a life in Christ may become all-absorbing.

The Lord is now working to bring forth a graced, Spirit-filled, gift-endowed people who are led and controlled by the power of the Spirit, 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.' He will have a people who



cannot be turned aside by any means. Out of such a church will come forth the manchild, the overcoming bride of Christ."

The great power of God working within His church is the person of the Holy Spirit. We prayerfully present some of Seeley Kinne's writings on the manifestations, workings and person of the Holy Spirit in His church. From these we trust you may gain new appreciation and hunger for the increased presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life.

— Wade E. Taylor, President  
Pinecrest Bible Training Center  
July 1983

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They do always err in their heart, and they have not known my ways.

Hebrews 3:18

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but His secret will be from Him, and He reveals the prophets.

Amos 3:7

THE Great Almighty Lord of the universe is a God of order, system, law, exactness, perfection, uniformity. He works along lines of highest and most perfect wisdom. There are certain fundamentals or foundation principles or laws of action and being from which He does not depart or vary. To know these laws or fundamentals—to become informed of these true fundamentals—is a strong aid toward lifting one from the realm of fallen human existence into the realm of divine knowledge and operation. This writing is for the setting forth of some of the basic fundamental laws as they have been discovered to us by divine revelation.

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intercepted, or broken. "The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made" (Ro. 1:20).

"Jehovah God is a sun" (Ps. 84:11; Is. 60:19, 20; Mal. 4:2; Rev. 21:23). The Holy Spirit "proceedeth from the Father." "He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." "He that believeth on me . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit)" (John 15:26; Rev. 22:1; John 7:38, 39).

Since then Holy Spirit is ever proceeding, flowing or emanating from God and the Lamb, like the light from the sun or a river, it easily appears that the translation of Acts 1:8 (margin) is the correct rendering: "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you."

This is why the apostles and people of the early ecclesia were frequently refilled, as in Acts 4:31. If any act, thought, feeling, neglect, carelessness, lukewarmness, natural tendency, attachment, interest, concern, occupation, or anything whatever comes between you and the light, the life is interfered with, the power lessened, and you are started on the down grade.

The currents of thought, feeling and activity here in this world are against God and His power. Strive, fight, press are the words to describe our attitude. Most Christians live on a low plane. Most Pentecostal people do not keep up the supply or flow of the Spirit, but drop to a low spiritual condition.

This then is the foundation principle of divine operation. If you do not keep a constant flow of the Spirit, the power will diminish, the river run dry, the fire smoulder, and the light grow dim.

## II. By His Word

God has power. God has unlimited and almighty power. He has given all power to the Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Eternal Word of God made flesh. "A body hast thou given me." "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things." "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

In the creation, "the worlds were framed by the word of God." He spake to the fathers by the Word. In the ecclesia, Paul commanded by the Spirit, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." In the last revelation time, His people had the "testimony of Jesus . . . the spirit of prophecy." Christ, as the Word of God, heads the whole white horse army with a sharp sword, the speaking Word of God in His mouth: a rod of iron with which He rules the nations, and slays the wicked. This white horse army also has the Word of God: a rod of iron. (Heb. 11:5; Col. 3:16; Rev. 12:17; 19:10, 15; 2:27).

Therefore let it be well understood that God's prime method of operation is by His Word. If He creates worlds, they are "framed by the Word of God." If one be saved, he is born-again by the Word of God. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." "He sent His word, and healed them." "Believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." (Ps. 107:20; 2 Chron. 20:20).

The substitute of human learning for prophetic preaching of the Word of God has wrought untold havoc in the assembly of God. It has wrought ruin. But now in the "period of the great restoration," the Lord is demanding that a set of ministers shall be raised up who shall minister by the prophetic Word of God, and not by mental effort. God will no longer pass this wrong by, but will require it of His ministers that they speak the Word of God; and He will require it in the very near future. You had better prepare now.

## III. Indwelt

Holy Spirit is the name by which that manifestation or activity of the Divine Being who pervades the universe is indicated. He is not merely an influence emanating from God, but is very God indeed. The Holy Spirit is that manifestation of God of which it is said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them." One in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, possessing, controlling and leading, thus becomes an "adopted" or "set in" grown son of God. "A vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use." (2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Tim. 2:21).

This divine indwelling and control of men should reach every faculty and function within him. And it will, insofar as He



is given possession and sway; but the Holy Spirit is delicate and refined in His touch, and has so great deference and respect for the citadel of man's soul that He only takes control so far as man grants freely right of possession. Perverted man is slow to yield this right-of-way: so the Holy Spirit waits, and the tug of war goes on, year after year.

Of the several human faculties, it is said, if it be control of the will: "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

If it is the mind: "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).

If it be the heart, with its desires, affections, passions, appetites, etc., then one should be able to say: "All my springs are in Thee." "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." "The Lord possessed me." (Ps. 87:7; Prov. 8:22).

If it be the body: "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

If it be the ecclesia: "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (1 Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:22).

Thus by these and other similar scriptures, it is plainly shown that a divine fundamental of relationship between God and man is that God asks and requires entire possession and control of the full circle of powers and faculties of whoever will acknowledge His sovereign rights in the creatures He has created.

If it be speech: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His Word was in my tongue" (2 Sam. 23:2).

Not only is divine control a principle of divine/human relationship, but it is a principle of divine being and action. Jesus plainly taught this oneness and control, for He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself." "I can of mine own self do nothing." "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which sent Me." "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me,

and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us." (John 5:19, 30; 14:10).

These quotations contain the whole gist of this fundamental principle. As Christ further says: "I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one" (John 17:23).

#### IV. Meat and Drink Indeed

A great, grave and far-reaching error pervades Christendom. It is "holding of truth in theory in the abstract, having the truth in unrighteousness": the holding of truth in theory in the abstract, having a mental conception of the thing, yet not having felt or known it in its experimental power. Millions profess to be Christians, yet have never known Christ in His saving power. To hold to the theory of the grace of God in any way, and yet not know its power in personal experience makes one liable to the wrath of God (Ro. 1:16-30).

Abstract doctrine, or teaching held in theory, but not known in experience (not wrought in one's inner life) is deceptive and misleading—but a mirage. All saving truth coming from God has life in itself, and imparts life where received in faith. Truth held in theory without the life is hypocrisy: mere stage playing, empty profession.

The new birth is by an act of God imparting life to a human spirit. It is accompanied by justification: another act of God clearing from condemnation on heaven's record book. Regeneration, sanctification, re-creation, washing of water by the Word, perfection—all speak of the transforming works of God in man. Their value is in experimental life inwrought.

The exploits of man's ingenuity, the boldness and daring of his assuming to enter and possess every nook and corner of the whole domain of creation (and that carried on in independence of or even defying God) has been urged on by a series of devil-originated temptations that have attacked the revelations of God at every possible angle.

It has been clearly shown in the history of the race of man that free moral agents, when they lose their proper anchorage in and under divine control and guidance, easily drift into a state of independent activity, which is an abnormal and dangerous course. And it ends in shipwreck and drowning in the cares,



conflicts and defeats of an unsafe and unguarded career that is "grounded in shallows and miseries."

One of the most treacherous and dangerous delusions that has thus been entertained is that mental conception of a truth is equivalent to possession of that which has only been perceived, but not partaken of. The knowledge of an idea, the mental picture of or image of a thing, is not possession of the thing which is so discovered: this is not more true than to say a mirage is a lake. Yet millions are so deluded. "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To the Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23).

Modern worship of God by those who have no experimental contact with Him is equally ignorant worship of an unknown God. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

"He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him." "This is that bread which came down from heaven." That is, partakes of the Word that was made the flesh of the Son of God. (John 1:14; 6:53-58).

## 2. DEVOTION

DEVOTION is the blending of vehement, arduous, passionate zeal with love, abandonment, worship and adoration. Devotion to Christ of so rare dimensions is the basis of the human state, upon which end-time intervention privileges are bestowed. It is the sum of repentance, consecration, yieldedness and self-sacrifice; the immolation of natural ambitions, plans, hopes and personal activities not originating from God. It calls for the presenting of all our faculties to God as a living sacrifice, becoming His bonds slave.

Abdication of personal self-control in so full a degree has been found out or attained only by a few. Facing this truth, the sun of human hopes appears to be setting. But once having passed through so straight a gate, the pastime of chasing life's elusive phantom-bubbles loses its charm. The divine bestowal of true riches is so elaborate and abundant that he who thought all lost is amazed at the vastness of a new-found domain and the riches of Christ, surpassing all previous apprehension. "As having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Devotion means all that is implied in the other terms of sacrifice: Consecration may be cold and legal; abandonment may come through pressure; yieldedness may follow severe



chastening. But devotion is glad, joyous delight in the will of God. Be it pain or pressure; humbling or exalting. It is the wealth of heart love poured out at the Master's feet.

So touched is the heart of the Infinite by such zeal and devotion, scarcely anything could be withheld. Intervention over a devoted life is the very delight of God. Miracle-working power He wants to give. His nature is intensely responsive to devoted creatures. His is the response of the Great Almighty.

3.

## THE LARGER VISION OF JESUS CHRIST

THE beauty of Jesus! His loveliness! His serenity! His compassion! His tenderness! His patience with the wayward! His century continued bearing with insult and rejection! And the great circle of His complete character perfections! Ah! they exceed compare! They excel imagination! They outrun the swiftest penman! They pale the lofty flights of the most fluent linguist! One lightning flash from the noble character face changed Saul the murderous persecutor to Paul the sweetest saint.

Glances of that surpassing face, falling on mortals here on earth, change them "from glory to glory into the same image" of divine sweetness of character. "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Or when we see Him—transformed while beholding. Of companions, most lovely and delightful, exercising the while so gentle, polite and considerate and confidential watchcare, anticipating in such unobtrusive, yet all-observing ways, every wish, desire and plan, till one seems compelled to relax from all effort into rest of faith; leaving the six days of human toil to enter at once and forever the seventh sabbath of rest from human works of wood, hay and stubble: to fall into the arms of the Beloved, and sit with Him henceforth in the heavenlies, and work the works of God.



That stirs the heavenly breeze,  
 Thou canst not wake among thy notes  
 Such blessed strains as these!  
 They hush me like a lullaby,  
 When filled with earth's unrest,  
 They lift to 'everlasting arms'  
 Upon a Saviour's breast.

If lover fair and dear thou seest Him—

"Sweet is Thy voice,  
 And Thy countenance is comely."  
 Lavish love and tenderest wooing of Him  
 Who wouldst thy heart entrancing;  
 Till pining for embrace Divine,  
 All earthly loves renouncing:  
 Thou wouldst with alacrity tread;  
 His holy hill ascending, hasten  
 To be joined in nuptials Divine—  
 At once entering to go no more out forever.

"O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly,  
 O beloved."  
 Long time then abiding in His holy hill,  
 Partaking of heavenly privileges;  
 Yet, if thy soul scarce now be able,  
 Such melody and rhapsody to be piping:  
 Let us descend to lower levels:  
 While still the vision Divine retaining  
 Of Him whom thy soul loveth, that  
 Though now descending,  
 Later and finally, we may again  
 Ascend His holy hill to heights transcending.

#### Union With Christ

Union with Christ in a larger vision is now appearing: union of purpose, or identification in aim. This implies and requires identification of sight or vision. This is obtained and imparted by the supernatural revelation of Jesus Christ as the ever-proceeding, active manifestation of God in creation and re-creation: in material creation and spiritual re-creation. The Author and the Finisher. The active Logos. "In the beginning was the Word." The Logos, the Word, is God operating, acting, bringing forth, producing—Jesus Christ, the beginning, the con-

tinuing, the ever present One, active in each step of advance. This is true in all material creation, and all spiritual as well. He is the Beginner, the Continuer, the Producer of each step in spiritual adventure and advance. "I am Alpha and Omega," "the First and the Last."

A sight, insight, understanding and union of relationship like this comes by revealing identification, inwrought supernaturally by God, giving one the vision of Jesus in action, or in His activities. This is the beginning of a new series of revelations not based on theology, supposition, superstition or tradition; but directly on the openings of the divine Holy Spirit. And not to generate Christians in whom the indwelling Christ is dwarfed and cramped, but to produce robust, full-grown mature sons of God who will anticipate and contend for full overcoming and a place in "the most high order of saints" (Dan. 7:18). To attain to this highest group, it is necessary to discover and break with all traditions and man-made interpretations and teachings, and come to Jesus, the True Light, the Revealer. This is not light or easy of accomplishment. It takes a resolute and determined effort.

#### Jesus' Nature

Union with Christ or identification with Him in nature and character, requires as a prerequisite, a divinely given and heavenly sense of His matchless loveliness, and wide perfection of character in His sphere as the Infinite Almighty Son of God; and our imparted perfection inwrought by Him, sustained by Him, and perpetuated by the great inflow, outflow and through-flow of the Holy Spirit. This makes us to see and be in our finite, human, created, dependent realm perfected into His image. Thus, sighting by revelation the nature and nobility of character found in Jesus is highly essential to our becoming like Him. "He chastens us for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness." "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:3, 4).

Union with Jesus, or partaking of the divine nature, also prepares one for intimate relationship of friend, companion and



lover. The social side of the character of the Lord Jesus makes Him an Adorable Fellow. The marriage relation as type of the inner circle intimacy of Christ and His wife is set forth in Solomon's Song, Revelation and various other scriptures. Language is exhausted and inadequate to describe and convey conception of this most sacred union. To taste it is bliss indescribable, ineffable delight. "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?" (Song of Sol. 3:6).

To the ancients, the Lord spoke and revealed Himself in many ways. He had free converse with Adam till sin came in. To Moses Jehovah appeared face to face and spoke face to face. Abraham heard His voice from heaven. He spoke to Joseph by dreams. To Samuel, Jehovah was made known in His Word. Isaiah saw the Lord in "majestic splendor," seated on a throne high and lifted up. Ezekiel says, "The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." Daniel was quite overcome by visions and divine visitations. One shaft of light from the face of Christ Jesus instantly converted Saul. John saw and described the dazzling and beautiful appearance of the glorified Christ, and fell at His feet as dead. This unworthy scribe also saw visions of Jesus, extending from the manger to the cross, through the tomb, ascension, and to greeting the Father.

Abide with me. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." "He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." "We will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

### Union in Works

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you." To thus come into union with Jesus in power and works requires revelation of Jesus to and within as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: a recognition of His supreme all-prevailing sway in our whole personal lives. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice."

### Union of Atmosphere

Every being having moral or immoral nature is surrounded by an atmosphere, a cloud or influence emanating from the individual. This influence, power or pervading energy is so strong surrounding God that Jehovah told Moses, "Thou canst not see My face, for there shall no man see Me and live." At those times when Jehovah has let His glory, power and influence be manifested, men were struck with terror and fell as dead (Ex. 33:20; Deut. 4:31-33).

Amazing condescension! God has proffered to His servants that He would endue them with this power of His presence, literally convey upon them a portion of His power, influence and saving potency. To know Him in this way is indeed a very high privilege, sought by comparatively few, and retained often but briefly, or in only very limited degree. Alas! for so feeble response of man, to the great liberality of his Maker, when offered so noble an opportunity to be clothed with the very atmosphere of Almighty God. What sacrifice could be too great! What effort to attain too strenuous! Why the revelations of Jesus, so varied in their kind, so gracious His condescensions offering to impart to man—oh! why so lightly esteemed! So sparingly partaken of! Let us ascend the hill of Zion, and dispossess all the Jebusites!

### The Resurrection of Jesus

Paul most earnestly prayed that he might know its power. Also he prayed for his assemblies that "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenlies" (Eph. 1:18). "Hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance undefiled and unfading, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation that even now stands ready to be unveiled at the end of the age" (1 Pet. 1:4).

If you catch a vision of this rare privilege, you will press on to know the power of His resurrection, which "will give



life also to your mortal bodies." To find this "new and living way into the most holy place." "Which entereth into that within the veil; whither the Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." This is the vision of eternal life—heaven by translation (Heb. 10:19; 6:20).

To catch a vision of "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" is indeed very great in its entirety. "He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him": identified Himself with us that we might be identified with Him in God. "Our old man is crucified with Him." "Ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sin of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." Our old man identified with Christ, on the cross is put off. "I am crucified with Christ" (Ro. 6:6; Col. 2:11).

### The Living Word

Jesus Christ as the Word indwelling the believer is indeed a mighty miracle: a great condescension on the part of the divine Son of God. This is truly a divine impartation of the living, indwelling Word of God; for we read, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Col. 3:16). This is a gift of highest spiritual order. It is of the nature of prophecy. "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and songs in the Spirit." This is, in a high order, the gifts of prophecy and prophetic wisdom, or both combined. Jesus Christ the Word of God indwelling, permanent, ever-abiding. "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30).

But not alone as "wisdom" and "word" does Christ dwell in us, but He is made unto us "righteousness." "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Phil. 3:9).

He is also made *sanctification* unto us. "Them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me." The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord

Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." This is the sanctification produced by the constant flow of the cleansing blood, and inward reception of the water of life.

Again He is made unto us *redemption*. "Plenteous redemption," or more than full redemption. "Eternal redemption": unending, throughout all time and eternity. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." "Even we ourselves, who have the Spirit as foretaste of the future, even we sigh deeply to ourselves as we wait for the redemption of the body that means our full sonship" (Rom. 9:23, *Moffatt*). We are now coming into the time of "redemption of the purchased possession," which includes salvation to the uttermost of spirit, soul and body: completely delivered from every malady and infirmity and affliction, even of death. This is full salvation. Less than this is not.

### Workers Together with Him

"We then as workers together with Him." "We are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Union with Christ in its full measure, in the prosecution of His work, comes by full entrance into the Spirit in His prophetic power. This is that oneness of action by the divine Spirit that exists between the Father and the Son, and which Jesus said should be between Him and His people. "That they may be one, even as we are one. I in them and Thou in Me" (John 17:22).

### Oneness with Christ in His Kingdom

Oneness with Christ in His kingdom is set forth in Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45; 7:18, 22, 27. Also in Revelation 3:21; 19:14; 21:2, 9. "Saints of the most high order" are given to "possess the kingdom forever, even forever and forever," along with the "Son of Man" (Dan. 7:13, 14). This becoming the consort of King Jesus is highest possible of union honor. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne." Highest or culmination of all union, identification and oneness with and in Christ.

Oh! the universality of the vision of union and impartations, to every faculty and all powers of man's being! So that



one may know the whole circle of divine union with Christ: "May grow up into Him in all things." "And ye are complete in Him." The various identifications with us in trial, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, ending in sitting down with Him in His throne. The impartations of wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption, along with scourgings, chastenings, persecution and different means for making us partakers of the divine nature. Then the indwellings, in the will: "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do." In the mind: "Bringing into captivity every thought," till "we have the mind of Christ." In the heart: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye may be rooted and grounded in love." "May know the love of Christ."

You may know Christ in some one or two wonderful ways, and be charmed and entranced therewith. But to know *Him* in the full circle of His character perfections, His identifications, His impartations, and His indwellings, is to know that which passeth knowledge.

### Recapitulation

Have you ever had a revelation of His beauty, His loveliness; Has He been your bosom companion? Has your heart melted under the glances of His love? Have you had illuminated to you the Song of Solomon 5:9-16? Has He been revealed to you as dearest friend and lover fair? Most confidential secrets sharing with you?

Do you know Him as the intensely active worker? Have you entered that rest: ceased from your works so that God works in you? Are you entering or aiming for that "most high order of saints?"

This highest union with Christ demands union of nature by partaking of His nature, His perfect divine nature infused, stamped and made into your nature! Marvellous miracle of divine impartation!

Has He revealed Himself to you so that you can say with the ancients, "I saw the Lord?" "I saw." "One like unto the Son of man." "The angel of the Lord appeared unto Him in a flame of fire?" As to Isaiah, John, Moses, Samuel, Abraham, Ezekiel and many others?

Have you shared that supernatural divine miracle of coming into the very atmosphere of God's presence? Have you retained it? Has it been permanent, pervading all your works?

Have you joined in Paul's prayer to know "what is the exceeding greatness of His power," "which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead?" Resurrection power? Hitherto little known. A body quickening power.

Do you know Him as the indwelling Word? It should be richly in tongues, prophecy, prophetic wisdom, and knowledge.

To know Him as supreme substitute in salvation, righteousness, sanctification and redemption! To be identified with Him in His judgment, condemnation, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, new resurrected life—this is oneness with Him. To receive of His impartations of grace, love, health, vigor, power, understanding and all needed gifts and powers must require large vision.

On bended knee I beseech the Father . . . to grant you in accordance with the wealth of His glorious perfections—to be strengthened by His glorious Spirit with penetration to your inmost being. I pray that Christ may make His home in your hearts through your faith; so that having your roots deep and your foundations strong, in love, you may become mighty to grasp the idea, as it is grasped by all God's people, of the breadth and length, the height and depth—yes, to attain to a knowledge of the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, so that you may be made complete, in accordance with God's own standard of completeness. Now to Him Who in the exercise of His power that is at work within us, is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts—to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end! Amen.

-Ephesians 3:15-21

*Note:* The revelations in this chapter were given by the Holy Spirit. They are not only to be read, but by prayer and waiting on God for an understanding, you may see and enter the fulness of the great round circle of attainable privileges of knowing Jesus Christ in each of these relationships, thus living possessed and operated by Him in His working power. These are but little known and less appreciated.



## REFUGE

There's not a pain or a sorrow,  
Upon a human heart,  
But Jesus' glorious morrow,  
Will bid all anguish to depart,  
There's not a sin or a shadow,  
Dark'ning our earthly way;  
But the glorious man of Sorrow,  
By His blood can wash away.

There's not a friend like the Savior,  
Who'll bear thy ev'ry grief;  
He'll share thy burden and labor,  
And send thee loving relief.  
There's no infirmity in thee  
Breaking thy faith and rest,  
But the gracious man of Calvary,  
Hath borne in His pierced breast.

There's not a sigh nor a tearstain,  
Bursting from longing eye,  
But Jesus' blessed love-touch,  
Will soothe and answer the cry.  
There's not a dart nor a missile,  
Hurl'd by satanic art,  
But the beautiful Son of David,  
By His grace can heal the smart.

There's not an hour of anguish,  
By grave of silent friend,  
But Christ thy heartaches will banish—  
His tears with thine own shall blend.  
There's none so defiled and broken;  
Sore-pressed, unclean, astray,  
But the sweet-scented Rose of Sharon,  
Can perfume it all away.

There is no fear of the judgment,  
When storms of wrath shall roll;  
We will make triumphant ascent;  
We'll gain the heavenly goal.  
No soul in creation's corners:  
If washed and freed from sin,  
But the blessed Bridegroom's chariots  
Will stop and take him in.

## 4. PHARISEEISM

**M**ANY most excellent and valuable provisions and laws Jehovah made for His ancient people Israel. One most important was the experience of the new birth, carefully taught by types, symbols and ceremonies. For example, circumcision: "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked." "Jehovah thy God will circumcise thine heart." "God gave him another heart." Along with these passages, please read Ezekiel 36:25-27, describing new birth. (Deut. 10:16; 30:6; 1 Sam. 10:9).

Jesus reproved Nicodemus for not knowing the new birth. The scribes and Pharisees were ignorant of being spiritually born from above, though familiar with the letter of the law. But they did not know "the law is spiritual." This put them often contrary to Jesus' spiritual teachings; although by education and training they were supposedly ready to meet the coming Messiah. Yet they were His bitterest enemies.

But they would not be of vital concern to us if their class was extinct. It is yet to be feared there are more today bitten by this viper's virus, and poisoned by their leaven than in Jesus' time. You may be greatly surprised to see how many there are, even if you yourself be untainted. Proverbs 4:23 exhorts:



"Keep thine heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life." Would you like to go into a diligent search of your heart, with such illumination as the Holy Spirit would be pleased to give us, through the teachings of Jesus regarding Pharisees? If so, join us.

"The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." Are you a preacher, teacher or leader? Do you bind heavy burdens on others hard to be borne, and commandments you do not keep? Then mark your phariseeism. Seek carefully. Be sure. We quote from Matthew 23:

"But all their works they do to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries," "love the uppermost seats at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues," "and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi." Am I peaceful and happy if neglected, and unnoticed? Are you? "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that is from God only?" (John 5:44). "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

Jesus said unto them: "Ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men." "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." What kind of people are our converts? Is the effect of our teaching to liberate men from dogma and tradition, and launch them out into the vast expanse of divine truth privilege? Or do we cramp them up with fear and distrust? What are we doing, anyway? Consider your ways.

Again Jesus said of them: "Ye pay tithes of garden herbs, but neglect weightier matters of judgment, mercy and faith." Are we exacting about various ordinances, forms, and observances, while we neglect graces, gifts, endowment of power, living in the heavenlies and in the Spirit? Are we thus tainted with a pharisaical spirit? Do we strain at a gnat and swallow a camel?

They made a fine show outwardly: fine appearance, finely dressed. Jesus said they were like whited sepulchres, but inwardly they were full of extortion and excess, dead men's bones, and all uncleanness. How, in what way and degree, are we like them?

Because of its deadliness, its destructiveness to spiritual life, He likened their teachings to leaven, and them He called a generation of serpents. He warned against their hypocrisies; appearing to be what they were not: a little like leaven inserted would soon pervade the whole. Jesus used the severest denunciations against them.

For years I have suspected there was a lot of phariseeism among the Lord's people. Recently it has cropped out in some of the most advanced spiritual people I have met, till I cried out, How can they climb so high and stoop so low? Then the Lord said to me that they did not think they had done wrong. I saw they had parallel consciences: consciences parallel with their actions. Someone else whose conscience was not parallel with such action, but against it, would see differently. But on some other point, they might be opposite in their positions.

Those engaging in these shady variations from the faultless righteousness might get by with men, but they could never attain the overcomers' company and rank, and be without fault before the throne of God. These mountains, hills, valleys, rough and crooked places in us must be brought to the line and to the plummet, and entirely corrected.

Jehovah complained of His ancient people: "Thou hast made Me to serve with thy sins." With very many of His people today He must say the same thing. But what shall He say of those who climb high in experience of spiritual attainments and revelations, yet stoop so low as to engage in practices that are shadowy and mixed with a tinge of self? These are "garments of elegance spotted with flesh"—The old leaven of the Pharisees in the highest Christians. Alas! Alas! "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall be no more come into thee, the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise!" (Isa. 52:1).

The word *sincere* is made up of two Latin words: *sine* and *ceres*, which means without wax: that is, pure honey, clear of wax, transparent. This describes the state overcomers attain—without guile, unfeigned, pure in motion, without fault or variation. As long as there remains hills, valleys, crooked or rough ways in us, we may expect the leaven of the Pharisees to



ferment little errors or variations in us, possibly unobserved, because we have parallel consciences that do not discover them. These quirks, foibles, discrepancies and faults will keep us out of the bride company. Jesus warned, "Beware," "Examine yourselves!" Take the looking glass and look till you see yourself.

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## REVELATION

Revelation is a gift to be coveted, sought, and grasped from God is received by faith. Patient persistent desire, in vivid anticipation, shall be abundantly answered. Waiting as they that watch for the morning, prayer fervent, incessant—then will the heavens bend, the clouds pour down, and the springs eternal burst out, and revelation shed forth as the sun.

**R**EVELATION is a supernatural act of God by which He opens the understanding, that we might be able to grasp, by the working of the Spirit, the meaning and power of the truth. Thus, it informs the mind, moves the heart, and becomes a divine impartation of vigorous life, pulsating through the channels of the Spirit-man. Revelation is not only light, but life. It comes from partaking of the true bread, eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ (Deut. 8:3; John 6:51).

The natural powers of comprehension are inadequate for the comprehension of the things of God. But as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." "The natural man receiveth not the things of God . . . neither can he know them, because they are discerned by the Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10, 14).

A very great and disastrous mistake has been made in the Christian world. It is the substituting of man's human reason and interpretation of the scriptures for divine revelation by the Holy Spirit. The result has been the degradation of the Christian religion, almost to the same level of form, creed and tradition as



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Let us therefore press on, that we might receive revelation from on High.

but to profess to believe, but fail to experience in a most thorough way those essential steps which carry one into the experiential state is to be deceived. Except you awake and attain to the necessary preparation, you will join that group now in their graves who missed what God had intended for them. Humankind are so gullible, so easily misled. The experiential state can only be attained by a most diligent and continuous application of one's faculty and power, in a most whole-hearted earnestness. Coupled therewith must be continuous and powerful assistance of Christ through the Spirit. Without this divine operation aiding man, there is no way.

## 6.

### THE EXPERIENTIAL STATE - I

THERE is a great, far-reaching and very destructive delusion which prevails most everywhere in christendom. It is that state of mental conception without heart experience. This is called or known as formality, phariseeism, hypocrisy—just a stage player. It is a claim that discovery is possession. A truth sighted is the same or as good as if experienced; that mental idea is the same as heart possession.

In accordance with this glaring delusion, the common or ordinary way of approaching scripture truths is to hear them stated, accept them as truth, but fail to act upon them, and proceed the same old way as before. James 1:22-25 describes one who does thus as a forgetful hearer of the Word: self-deceived.

Millions of well-meaning but deluded people are called Christians in our America who were never born-again or had a change of heart; or have any real touches of spiritual life. They make a vast procession bound for perdition. Many thousands of people call themselves Pentecostal because they once had a touch of the Holy Spirit—now lost and drowned in form and natural plane living. What a tragedy!

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So if you have had these truths of the living experience discovered to you, but have assumed you have the privilege without the necessary preparatory steps, you are deceived. You must prepare!

If then you have sighted a privilege; if you feel a spiritual pull; if there is an inward witness of the Lord; if there are cravings within that cannot be stilled: arise, gird up the loins of your mind. Prepare for the conflict. Be determined to find the way!

The all-important thing with you is to get through: get through into the celestial realm. This is the experiential way—the new experiential way. Intervention, the sovereign power of the Lord, is ready to help you at the hard places. That power could do all for you; but you would be losing the great benefit of the exercise of your power under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This you could not afford to miss. It is exceedingly important. You can certainly enter the celestial realm by this new and living way which He hath consecrated for us through the veil that is His flesh. His flesh, the veil, is a very thin veil: the only veil that exists between the physical material of this earth and the more highly refined spiritual material of the celestial world.

## 7.

## THE EXPERIENTIAL STATE - II

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Now there has arisen a people who have discovered great latter day truths. But to profess to believe and fail to experience in a most thorough and practical way the essential steps which carry one into the experiential state is to be deceived. We must awake and attain to the necessary preparation.



The initial experiences of new birth, justification, sanctification and Holy Spirit baptism by which one is brought into active relations with Jesus Christ, and accompanying works of confession, restitution, repentance and consecration, are essential foundation. The deeper and more thorough, the better the foundation. If there be any lapse, it must be corrected. Faulty foundations will not do for skyscrapers. "*Take heed how you build*" (1 Cor. 3:10).

You must "grow up into Christ in all things" (Eph. 4:15) by living a life in the Spirit above condemnation, according to Romans 8:1. This chapter is a vivid picture of a spiritual climb, with the cross on the natural man and the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" freely working to the entire freeing from the law of sin and of death" (*Revised Version*). "For if men are controlled by their earthly natures, they give their minds to earthly things. If they are controlled by their spiritual natures, they give their minds to spiritual things" (Rom. 8:5, *Weymouth*).

So then, if you master the marvelous lesson of living a life in the Spirit, as set forth in Romans 8:1-9, there comes then another privilege, beginning with verse ten. If you have come into the working of the "law of the Spirit of life" so that you are a spiritual Christian, you may look for the working of that law against death in your body. And if it rise to that degree of power that raised Jesus from the dead, it will give life to your mortal bodies.

Sons of God were a class of spiritually grown or matured believers in the early ecclesia (church). They were "adopted," that is, set into their places in the ecclesia by the Spirit. They lived and walked in the Spirit. Paul stood at the head of this group; but he was not satisfied. He saw something more in the Spirit. It was knowing the power of Christ's resurrection. He sought it. He prayed for his Ephesian brethren that "the Spirit of wisdom and understanding" might enlighten them, that they might know what is the exceeding greatness of His power which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.

For some days after Jesus' resurrection, and before His ascension to stay in heaven, He lingered here on earth in a glorified body. It has not been recognized as a type of experience, but represents a celestial state of experience, also called mani-

festation or revelation of the sons of God. The sons in Bible times did not come into this state; but sons now will shortly enter into it in these days. This is receiving our house from heaven. This is the "inheritance imperishable, undefiled and unfading, which has been reserved in heaven for you, whom God is guarding through faith for a salvation that even now stands ready for the unveiling at the end of the age" (1 Pet. 1:5).

Jesus closed His message on the tribulation with the suggestion of an escape from it all, but did not give full directions as to how. But they are further given later in the epistles, and still more minutely to be given now in the time of escape. The history of the Christian era is an almost continuous record of bloodshed and martyrdom. But in this end-time there comes forth a company that cannot be persecuted or martyred. They have gone the way of the cross. They have been to Golgotha. They have passed through such a re-creating crucifixion to earth's varied attachments, the tendrils of affection that twine about kith and kin, and finally and fully they are crucified to self in its many forms and ramifications, so that there is nothing remaining in them to die. They are martyrs of the cross. Have you had strange happenings? Be content to die to all that you may live in eternal luxury. "It is appointed unto men once to die!" If you are willing to die on the cross, you may escape the grave. But by one or the other, you must.

If then, you have sighted a privilege; if you feel a spiritual pull; if there is an inward whisper of the Spirit, if there are cravings within that cannot be stilled; arise, gird up the loins of your mind—prepare for the conflict. Be determined to find the way. Enter the race. You cannot successfully advance without entering the school of Christ to be taught of Him. He has sent the Holy Spirit to be his Teacher. Illuminated by revelation is one of his first lessons. How to receive truth by the Holy Spirit is essential. Reading the scriptures without the revealing light of the Spirit is insufficient. Works of the Spirit such as crucifixion, re-creation, the law of the Spirit of life operating to set free from the law of sin and death in spirit, soul and body; and other works of growing up into Christ, cannot be attained without coming under teachings of the Holy Spirit. So far, all these are a



preparation, and divine intervention, the sovereign power of the Lord, is ready to help us.

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### HIGHER

Lead me higher up the mountain,  
Where the golden sunset beams,  
Where the air is pure, ethereal,  
Where the glory brightly gleams.

Lead me to the heights of Canaan—  
I would view that land of light  
Where they ring the bells of heaven,  
Where the saints are rob'd in white.

I will shout aloud His praises  
Tho the battle fiercely rage,  
For the King shall win the conflict  
And the hosts of sin engage.

Some glad day we'll gather yonder  
When our foes are backward driv'n,  
When all nations see His glory  
And the earth is knit to heav'n.

Refrain: Trav'ling is a pleasure grand  
While we journey with the King,  
And enlisting in His army,  
We shall soon the triumph sing.

## 8.

### THE GREAT REVIVAL

IN 1906 there came in Los Angeles one of the remarkable events of all time: an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, powerful and far-reaching. It was *preceded* by prayers and crying to God, long continued and widespread. It was *accompanied* by the marks of a true revival: repentance, confession and restitution. It's *manifestations*, though often new and unusual, were from God and supernatural. The *results* were mighty and far-reaching. They swept the world. Hundreds of thousands of souls were rescued. Baptisms of the Holy Spirit as received in New Testament times came again.

So far this revival was a great success, resulting in bringing many souls to glory. Many saints have been brought into deeper spiritual experiences. But now looking on the *deficit* side: Was this all that the Lord expected and intended should come to pass?

**Personally applied:** Have you and I and the rest come up to the full state and stature in experience the Lord designed for us? As a people, are we not spiritual dwarfs? Where are the giants? Where are the mature sons of God? Where are they that do exploits?

Within the divine purpose in imparting the gift of the Holy Spirit, is the bringing of one face-to-face with Christ in His re-



fining and recreating processes. These are represented by a fan, fuller's soap, devouring fire, scourge, transfiguring glory, etc. But the severity of His dealings are expressed by "Who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth?"

God intended to raise up a generation of grown-up sons of God who would be Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled, who would live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and sit with Christ in the heavenlies; and become a new race of Christ-led people. This great, glorious and miraculous plan has not been accomplished. But a mass of so-called Pentecostal people have come forth who are carnal, selfish and natural. They do not know that great and mighty power that flowed forth sixty years ago, over meetings and people, putting man down in his place, and exalting God over all.

Doctrinally, we have been under educated teachers, whose lessons were from study, reason and analysis; while the key of knowledge is lost, and prophecy, revelation and Christ as the Light are slighted and neglected. These and other weightier matters are left out.

There was in the New Testament times a divine ecclesia, composed of people who were called out and separated from all else unto the worship and service of God. Their workings, operations and manifestations were produced and directed by the Lord through the Holy Spirit. They were liberally endowed with the gifts of the Spirit; they were the body of Christ, and as such each had a part in a body ministry. This was a supernatural gift ministry brought forth by the movings of the Holy Spirit. They were so different from the man-made and humanly controlled institutions called churches. They were filled with the sweet fragrant atmosphere of the heavenly. Men spoke by the gifts of the Spirit. The prophetic Word of God flowed freely in interpretation, prophecy and wisdom.

These divine workings of the Spirit in the ecclesia wrought great changes in the participators. They were carried upward into a more and more spiritual realm and heavenly state. It was like heaven on earth.

True Christianity and the divine activities are always one-hundred percent supernatural. In His nature and works, God is

always miraculous; and in a realm far above that of natural man. Man in his waywardness and unwillingness to acknowledge God has continuously fought God's phenomena. The battle against a supernatural and miracle-working Christianity has been unceasingly and relentlessly waged by Satan and men.

One of the Lord's purposes in starting the present day outpouring, known as Pentecost, was to lift Christianity out of its degradation of a natural and formal condition into that original and glorious state of the miraculous; though some professed advocates of Pentecost teach that we should control and use the Spirit and power of God, thus hindering the plan and purpose of the Head of the ecclesia to restore to original supernatural glory.

In the beginning of this outpouring, the first Spirit utterance heard often was, "Get ready! Jesus is coming soon." Thus was pointed out this outpouring was to prepare a people for His appearing. Alas! as a people we are not as well ready as we were fifty years ago. We are lukewarm, selfish, formal and divided. Undoubtedly we fill the description of the Laodician church. Though we think "we are rich, increased in goods, and have need of nothing." Little do we think the Lord is almost ready to spew us out. There is small hope for us in our present condition, unless we "be zealous, therefore, and repent."

Baptisms in the Spirit, at first so deep, mighty and powerful, have degenerated and become shallow, having lost much of their supernatural glory and mightiness, while we drift farther and farther from the apostolic standard. It was the Lord's plan to increase and perfect that which we received in the beginning of this outpouring, bringing upward to the fullness of apostolic attainment and ministry. But through the neglect of prophecy, wisdom and revelation, the key of knowledge has been so entirely lost.

Alas! for the disappointment that careless, lukewarm and unprepared ones will meet. To suppose we may easily receive that which Paul said "I press," and Jesus said "Strive,"; "If by any means"; "Many shall not be able." What folly! Be not deceived!

In the face of our failure to attain that which is provided in this outpouring, and our lack of preparation for the Lord's



coming, surely "it is high time to awake out of sleep." Unless we do awake! Unless we "be zealous and repent!" Unless we do humble ourselves! Unless we do diligently seek the Lord! We shall not be ready!

"Awake thou that sleepest."

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem!" "Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself."

9.

## INWARD AND OUTWARD

THE nature of man has two sides, called the *outward man* and the *inward man* (2 Cor. 4:16). The outward man is that side of man's nature which turns toward the visible world, and is nearest to it. The inward man is that part or side of man's nature which lies inward, and is nearest God and heavenly things.

Out of these two natures of man, when under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, arise corresponding outward and inward manifestations.

Outward manifestations include shaking, prostrations, singing, shouting, dancing, and the like. We are speaking only of those manifestations which are in the Holy Spirit.

Inward manifestations include various attitudes of the heart and mind, such as prayer, travail, burden, drawings toward God, inward prostration, spiritual senses, fruit of the Spirit, visions, revelations, and the like.

Some have the opinion that outward manifestations are mostly unnecessary, and have therefore endeavored to eliminate them, having preference for inward manifestations.

But our bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost, and somehow when there is unyieldedness in the Spirit of man, there is a



stiffness in the body; so that if one is not yielded in body there will be a lack of pliability in his spirit. For this reason many suffer in physical health—because of an attitude of disobedience in their spirit.

We therefore see that to say one prefers to have inward manifestations to the neglect of the outward is a mistaken position, and is destructive regarding all manifestations. If, on the other hand, one is occupied with outward manifestations to the neglect of the inward, he may expect that he will be shallow in his relations with God, and probably lacking in the real dynamic power of the Spirit.

It is very easy to be neglectful of that which is inward when one becomes free outwardly; for there are exhilarations and pleasurable sensations which, though right in themselves and proper in their place, should not be promoted by man, nor should we be unduly occupied therewith.

To be inward and spiritual is very essential and highly pleasing to God. Outward manifestations, properly kept in the Spirit and will of God, are a help to spirituality, and assist toward communion and fellowship with God.

Since consciousness is the center of soul life, when one lives in self-consciousness in the consciousness of earthly environments, he may properly be said to be outward. But when his consciousness turns toward God and Christ, he becomes inward and spiritual, and is drawn up into communion and fellowship with God. Then his soul comes under the sway of his spirit, which in turn is under the rule of the Holy Spirit.

The powerful baptism in the Holy Spirit is intended to introduce one into this state. Many people soon lose its fulness, and fail to regain it; due to lack of teaching, that intimate communion with God is easily lost, though highly important and absolutely essential to a walk with God in the Spirit. There is necessity for the one who would be spiritual to overcome, by faith, earthward tendencies and drift that is all about us.

Once baptized in the Holy Spirit, the Lord is jealous that the believer should live inwardly to God. We may therefore surely count upon His powerful aid to enable us so to live. There is no condemnation to those who thus walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1).

The means of attainment are the baptism of the Spirit and the supply of the Spirit in repeated anointings.

The means of retainment are a walk in the Spirit by constant obedience to the Spirit's leading, incessant prayer, constant turning of the mind and affections to the Lord in prayer, praise, worship and reverence, and added expressions of love and devotion—all of which constitute the building up of one's self upon his most holy faith.

When one enters heartily into the practice of these things, he will find the Lord aiding him and causing him to behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and thus be changed from glory to glory. He will be enabled more and more constantly to look into the perfect law of liberty. The spiritual weapons will be at hand to wage warfare against the enemy and his emissaries (2 Cor. 3:17, 18; 10:3-5; James 1:25).

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MAN'S natural state is one of selfishness. The one essential change necessary that man become spiritual is his coming out of his natural state by crucifixion and a divine uplift. This is a crucifixion of all natural tendencies till they are no longer followed independent of divine direction.

Lack of comprehension of a life in the Spirit, and the necessity of crucifixion of the fallen natural disposition in order to come into such a state, has kept the Lord's people from suffering crucifixion and entering the high Spirit-controlled state they should be in. People who have attained this state are rare indeed. But the Lord at this time is working in many of His people to lift them from the natural earth plane, with its fallen propensity to self-preservation and its subversion into self-seeking, pleasure-loving tendencies, to the supernatural Holy Spirit plane, where man was created to dwell and operate.

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is the way to crucifixion. Penance and self-imposed severities do not crucify. They are of no value. They do not make a cross. We must take the cross that Christ gives. It is the cross of Christ that crucifies: that is, bearing all these things in the love of Jesus, for His sake, in patience and with praise. Without grace it is not the cross of Christ. Only that cross crucifies.

The Lord here holds us to this subject of crucifixion because it is so greatly neglected by His servants. It is so intensely important, yet so little understood. On account of its neglect and rejection, God's people are drifting, backsliding, and dying spiritually and physically. So serious is the matter, so terrible the havoc wrought by its neglect, so necessary is it to present advancement, that there is coming forth the call to all who are in earnest: present yourselves to God now, for further and full crucifixion of body, soul and spirit. Hold yourselves firmly and continuously presented before the Lord. Stand at attention for crucifixion. Glory in the cross of Christ. Be glad that God is willing to nail you to the cross. Be thankful that He would at all consider you after so poor response from you, after so much unwillingness—if not downright rebellion. You may talk of sons of God and vision people, but your vision can only be partial, and you will never come to be a mature son of God unless you get into the crucifixion road and stay on it. All your hopes are utterly in vain, and you cannot go forward with the present movings of God unless you face the cross of Christ boldly, firmly, continuously.

Of the many groups of professed followers of Christ that are found among men, almost all of them are without any considerable teaching on crucifixion. It has been lost out of the essentials of Christianity. Yet it must be evident to any thinking person that the Christ, who Himself endured the cross and despised the shame, lived a supernatural Spirit life of self-denial while here on earth, will take to Himself as His bride only crucified people who live in the Spirit.

For the neglect of crucifixion, the Pentecostal people are living on the natural plane, and not in the Spirit realm where the Lord intended they should live. Friends, be faithful to God, and despise not His chastenings.

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## 11.

## CRUCIFIXION

MAN as he is in his present fallen state is separated from and independent of God. This is an abnormal condition, since he was created for a habitation or temple of God, a place for God to operate and manifest Himself. But in his perverted state, man's heart attitudes incline away from God. His will is rebellious, stubborn and wayward.

God uses various means and processes to deliver and restore man. Among these is what is called *crucifixion*. Spiritually speaking, crucifixion is not the destruction of any faculty or power of man. The trouble with man is that he is in a state of independent activity. These independent activities are that which separate us from God, and to be broken up and eliminated. This is done by the processes of the Spirit.

The first of these operations comes as what may be called the negative side of the Spirit baptism, as described in Romans 6:1-15. It is named "dead to sin," "baptized into His death," "buried," "planted," "old man crucified with Him," "body of sin destroyed." On account of the Pentecostal work becoming shallow and lacking power, those receiving the Spirit baptism in late years have not the depth, and lack in crucifixion. If the old-time power is to be fully restored, there must be deep cruci-



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Crucifixion is not wrought by self-devised works of penance or severe austerities. "But if being under the sway of the Spirit you are putting your old bodily habits to death, you will live" (Rom. 8:13).

The old natural man is crucified by the direction and operation of the Holy Spirit; that is by the cross of Christ, which is by the power of God working in man bringing him to proper relation with God. We are not to take or make a cross for ourselves, but to take the cross God made for us. If we by faith and obedience accept these adverse and crucifying circumstances, however bitter or uncomfortable they may be, saying, "I accept this from God and I reckon myself to be dead indeed to this distress and suffering." This will bring joy, victory and peace, and will bring a separation from the flesh and a walk in the Spirit.

The crucifying processes are described as "fuller's soap," "refiner's fire," "fan," "scourge," and "chastisement." These processes are exactly adapted by divine wisdom to one's peculiar characteristics, and if rightly taken, will accomplish destruction of fleshly tendencies.

These processes can arise from relations with our family, the shop, the church, through finances, friends, reputation, health and other sorts of trials; these can bring about very crucifying conditions.

Thereby are we conformed to the will of God and made Christ-like. This is the way we are brought on by the Lord past stubborn tendencies so that we can say, "I have come both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

## 12.

### BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH GOD

**M**AY we come into practical, successful business relations with Jehovah? If so, on what basis or terms may we approach a proper plan for such proceeding? The answer is, God considers such an alliance very much to be desired. He has already made vast outlays and elaborate designs for this very purpose. So then we have but to be brought into discovery of His plans, and find a place therein to be abundantly gratified. We need to see at the outset that any successful business requires harmonious relationships. So, too, we must, in approach to God, find amicable terms. The attributes of Jehovah correspond to the affectionate heart nature in man. They are of so high order, deep and intense in nature and operation that they cannot be satisfied with shallow responses or half-hearted agreements, but demand whole-hearted response and cooperation.

God, in His great love and mercy for man, has condescended to stoop down to man in his low, fallen level that He might lift him out of his degradation and exalt him to a station. But this must not be a basis for equality of our communication. Our manners have lacked that awe, reverence, meekness, worship and adoration properly due from us low-born creatures to so exalted a Creator. Our degree and quality is so inferior to the



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If you will not only read this word, but seek divine illumination till you comprehend its various views of celestial things, and then press into experiential processes, you may also attain to "the most high order of saints," (correct Spirit-witnessed translation of Daniel 7:18). There are many commissions pertaining to the kingdom in the concession of the King. He might design to offer you one. High privilege! "I rose up and did the King's business" (Dan. 8:27).

## 13.

### THE BUNDLE OF LIFE

**Two Great Covenants: The Everlasting Covenant,  
Bound in the Bundle of Life;  
or the Covenant with Death**

**B**ACK in the early days of converging revelation when man was new, God began a plan based on what He calls, "The everlasting covenant." But He complains, "the earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant" (Isa. 24:5).

All down the history of mankind, this everlasting covenant has stood out against him, broken and neglected. It has been transgressed, disregarded and trampled under foot by wayward mankind so that it is little known or understood, even by the best of people. It is the covenant of divine possession, direction and control by the Eternal Holy Spirit. It was the design of the Creator when He made man that He should be indwelt and operated directly and distinctly by the Holy Spirit. This is the everlasting covenant, which man has defiled and broken.

When Jehovah found this everlasting covenant violated, He saw His poor created beings adrift without means of communication, so He invented and put in operation a plan of communication which consisted in putting the Divine Spirit upon chosen men and speaking through them. This was the origin of prophecy among men.



These prophetic men in the Old Testament times were of this class, and arose to an ordinary or high degree of prophetic operation according to their ability to understand and cooperate with the Divine Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21, as Weymouth gives it, reads, "No prophecy in scripture will be found to have come from the prophet's own prompting; for never did any prophecy come by human will, but men sent by God spoke as they were impelled by the Holy Spirit."

When Jesus came He also belonged to this prophetic class. But He was distinguished in this that He did not enter the prophetic realm on occasion as did the old prophets; but He lived there. This He Himself sets forth in John 5:19, 30: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise" "I can of mine own self do nothing . . . I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

Thus, we see Jesus never broke the everlasting covenant, but He was not satisfied alone to do this Himself; but He prayed for His followers that they should be one with the Father, as He and the Father are one. This oneness we have just described. This is the oneness of the Sons of God. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God (Rom. 8:14). The word *led* means, led, guided, controlled, and leads us right back to the everlasting covenant. This is brought about by the impartation of the Holy Spirit, that divine anointing for which God is so jealous, which carries a man of himself into the control of the Divine Spirit.

Long ago, it was prophesied by Abigail (1 Sam. 25:29) concerning David: "But the soul of my lord shall be found in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God." This bundle of life is the bundle of the sons of God. There are bundles for fire (Matt. 13:30); but this is a bundle for glory.

In the beginning, man departed from the everlasting covenant, and made a compact or covenant with death. This is one of the terrible things that happened in the fall. Man did not realize what he was doing, but he set up the working of the law of death in his being. This was strictly opposite to the everlasting covenant.

Through lack of light you may not deliberately and intentionally covenant with or court death, but silently as you live on the natural plane, old death is slyly digging at your vitals. Paul ran up against these two covenants: the covenant which brings forth the body of death, and the law of the Spirit of life. If you study Romans seven and eight with this light shining upon you, you will cry out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death!" And if you get deeply enough convicted, you will quit minding the flesh, and come to live in the Spirit.

Following this up, you will run into the resurrection of Jesus Christ's power; and if you keep at it, that power will begin to operate in you. If it has full sway, it will finally put death clear out, and you will be manifested as a son of God.

Almost the whole world—saint and sinner—live in this dying state under the covenant of death, with the way of escape hidden under a mass of tradition and unbelief.

God has winked at our ignorance, but now commands repentance. This covenant with death must be broken by ceasing to live on the earth plane, and coming up to live on the Spirit plane and under the Spirit's control. Paul said, when describing this fallen condition, "Who shall deliver me," and then replied, "I thank God through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is a fuller salvation than is taught or experienced by most groups of these days, but it is now being demanded by the Lord.

In the first verses of Second Corinthians, chapter ten, we are informed of a divine power that is able to subdue and bring under control the very thoughts, imaginations and reasonings of the human mind and heart. Paul goes so far as to say that there is ability in the divine power to revenge all thought disobedience when once we are willing to subjugate every thought to the obedience of Christ, and thus annul the covenant with death that we have been under. We feel the working of this. Some of us have been called to a halt. The natural man is to be silent before the Lord; to bring every thought and imagination into captivity—words and acts, also. Often we have done this for a time; then as the Lord begins to move us into activity, we get busy and lose control over our thoughts, the mind drifting farther and farther away; but now it is time for all of our thoughts to be brought into absolute control of the Spirit to bring us to a



state of perfection, and thus prepare us for full sonship, and later translation.

As Moffatt makes this passage read, "I beg of you that when I do come I may not have to speak out and be pre-emptory; but my mind is made up to tackle certain people who have made up their minds that I move on the low level of the flesh. I do live in the flesh, but I do not make war as the flesh does; the weapons of my warfare are not weapons of the flesh, but divinely strong to demolish fortresses: I demolish theories and any rampart thrown up to resist the knowledge of God; I take every project prisoner to make it obey Christ; I am prepared to court-martial anyone who remains insubordinate, once your submission is complete."

Just here arises a grave and difficult condition. The creature was born, educated, developed and reared on the natural earth plane. His whole life mode is there. He is in his nature entwined, intertwined and attached to the earth state with its places, peoples, things and environments. Alas, he finds an hundred adhesions, and he is constrained to cry out, "Who shall deliver?" Indeed, none can deliver but Christ. But He, the divine artist, with His cross—a machine with surgical import—can loosen, cauterize and heal every adhesion, however serious the attachment growth may be.

Herein lies the strength of the covenant of death. In the cross of Christ is found the overcomer's triumph over every enemy, even to death—the last enemy. The sting of death is extracted. The wound is healed. The sons of God go free: "manifested." "Bound up in the bundle of life."

This is an end-time message in the Spirit and power given by or in revelation wisdom. This is the straight gate and the narrow way that leadeth unto life. Are you among the few that find it?

## 14.

### TWO OPPOSING LAWS

THE law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." These two laws were ordained and set in operation by the Lord, though widely separated in the time of their establishment. But they are so entirely opposite to each other that they cannot work in the same person, both of them at the same time. If one is working, the other is being quenched.

The law of sin and death has been working in men continuously ever since the fall of Adam. Death obtains its ability to work through sin. "Lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death (James 1:15, *Revised Version*).

It should be understood that death is a process culminating in an act, rather than a single act. As death is the penalty attached to sin, the continuing in sin constantly tends to death of spirit, soul and body. As sin in its very essence is being out of relationship with God and His laws, it follows there can be no remedy invented by man. He cannot deliver himself; God must act, and man must come to God's way. Man is utterly and hopelessly doomed unless God comes to his rescue.

So God in high heaven in His very great love set up the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. This law of life in its opera-



tion in man, when given full sway, will crowd out, destroy and cause to disappear every vestige of death in man—spirit, soul and body.

— Every motive, thought, word and act in man, having its origin in man's volition, is psychical, soulish or carnal. It is an activity of this law of sin and death, and has a death tendency. It is independent of God, and separated from God.

— Every motive, thought, word or act originating within man by motion of the Holy Spirit is an activity of the law of the Spirit of life, and there is in connection with it a life tendency toward increase of life.

The sinner knows not the working of these laws. Saved men know but little of them either. But the one who has received the gift of the Spirit may come to know and have understanding of the working of these laws within. To know how to cooperate with and live in the movings of this redemptive law of the Spirit of life is of the highest importance, if we are to become fully developed sons of God, attain end-time privileges, be full overcomers, and be translated in our house from heaven.

The hand of God is outstretched to assist those—the called according to His purpose—that they may enter these privileges. They are quite new to us, and beyond human ability to attain. But God is able and willing. He declares, "Some *must* enter in."

This is a plain teaching: that if we attain to the power of the Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, we shall not die, but shall live. We shall be made to live by the resurrection power of the Spirit. "And if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead is dwelling in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead will give life also to your mortal bodies, through His Spirit dwelling in you." "Therefore brethren, it is not to our lower nature that we are under obligation to live by its rule. If you so live, you are on your way to death; by the power of the Spirit, you put your merely bodily habits to death, you will live" (Rom. 8:11-13, *Weymouth*).

To those who will set their hearts to respond to this call of God, there is abundant aid at hand. You will find God waiting to give every needed assistance. "He waits to be gracious." Some circumstances may seem undesirable, but in the end they

will be seen to be highly beneficial, and wisely planned by God. If the Lord took away all that is trying, difficult or perplexing, "Where would the cross be? It is in the hardness that He gives to us chances of proving what He can do." Not to taunt us, but to develop in us stalwart character and dependable qualities—this is why the furnace.

The end-time privileges are so exceeding great, surpassing all that has arisen in the mind of man. It has been written in scriptures, but is veiled to those without revelation by the Spirit.

In the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus there was no corruption, decay or disintegration. Thus Jesus overcame death, destroying Satan's death power. Thus Christ set up the new law of the spirit of life. This law becomes operative in one receiving the Holy Spirit. Its operation in this life law is limited and controlled by walking in the Spirit. The closer the walk, the more powerful works the life law.

Be a whole burnt offering: yield to entire crucifixion by being taught, led, controlled and impelled by the Holy Spirit in full, and this life law will operate in you till you are a revealed son.

According to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

- 2 Timothy 1:9

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## 15.

## LIFE

## ROMANS 8

### *Revealed Secret of “Spirit Life” and “Body Life”*

God is all-wise, minute, exact and perfect in all His works. They are always on a straight line, parallel and without bend or variation. In giving the law, there were overawing exhibitions of *majesty*, *holiness* and *justice*, but no display of the power of grace. As the law did not offer aid to the flesh or natural man, and he could not of himself live a perfect life, we therefore have:

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ceived Him. That He thus lived a perfect life in the flesh is shown by His body remaining without decay, untainted when He was crucified to death.

Entering into a holy life, and partaking of divine holiness in a spiritual way and in various degrees, has been taught and experienced by many professors and teachers; yet there is a fullness of deliverance, transformation and attainment set forth in this scripture which has been neglected and undiscovered. *There is a Holy Place and there is a Most Holy Place.*

#### Photos Two and Three:

*The natural man and the Spirit-controlled man.*

Moffat's translation beautifully reads: "Those who follow the flesh have their interests in the flesh, and those who follow the Spirit have their interests in the Spirit. The interests of the flesh means death, the interests of the Spirit means life and peace." One is the photo of a man whose interest and concerns are with the flesh. He minds earthly things. The others is a man who is living and moving by the Spirit (Phil. 3:19).

In personal experience one became very weak, was at a loss to know why 'till the Spirit discovered that, though walking mostly in the Spirit, there were times when the mind wandered, or one spoke, thought, read and acted without the moving of the Spirit. This partial lapse increased the workings of death in the body. As one minded and kept in the Spirit all his interests, the life current increased, and weakness disappeared. "For the interests of the flesh are hostile to God. For it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed can it be. And they that are in the flesh cannot please God." To fully measure up to this end-time school of Christ, one must come to be fully under the movings and control of the Holy Spirit.

#### Photo Four:

*A man with a high tide of spiritual life, yet death working in the body.*

There may be a very highly spiritual people who still cling to some natural attitude which they think is essential, "but if you live thus in part after the flesh, you are on the road

to death of the body. But if through the sway of the Spirit you are putting the doings of the body to death, you will live life. Life will spring up in your body" (Rom. 8:12, 13).

#### Photo Five:

*A man in whom there is resurrection life—power of the Spirit.*

This is the picture of one whom the Spirit has risen so high that his whole spirit nature is full of life, and even his body is partaking and enlivened in some degree; yet death is still working in his body: it is dying.

#### Photo Six:

*A man with the resurrection of Christ's Spirit inundating him.*

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead is dwelling in you"—that if the measure, or degree, or kind of power that operated in raising Jesus from the dead is dwelling in you, it will give life also to your mortal body: that our mortal element may be swallowed up, or absorbed by life: the resurrection life power of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 5:1; Eph. 1:19).

#### Photo Seven:

*Not a baby son, but a mature, grown-up son of God (verse 14)*

One who has passed through the several states of an ascending course of life was here pictured, in the battles of the Spirit against the flesh: in passing from the darkness of nature, up into the bright light of heavenly full salvation for spirit, soul and body. "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him, seeing that He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7).

#### Photo Eight:

*An adopted son—in his appointed place in Christ's body.*

Given the Spirit of sonship, or the sonship degree of the Spirit. Glorious discovery of *long lost* privilege! A prepared place for a prepared people: sonship in the body, the ecclesia or in the bride.



Photo Nine:

*"Redemption of the body, which means our full sonship"*  
(verse 23).

Up the seven rungs of Jacob's ladder. (Two are negative, besides many lesser ones). Seven photos illustrating principal steps or stages of ascent into new dispensation, end-time full salvation, or entire *redemption* into celestial glory in the Most Holy Place.

16.

## KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

A KEY is an instrument which closes or opens something which without that key cannot be closed or opened. Or it may be a word or statement which opens a secret or hidden mystery which cannot be otherwise discovered. Or it may be a means or method by which an unknown state or condition or circumstance is discovered.

Jesus spoke of keys several times. He said: "I have the keys of hell and of death." These He wrested from Satan, taking away Satan's power over death (Heb. 2:14; Rev. 1:18). Jesus also declared He had the key of David that opened and none could shut, and shut and none could open. It was a universal key, based on those great promises made to King David by Jehovah, centering and culminating in Jesus Christ, the Son of David. He has this master key, and so He is the great opener and revealer (Rev. 3:7; Dan. 2:21, 22).

Jesus reproved Jewish leaders, saying, "Woe unto you, lawyers, for ye have taken away the key of knowledge" (Luke 11:46-52). This they had done by killing the prophets and traditionalizing their teachings, for to them had been revealed the mysteries of God. As is said: "Surely Jehovah God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets to His servants the prophets."



(Amos 3:7). "To the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (2 Cor. 2:2-3). These hidden treasures are made known by the Holy Spirit in the power of revelation, prophecy and vision. This key of knowledge opens the door to discovery and information.

To Peter, Jesus gave the promise, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven." The kingdom of heaven is that supernatural realm, state, or condition wherein God dwells, and His power works or operates. This is where Christ Jesus dwelt and ministered while on earth. This promise was not limited to Peter, but repeated to the ecclesia (Matt. 16:19; 18:18; John 20:23). These keys have never been withdrawn from the ecclesia, but they have been neglected. These keys of the realm of heaven where God dwells and the true ecclesia operates are of very great value, above estimate, invaluable. They are not subtle, illusive, nor do they avoid one's possessing them: but knowledge of the realm or kingdom of heaven has been lost. Because the powers of prophecy, revelation, prophetic wisdom and knowledge have been rejected or neglected, and but partially restored, we are left lacking of spiritual understanding. We grope in the dark, like the blind for the wall (Isa. 59:9-10). "For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returning to the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul" (1 Pet. 2:25).

Another key is the Word of God in prophecy. This is the Word of God that unfastens the bands of wickedness, lets the oppressed go free, liberates the bound, cures disease and sickness, and makes the cripple leap and jump. Nothing can stand before the Word of God in the mouth of His prophets.

The enduement of power might be called another key. It is the atmosphere of God. It is an impartation of that atmosphere to His servants, that they may savingly impress men. It is of an evanescent nature, easily vanishing without the person being aware. It can only be retained or renewed by repentance, confession, humbling, prayer and earnestly seeking God.

Intervention might be called a key. This key is not put into the hands of man, but is an exercise of the sovereign power of God alone. Nevertheless, there is a human attitude that God requires, if He exercises continuously this divine providence and

oversight. That is a state of devotion, as described in Romans 12:1, 2; and a state of resting from one's works, as described in Hebrews 4:5-12. Its importance and value are beyond estimate. To find it is to inherit a mine of wealth spiritually.

There are states, conditions and attitudes of the participant that are essential if one anticipates a walk in these exalted privileges. "Thou shalt worship no other God: for Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." "My glory will I not give to another." (Ex. 34:14; 48:11).

There is only one place and way that the use of these keys is taught. That is by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "He shall teach you all things." Through His operation in prophetic wisdom and revelation, He will teach the willing and obedient the way to receive and use these keys. This comes through diligent prayer and intercession, which the Holy Spirit will bring about if we get into His workings.

We must, therefore, get into the Holy Spirit school: the school of which He is teacher. Perhaps you say, "How shall I get into this school?" The Holy Spirit as gift and as teacher is freely offered to all who will receive Him and take heed to His teaching. Once He is received, He must be diligently hearkened to. He must be carefully obeyed. He must be waited for. He must be closely and constantly followed. You say, "I do not know for sure if it is He that is speaking." This you must learn by experience. Learn by doing as you are prompted. The sincere and honest hearted He will teach His way. Be not fearful or of a doubtful mind, but believing. This is a primary lesson to be learned. He will instruct you (Ps. 32:8).

We might go on thus describing these keys or gifts and powers, but this is sufficient to understand them. The thing to do is to seek the Lord earnestly for the best gifts and receive them. They can be received. They can be had. God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Those who are sincere and qualify will receive abundantly. God is liberal. God is bountiful. He is delighted to find one to whom He may impart.



### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Oh, the blood of Christ is sweet to me,  
is sweet to me,  
Oh, the blood of Christ is sweet to me,  
Hallelujah I am free.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit—  
Three, now dwell in me,  
Oh, the rapturous joy and peace,  
Praise the blessed Trinity.

Chorus : Glory to God in the highest,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Almighty Father, Son and Spirit,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Peace upon earth, Goodwill to men.

### 17.

## THE SPIRIT NOW A UNIVERSAL GIFT

**U**NDER the Old Covenant the Holy Spirit rested only upon a chosen few. Under the New Covenant the Holy Spirit is poured out on all flesh. Jehovah had His selected and ordained prophets from the foundation of the world. In the early ages they seemed few, but after the flood appear to have been more numerous. To some extent they had to have been scattered among the nations. Here and there, mention is made of them (Jude 14; Acts 3:21).

But among Israel, God's chosen people, prophets were more numerous. Almost all their kings, of the lineage of David, received the prophetic anointing of the Spirit. Besides the national prophets, many of whose names are titles of Bible books, there were others whose names are not mentioned (1 Kings 18:13; 2 Kings 2:7).

The prophetic anointing of the Spirit given in the Old Testament dispensation was bestowed upon those called to be prophets, and not upon the people generally. It was given wholly by the will of God to those whom He chose.

There were, however, promises found in the Old Testament of a future, more general outpouring of the Spirit. These promises, though given to Israel, were also for the gentiles.



For instance: "I will give thee also for a light unto the Gentiles" (Isa. 49:6). "The Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth" (Jer. 16:19). "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that they might receive the promised Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:14). (See also Acts 10:45; Eph. 3:6.)

In the Old Testament we find such promises of the universal outpouring as these: "Would God all Jehovah's people were prophets, and Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them" (Num. 11:25-30). "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28-29).

On the day of Pentecost began the great dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Peter in his sermon links it with the Old Testament prophecies of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh . . ." (Acts 2:16-18).

In those ancient days, men whom God selected for His use and anointed with the Holy Spirit were highly esteemed and revered by the people of God. They were recognized as men who spoke for God—divine spokesmen. The purpose of the processes they were put through seemed rather for the end that they be fitted for their God-appointed office, but the masses of the people seem not to have had such experiences, or to have had the Holy Spirit.

When this new Spirit dispensation came, the privilege of the gift of the Holy Spirit became universal. "The promise is unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Everybody might now be filled with the Spirit and have this prophetic touch. And since now it had become a universal privilege, so great a privilege at so lavish expense must also become an obligation. For what is provided by God at such a great expense and pains, may not be lightly esteemed by His people, and accepted or neglected at their pleasure. For a believer and follower of Jesus Christ to fail of such great divine anointing is therefore a great act of irreverence and disregard for the will of God.

The greatness of the privilege of being filled with the Holy Spirit of God, the very substance and essence and life of God's

divine nature—God Himself actually entering into us and making us an habitation of God—cannot be expressed. His fire, love and grace; His faith, power, energy, holiness and wisdom dwelling in us and springing up like a veritable fountain of divinity overflowing our being and nature and flowing out to bless others is an exceeding glorious consummation, devoutly to be coveted and gladly to be received. Without this baptism of the Spirit, conceptions of Christian privilege must be ever small and limited. Weak, broken and insignificant creatures that we are, His promises say, "A new heart will I also give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes" (Ezek. 36:25-27).

These and many additional passages teach us that it is not by might and power or intellect of man, but by the Spirit of God that we must worship and be taught the things of God. As Jesus said, "The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23, 24).

Worship of God by the Spirit is so unnatural to man and so contrary to human ways that it is hard for him to come to this true worship in the power of the Spirit. And natural man is so persistent that he undertakes to institute and conduct a proper worship of Jehovah by his own wit and wisdom. Alas! in many instances men do not distinguish between man-made worship and the glorious worship that is promoted by the Holy Spirit. But of all men, God prefers and does seek such to worship Him as do worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Indeed, so far has the formal church wandered that much of her so-called worship has not a touch of the Holy Spirit in it, but is only a human form. But the original ministry of the Pentecostal church was filled with glory, life, power and energy divine. Do we know that we are now living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit? Is our worship by the ministry of that Holy Spirit? Is our speech in demonstration of the Spirit and power?



Discovery and description of this true worship so long obscured is in large part the object of these writings.

Essential to a proper understanding of the gift of the Spirit is a discrimination between the comings to us of the Holy Spirit and His operations in us for our salvation and advancement in spirituality; and the distinct and definite coming of the Holy Spirit to us as a permanent gift, commonly called the "baptism of the Spirit." The works and workings of the Spirit previous to this coming, or following it, are not the gift of the Spirit. These workings of the Spirit in us can precede the baptism, and even come to unsaved people. "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin." "They were pricked in their hearts." "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit" (John 16:8; Acts 2:37).

The Holy Spirit is God active in man to bring forth the new birth, to apply the blood for cleansing and changing of nature in various ways. Many of God's children, though not having the baptism of the Spirit according to the scriptural standard, yet have been blest with many of the Spirit's workings and aid in their efforts to serve God and preach Christ. But all these works of the Holy Spirit are not the gift of the Spirit Himself. They are rather the acts of God the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit took control of prophets and apostles and people in the past, the Word of God, the word of prophecy, was found in them. It was so when the baptism first fell. It is still true of those who receive the Spirit, and hield to His working.

## 18.

### THE WORD OF GOD BROUGHT FORTH

**T**HE Word of God was brought forth in the Old Testament by the Holy Spirit possessing and speaking through the prophets. These ancient prophets were the messengers of Jehovah. They declared it was Jehovah speaking in them, and that they spoke not their own words, but the words of Him that sent them. They spoke by God and for God His own words. "In many parts and in many ways of old, God spoke to the fathers by the prophets" (Heb. 1:1).

New Testament ministers, apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and they spoke by the Spirit, the Word of God, and not their own words—the words of man. Do we not believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God? This it could not be if its words were the words of man, and not spoken by the Holy Spirit in the power of prophetic utterance through those whose messages are recorded therein. Large and numerous quotations are found in the New Testament, taken from the Old. They must have been the Word of God in the Old Testament if they are in the New. The New Testament is record of the sayings and doings of men who were moved by the Holy Spirit prophetically. "And when they prayed, the place was shaken where they were assem-



bled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

Do you not see that the scriptures plainly teach that the Holy Spirit, coming down and anointing men for ministry and to speak in the assemblies, brought forth the prophetic word of God? It was the word of God that was spoken. That is, they spoke prophetically while under the transport of the Spirit. Anything less than this is below the New Testament standard of ministry. A less ministry than this cannot be said to be the full gospel of Christ, which is the power of God. Are we not sadly fallen? Do you really know how far short and how far down we are?

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit is always prophetic, essentially prophetic in His very nature, He must be speaking forth the Word of God, which is the divine act of God that creates all things, and recreates man, bringing forth all things, both natural and spiritual. He who comes under full anointing of the Spirit will become prophetic, experiencing divine utterance. Except a man be under the power of the Spirit and speak words from God, he cannot stand approved as being fully in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Except a man stand for and earnestly seek to be in the prophetic rapport, he cannot be said to be contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

The prophetic word of God is the gospel. That is to say, the gospel cannot be properly declared by lips uncontrolled by the prophetic workings of the Spirit of God. Such working is essential to proper preaching of the gospel of Christ. The gospel is the glad tidings of the great things which have been provided for man through Jesus Christ. So great is the joy of the message that it cannot be adequately announced, except by the rapt ecstasy of the Spirit transporting one into the Spirit.

The purpose of the gospel is the revelation of Jesus Christ to us and in us. The origin of the gospel is in the mind of God. Ability to truly preach can only come to one who has in some degree a revelation of the mystery of "Christ in you," which must be revealed in one's life. As Paul says, "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel that is preached by me is not after man, for I neither receive it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12-16).

Doubtless, few received great and extensive revelations as did Paul. But as "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are discerned by the Spirit," therefore "God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." So no man can preach the "mystery of the gospel," the "unsearchable riches of Christ," except they be supernaturally and spiritually revealed to him, and the power of the Spirit rest upon him and give him utterance.

Even Jesus Christ, glorious Son of God, divine as He was, did not preach without the prophetic Spirit speaking through Him, either in His earthly ministry or His more heavenly ministry after He was resurrected and in His glorified spiritual body. So it is stated in the record: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel" (Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18).

A successful ministry reveals Christ to and in the hearers. And the working of the prophetic power of the Spirit in the minister is essential if that revealing power is to work in the hearers. If Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul, and all the New Testament apostles and ministers, relied upon the prophetic power for utterance of their messages, what are we last day ministers that we should attempt to minister in the things of God in our own power and wisdom? Is this not a great delusion?

It is the glorious gospel of the blessed God, a gospel of mystery, glory and power. Christ "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." These passages should be most convincing and unanswerable. But added to their unquestionable proof of the supernatural nature of the gospel of Christ, there is another exceedingly strong evidence, a divine witness. That is, the effect on the hearers of the so-called gospel that does not have the mighty miracle-working supernatural power in it. A ministry from the wisdom, words and working of man begets another class of professors entirely. It is a law both of the natural and of the spiritual realm that like begets like. Like priest; like people. In creation God made tree, plant, beast and fowl; everything to bring forth after its kind. It ever remains so in both natural and spiritual



things. For this reason, a natural ministry as we mostly have in our day brings forth a natural people in their religious life of profession. New Testament Christians were a people who had been begotten by a miraculous prophetic ministry of the Word of God. They were different, and walked by the Spirit.

The word of man arises and proceeds from the mind of man. The word of God in the mouth of man proceeds from the Holy Spirit, and not from the mind of the one spoken through. The word of man reaches the hearer in his mind, and gives a mental preception of the matter declared. But the prophetic speaker, who is a mouthpiece for God, has flowing from his tongue and lips a message of an altogether different nature. Its effect on the hearer is different. While it instructs the mind, it also comes with an illumination that gives a spiritual precept not received through the word of man.

The divine message has life and penetrating energy that reaches and moves the will, the affections and the desires and emotions toward God. It effects the will to move in the will of God. It imparts strength and an energy to do that divine will. It touches and fills the whole being, oftentimes even to the body with power and life divine. The whole effect of prophecy is so different, distinct and gracious that it is incomparably superior to a ministry of human abilities and parts.

For these reasons, an entirely different class of Christians must come forth from each of these different ministries. Those who have been made by the word of man (even though it be orthodox in its teachings, and possibly has much feeling and emotion about it, yet it can only excite natural motion in the hearers) will be human and natural in their views and attitudes: self-centered, self-righteous, relying on their own methods to make themselves righteous, never seeing what it is to be spiritual and sit with Jesus Christ in the heavenlies. They have never been drawn up into the Spirit, and are ignorant of such a privilege.

Christians who have been made in the power of the Spirit, begotten by the Word of God, come to know a clear distinction between the activities of one's own earthly nature and own effort to be godly, and that divine inworking of the glory and transforming power of the Spirit of God. They come to rely upon that power to make them what they should be. They

seek to get away from self, and live in the motions of God's power within. They know themselves to be unworthy, but Christ is able to overcome in them. As the apostle says: "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." (Rom. 7:18; Gal. 2:20).

## THE NATURE OF PROPHECY

**B**ALAM the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said, he hath said, which heard the words of God and knew the knowledge of the Most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open" (Num. 24:15, 16). "But when I saw, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake." "Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground." "I knew a man in Christ, whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell. God knoweth, how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unutterable words which it is not allowable for man to speak." "And when I saw him I fell at His feet as dead." (Eph. 3:28; Dan. 8:18; 1 Cor. 13:1-4; Rev. 1:17; Acts 10:10; 22:3-7).

Being in a trance and other seemingly deeper states of being in the Spirit seem to be principally of the nature of revelation. One may be only occasionally in these deep states of divine possession and so entirely lifted above the earthly. And such a state may not be mentioned among the gifts of the Spirit, yet speaking by the Spirit is, and should be, possible at any time in the will of the Spirit. And even the higher touches are too scarce among us. "Covet earnestly the best gifts."







Paul uses the expressions "caught up" and "caught away." The same Greek word is used in saying Philip was caught away, the saints were caught up, and the manchild was caught up. The invitation given to John to come up higher also implies that he was caught up. Rapture, translation, ecstasy, trance, caught up—all have reference to the act of the Holy Spirit upon us, lifting us out of our natural state and frame of being into a higher state, which will one day terminate in our bodily translation. Hallelujah!

There are various states described in scripture as being in the Spirit, such as being overshadowed, anointed, filled, moved, and controlled by the Spirit. In this state, which is the spirit of prophecy, the word of God comes forth, for lack of which the church languishes.

The motions of God's Spirit transporting a man—that is, God speaking by the mouth of man while he is under the prophetic afflatus, or in prophetic transport—is prophecy. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The Greek word for *moved* has the signification of being carried along, borne along, transported or driven, as it is used in describing Paul's shipwreck. While in the shipwreck, it is in motion from one place to another: driven before the wind. In a prophetic sense, it is motion from the natural state up into a spiritual state; carried up into and sustained in a spiritual condition.

This state into which one is carried by the Holy Spirit for the speaking of the word of God through them is also defined in many scriptures. These passages make it clear that prophecy is God speaking by man. Man talking about the things of God is not prophecy. It is not an utterance arising from the meditation or premeditations of man. It does not take its rise in the mind of man, but as it is described.

"The Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spake." "Those things which God before had showed by the mouth of all His prophets." "The restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 1:16; 3:18-21).

The simplest degree of this prophetic state of being in the Spirit is when by the divine touch the mind is turned away from self and surroundings to communing with God. The soul is

reposing in the rest that comes by the touch of the Spirit, and the heart swayed by and drawn toward God. It is then that faith, perception, discernment, revelation and utterance by the Spirit come forth. While this state prevails with one, their activities are proposed and promoted by the motions of the Holy Spirit. It is then that the vocal organs are spoken through by the Spirit, bringing forth the words of God.

In this state, the movings and activities of the natural man—the mind, heart, will and all natural faculties—cease for a time in their earthly activities and movings; and coming under control of the Holy Spirit, become channels of divine speakings. Concerning such workings, we have abundant scriptures describing physical and other manifestations in dancing, shouting, transportation, prostrations and vocal utterances in prayer, praise, wisdom, worship, singing, preaching, etc. We give but a few references.

"And the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances." "David danced before the Lord." "Shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart." "If ye by the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body." "As many as are led by the Spirit." "Walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." "Then was Jesus led by the Spirit into the wilderness." "And He came by the Spirit into the temple." "He put forth the form of an hand and took me by a lock of mine head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and heaven." "The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip." "But Philip was found at Azotos." (Ex. 15:20; 2 Sam. 6:14; Ps. 32:11; Rom. 8:13, 14; Luke 4:1; 2:27; Ezek. 8:3; Acts 8:40).

"If anything be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy, one by one, that all may learn and all may be comforted." "I will sing with the Spirit." "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and songs spiritual." (1 Cor. 14:30; Col. 3:16).

The above and many other scriptures describe varying degrees and states of being in the Spirit in which the Holy Spirit takes control of body and being; and does in, by or through us, in word, thought or act, the will of God. This is prophetic afflatus, or divine control. These states are called by several names. We consider some of them here.



Revelation is often mentioned in scripture. It is the name of the last book of the Bible. It means to uncover, to make known; it is an illuminating operation of the Holy Spirit by which divine truth and mysteries are opened and made known, explained and conveyed to the inner conceptions of man. This is while he is to some degree under the power of the Spirit. Without this opening and illuminating light of Jesus Christ we must ever remain in darkness and be ignorant of the things of God. (2 Cor. 12:1; Gal. 1:16; Dan. 10:1).

Inspiration is another name for the in-breathing and out-going of the word and life of God through man. All scripture is God-breathed, or God-inspired. "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." (Job 32:8; 2 Tim. 3:16).

Trance is another state into which scripture writers are described as being brought. *Ecstasis* is the Greek word for trance. From it we get our word, ecstasy. It is defined as being "a displacement of the mind from its ordinary state and self-possession." Paul and Peter both spoke of being in a trance. Ezekiel Daniel and others of the prophets had this experience. Balaam tells his experience in these words.

## 20.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PROPHECY

THE Holy Spirit is always prophetic in His touch upon men; therefore, whenever one was said to be filled, anointed or baptized in the Holy Spirit, there were bestowed upon such persons supernatural powers of utterance called *prophecy*. That is, God spoke through the mouth of such persons, and these utterances were called *the word of God*.

In ancient times, previous to the coming of Christ, patriarchs, kings, prophets and seers who were anointed with the Holy Spirit always had prophetic utterance. This was an invariable rule. The only instance we know of where prophetic utterance is not clearly stated is that of Bezaleel and his associates. They were filled with wisdom by the Spirit, or had an inward insight imparted by the Spirit.

At the universal outpouring of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost, we are told that the prophetic operation accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit. "They were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them to speak." There was this difference: Old Testament prophets spoke in their native tongue by the Spirit, but this new prophesying began with utterance by the Spirit in various languages unlearned by those spoken through. This speaking in



languages by the Holy Spirit which came upon them with the baptism of the Spirit, Peter informs us, was prophecy. Twice it is so stated in the prophecy of Joel, which Peter quotes: "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." Prophecy and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. The Spirit, according to scriptural record, never comes upon men except that coming is accompanied with prophetic utterance (Acts 2:17-18).

In Acts 2:26, Peter quotes from the prophet David: "Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad." Here again tongues are concerned with the Spirit outpouring. Baptism of the Spirit and language utterance by the Spirit are inseparable in the economy of God.

Again, in Acts 2:33, Peter says: "... having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." The outpouring of the Holy Spirit and accompanying manifestations were both seen and heard. The speaking was shed forth, and came with the Spirit's descent. Utterance in languages not previously known or learned is not a mere occasional accompaniment, but is an essential part and manifestation of the presence of the Spirit.

Turning to other accounts of the Spirit's outpouring, we learn that prophetic utterance in tongues was the evidence by which the Jews recognized that the gentiles had received the Holy Spirit. So the record says: "For they heard them speak in tongues." At Ephesus there came the double witness: tongues and prophecy in their own language. At Samaria the sign of prophetic utterance in tongues is not definitely named, but what else could Simon Magus have seen that he wanted to buy? There must have been something besides miracles that made him want to buy the power to convey the Holy Spirit, for he had already seen miracles in profusion. (Acts 10:44-46; 19:6; 8:17-20).

There cannot therefore be a true baptism of the Holy Spirit unless it be accompanied and manifested by speaking in other tongues or prophecy. All who are claiming baptism of the Spirit without prophetic utterance are without Bible basis and proof. They cannot bring scriptural proof that they have received the Spirit. No passages are to be found, either in the

nature of experience, testimony or doctrine, to base such assumption upon. As soon as the seekers are unloaded of their past teachings, and break away from their traditions so that they can see the scriptures as they are, they acknowledge their error and begin seeking the baptism. Once having received the true baptism with tongues accompanying, they rejoice that they lost their error and found the gift of the Spirit.

Oh, infinite condescension! Divine Holy Spirit come to dwell in man, making him the habitation of God. By His motions and brooding the worlds were made, and all things created. How great is the sin of those who speak lightly and slightly of the Spirit and His utterance in tongues, minimizing the promise of the Father, the gift of God, outpoured divine Spirit.

There are other operations of the Spirit besides various kinds of utterance by the Spirit, such as shouting, dancing, prostrations, visions, revelations, sign language, voice utterances in groaning, travail, intercession. These workings are, properly speaking, prophetic manifestations of the Spirit. These men in old times who were anointed by the Holy Spirit and called prophets had them, and the physical demonstrations were called prophecy, as well as the word utterances.

Prophecy is always and only a supernatural utterance or operation of the Holy Spirit. Those who say other utterances of men concerning religious matters are also prophecy, degrade divine utterance to about the same level as the word of man. This leads to confusion concerning the word of God in the mouth of man. The following scriptures are so clear in defining prophecy it would appear to leave no room for question: "Prophecy came not at any time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your father which speaketh in you." "Which God hath spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began." "The Spirit of Jehovah spake by me, and His word was in my tongue." "Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking by me." "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." "For it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit." (2 Pet. 1:21-22; Matt. 10:20; Acts 3:21; 2 Sam. 23:2; 2 Cor. 13:3; 1 Pet. 4:11; Mark 13:11).



These passages, and many others, so plainly point out that prophecy is a divine utterance by the mouth of man from his own thoughts. It would seem there could be no question about it; but in these days, when men do not hesitate by their so-called criticisms tear the word of God to pieces, it is surely a dangerous thing for the people of God to lose sight of the difference between divine utterance called prophecy, and the speaking of man from his own thoughts.

Although these passages are clear and should be conclusive, they are by no means exhaustive. There are many more. Indeed the whole tenor of scripture, both by many inferences and numerous direct assertions, show that prophecy and human utterance are distinct and should not be confused. We may quote still a few more passages: "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Spirit." "Preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." "For I have not spoken of myself." "The works that I do in my Father's name." "After that He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments." "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord." (1 Thess. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:12; 1 Cor. 2:4; John 12:49; 10:25; Acts 1:2; 14:3).

There is also another use of the word *prophet* and *prophecy* which should be mentioned, and this is that there are false prophets and their utterances. These utterances were brought forth by the working of evil spirits, or else by the prophet's own imagination. God was very much against such prophets. His denunciations and punishments were very severe. (See Deut. 13:1-4; Jer. 2:8; 23:13; Ezek. 13:3-6; 1 Kings 22:22-23.)

The following word came to me in this writing: "That which is spoken about God by man, arising out of his own thought, without illumination or anointing; and that which is spoken by the blessings of divine anointing, are not of a kind. The former I do not wish My children to fall into. The latter I am pleased with, and do accept until such time as My ministry is brought up into My prophetic operation where it should abide."

## 21.

## HISTORY SHOWS PROPHECY TRIUMPHANT AT LAST

AS ADAM came forth from his divine Maker, he was a rare creation. The full circle of his abilities, powers and operating gifts was complete. This was true in the realm of his soulish powers. He lacked no essential faculty. Nor in the physical was there lack of useful qualifications or member. His spirit nature also was of high and varied adaptability. It was, moreover, crowned with a generous effusion of Holy Spirit and His powers in-breathed by the Creator (Gen. 2:7; John 20:22).

One of the powers given to man was ability to bring forth children. This seems bordering on a creative faculty. It includes the conveying of physical characteristics and soulish resemblance, and even into the spirit nature, even transference of Holy Spirit and His gift powers, with which Adam was highly endowed. Dr. Seiss says, "That state of report which came to prophets on occasion was Adam's normal state." Adam possessed, or was possessed, of the prophetic Holy Spirit and His gifts in a high degree.

The bringing forth of Cain did not convey revelation, prophecy and spiritual gifts, but they came in Abel. Cain may have been born while Adam was still deep under the shadow of the Fall. The death of Abel was a blow by Satan, aimed to destroy



the prophetic power out of the earth. But the birth of Seth and his descendents restored the hope of prophetic heredity.

It is well to remember that Adam, though so richly endowed, yet lacked experimental training and development. It was of inestimable loss that his daily schooling was broken up by the Fall (Gen. 3:8). Information concerning invention, the elements, hereditary laws, and many other things might have been given by personal teachings of Jehovah at the beginning, which are even yet partially understood (Amos 3:7).

Most of the patriarchs were to some degree prophetic men. But the Lord's design was that all men should have the prophetic Holy Spirit. This was accomplished only in comparatively few, though Enoch and Noah were illustrious examples. One was translated; the other transferred—thus having a place before and after the flood.

A number of efforts were made by Jehovah to bring some to a hereditary state of the Spirit of prophecy. One was with Abraham, to whom was given the gift of prophecy, and was hereditary in some of his descendants, as Isaac, Jacob and Joseph; but it did not become permanent or universal, as would have pleased the Lord (Ps. 105:15).

Another hereditary move was with Aaron and his generation of priests. This remained in the Aaronic priests down to the time of Christ, but was only partially successful. (Exod. 7:1; John 11:51).

Samuel received the heritage of the prophetic spirit from his mother. It was manifest while he was but a child of three or four years. But though Samuel was a richly endowed, godly man, his sons were neither (1 Sam. 2:1; 8:3).

Then Israel asked for a king, and God heard and gave them Saul, putting the Spirit of prophecy upon him. When Saul failed, the Lord said, "I have found David, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all My will" (Acts 13:22). The prophetic spirit was also given to David, and was hereditary upon the kings, his successors, except they were too wicked, as were many of them. Yet this plan was not carried through. They lost both it and their kingdom.

Then the Lord arranged still another plan, for He determined not to be defeated by the wickedness and failure of men.

His heart was set to raise up a prophetic race. So the Lord, after all these hereditary methods had failed, raised up to David of his seed a divine spiritual son, born of a virgin. "Of this man's seed hath God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus." When the sons of David failed of the Holy Spirit and prophecy, then Jesus Christ came. He was given something different, a spiritual heredity plan. He would establish a group, an ecclesia, in which various prophetic powers of the Holy Spirit were to operate freely in prophecy, wisdom, knowledge and various gifts of the Spirit, severally divided. Its heredity continuity is described in Isaiah 59:20, 21: "The Redeemer shall come to Zion and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah. As for Me this is My covenant with them, saith Jehovah; My Spirit that is upon thee (the Redeemer), and My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and forever." (See also Acts 2:16-18.)

There were promises by Jehovah to Jesus Christ, the Son of David, a hereditary promise to Jesus and His spiritual seed. The same delinquency still has followed in the ecclesia as previously, though literally fulfilled wherever accepted. To the shame of God's people, it has often been neglected or rejected. Wherever given proper opportunity in faith, the gifts of the prophetic Holy Spirit work wonders and bring forth a people of high spiritual order. In proportion as the gifts and prophetic working of the Holy Spirit are given right-of-way, to the degree people become spiritual, supernatural, and are transferred to the heavenly realm. Neglect of, or rejection of, this Holy Spirit prophetic power—Alas! no words can express the inestimable loss to the human race.

Jehovah has been willing to show, through all these various trials and tests, that man in his weakened and wayward condition is no match for the innate developed cunning of shrewd Satan. But now we are come to Jehovah's great final supreme plan to bring forth a race of perfected, spiritual prophetic men and women, after His divine pattern. They are revealed sons of God, overcomers, redeemed from among men. They are restored to all Adam was before the Fall, and probably more.



The New Testament movement with its gospel, gifts and Holy Spirit was a great advance plan. Yet we are informed that at its best was but a "foretaste" or "earnest" of a fullness that was to come. This was a "reserved salvation," and end-time appointment which "even now stands ready for unveiling at the end of the age." It is God's final supreme effort—or the bringing forth of to where God intended he should come, even from the beginning—a completed, tested, proven, created and re-created creature of unprecedented beauty and adaptability.

There are steps of advancement they pass through. They enter the ranks of grown or mature sons of God. They are so ranked because they have mastered the various phases of divine control. (Rom. 8:14; 2 Cor. 6:12-18).

They have faced the winnowing fan, fuller's soap, refiner's fire, and "washing of water by the Word." They are receivable as scourged sons. They glory in the cross, till they are "crucified with Christ." They are spiritual Jews, circumcised without hands, till they are fit to be sealed as servants of God. "I will write upon him the name of my God . . . and my new name."

As they advance, they may be engaged with the "manifested" sons of God in battle to roll away the curse by the prophetic Word. They may be enlisted in the Joel army of the Lord, arrayed with the prophetic judgment Word of God, or in the stone kingdom of saints, that smashes the image of gentile government (Dan. 2:35-45).

Then one may be engaged in the conflict for full overcoming, which includes "redemption of the body" that means our full sonship (Rom. 8:23, *Moffatt*). "Yet there was always the hope that at last the creation itself would also be set free from the thralldom of decay (Rom. 8:21, *Weymouth*). To "obtain our house from heaven, and an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and unfading, ready to be revealed at the last time": complete redemption from everything; full salvation and redemption for spirit, soul and body; nothing of the Fall left—even death, the last enemy, vanquished. The right to the tree of life restored. (Rev. 2:7; 22:14;17).

However, without the prophetic gift of the Spirit, one cannot find the way into this end-time battle. For it is in the super-

natural, prophetic gift realm. Without them one is outside that realm. This is the nature of the conflict, therefore it must be God's way in. It is only by the operation and moving of these prophetic powers that one can have part in the conflict. It is only in the realm that is conducted on prophetic spiritual lines, are these battles fought.

In Old Testament prophecy there was not much distinguishing or dividing of gifts, but in the New Testament, gifts of the Spirit are enumerated and called the former rain, said to be the "earnest" or down payment, so to speak. But now we are entering the latter rain time, in which we are to have a double portion, an overflowing fullness of the prophetic spirit upon fully redeemed people; on a celestially clothed group.

The lavish fulness and overflow of this final full salvation and full gift of the prophetic Holy Spirit, the great latter rain outpouring, exceeds human imagination—man completely saved and delivered from all effects of the Fall: recreated, healed, preserved, redeemed and perfected from the Fall and its effects, and glorified. Then to receive an eternal house from heaven, so clothed upon our earthly tabernacle that our mortal elements are swallowed up in life.

Upon these redeemed, celestial and re-created creatures, the prophetic is abundantly outpoured, endueing and endowing. These are the coming kings and priests who reign with Christ Jesus. The reign of selfish, unsaved kings and dictators is about to end. These "saints of the most high order" will be under prophetic powers and "possess the kingdom" with a heavenly sway.

This is God's final supreme accomplishment of a perfected group of men in the spirit of prophecy, the finished mystery of God. These are great and marvelous privileges, esteemed by few. Blessed few!



## 22.

# INTERVENTION AND APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

THERE are two parties in salvation: God and man. And so there are two ways in which the Lord works. One way, which has been known to us all along is that in which God responds to the call of man in his seeking and prayer of faith; basing his claims on the promises of God as found in the written Word, through the great atoning sacrifice of Christ, laying hold of God until He answers prevailing prayer. This may be said to be working up toward God from the creature side.

The other method is a working down from the Creator toward the creature. This is not based upon the frail creature, but upon the power of the infinite Jehovah Himself. It rests upon His will, foreknowledge and determinate counsel; and upon His dominion and sovereignty. It is often prophetically expressed as His purpose.

These acts of God, which are in connection with His people, originate in the mind of God, and are beyond all that man asks or thinks, have occasionally happened all along. These may be called acts of intervention.

But now in the close of the passing ages and opening of the new, man's faith and prayer abilities are not equal to the crises of affairs. Therefore God must arise and exercise His sovereign



powers and dominion according to His determinate counsel. Where these are operating quite above and beyond man's faith and prayers, yet through man, this is intervention.

Exercise of this mighty sovereign power of intervention was common and continuous in the days of the apostles. But when man took the lead and assumed government in the church, he broke the intervention, and threw down the miracle-working power that made the apostolic ministry.

God could have exercised His sovereign authority and changed the course of things, but He might have infringed thereby upon man's prerogative more than He chose to do. So God stepped back and gave man opportunity to show what he could do, and man showed his utter failure.

Now that we are entering the day of the Lord, the times of the restoration of all things spoken of by the prophets, God in sovereign dominion will take the lead and control in world affairs (Acts 3:21). He will, by intervention (that is, working sovereignly through man) restore the miracle-working apostolic ministry in great power.

The way into the apostolic ministry has been a mystery undiscovered by man's wit and wisdom. It has awaited the sovereign intervention and revelation of the Lord Himself.

"A man cannot obtain anything, replied John, unless it has been granted him from Heaven" (*Weymouth*, John 3:27). "What hast thou that thou hast not received" (*Weymouth*, 1 Cor. 4:7).

The sovereignty of God does not interfere with or lessen man's responsibility. Emphatic scripture terms express it as "Watch," "Wise," "Faithful," "Give more earnest heed," "Press toward the mark," "Diligently seek," "Importunity," "Danger of neglect."

God does not, therefore, in exercising His determinate foreknowledge, infringe upon man's free will and responsibility (1 Cor. 1:26). But those who exercise these attitudes of waiting, watching, earnest heed, etc., to these Christ will gladly grant apostolic ministry as a sovereign intervention grant. To these intensely earnest, devoted ones, He extends the golden sceptre.

The danger is not that you will be passed by, but rather, "Will you qualify?" God is on the lookout for every suitable

one: "I sought for a man." "The Lord took me." (Ezek. 22:30; John 4:23; Amos 7:15).

There arose quite a concern about an apostolic ministry. No one knew why we did not have it. After the intervention teachings came, I saw it was because we were not in an apostolic state of devotion.

Devotion is the blending of vehement, arduous, passionate zeal, with love, abandonment, worship and adoration. Devotion to Christ of so rare dimensions is the basis of the human state upon which intervention is bestowed. It is the sum of repentance, consecration, yieldedness and self-sacrifice; the immolation of natural ambitions, plans, hopes, and personal activities not originating in God. It calls for the presenting of all our faculties to God as a living sacrifice, and becoming His bond-slave.

Abdication of personal self-control in so full a degree has been found out or attained only by a few. Once having passed through so straight a gate, the pastime of chasing life's illusive phantom bubbles loses its charm. The divine bestowal of true riches is so elaborate and abundant that he who though all lost is amazed at the vastness of a new found domain and the riches of Christ, surpassing all previous apprehension. "As having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Devotion means all that is implied in the other terms of sacrifice. Consecration may be cold and legal. Abandonment may come through pressure. Yieldedness may follow severe chastening. But devotion is glad, joyous delight in the will of God, be it pain or pleasure, humbling or exalting. It is the wealth of heart love poured out at the Master's feet.

So touched is the heart of the Infinite by such zeal and devotion, scarcely anything could be withheld. Intervention over a devoted life is the very delight of God. Miracle-working power He wants to give. His nature is intensely responsive to devoted creatures.



### JESUS WILL NOT TURN US AWAY

When sorrows great so press the soul  
And cares and toils our hearts do weigh;  
On Him who loves us we may call,  
Jesus will not turn us away.

When friends forsake and we alone  
To Jesus turn for solace sweet;  
We'll find in Him the Tender One,  
Jesus will not turn us away.

Dark storms may roll across our path.  
No haven safe where we may flee;  
Jesus will then answer our faith,  
Under His wings we safe shall be.

Some day upon the streets of gold  
From cares and toils we'll flee away;  
Shelt'ed safe in the heav'nly fold,  
Jesus has not turned us away.

Refrain: Jesus will not turn us away,  
Jesus will not turn us away,  
Our prayer He will hear,  
The answer is sure,  
Jesus will not turn us away.

## 23.

### SINS OF AMERICA

IN ancient times, I, Jehovah, chose Me a people. They were mine. To Me they were as the apple of the eye, tenderly and dearly beloved. I watched over them constantly, to do them good. Yet they turned from Me and went into evil and idolatrous ways, disobeying My laws and disregarding my statutes, until My fierce anger arose hot against them. I chastened them very severely and long until they became a byword and a scoffing, and were scattered among the nations.

In these latter days, I had a people in England and Holland who suffered for their faith in me. O that soil of Europe! soaked with the blood of My martyrs! These people decided to try for America. After a long, tedious voyage, they landed in the then New World. It was late in the year when they came to shore. They suffered severe hardships, but founded a nation, a free state, with freedom of conscience, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, free citizenship, equality of rights and equitable laws.

As I watched over ancient Israel, so I guarded this modern Israel of the West. I gave them fertile soils and wide rolling fields, orchards and dairies, cotton and wool, along with all



good things, and more territory than they could settle; also coal, gas, oil and metals in abundance. I gave them skilled artificers and inventors, learned and scientific professors, jurists, statesmen and financiers, and many cunning devices for every art and use. Steamers plowed their waters. Locomotives with trains roared from shore to shore. Automobiles raced below, and airplanes above. Factories filled its cities, while the lightnings were harnessed for light, heat, power, transmission. How greatly blessed they are!

Greatest of all was My concern for their spiritual welfare. I have shown this by sending them many anointed gospel ministers, speaking in My Spirit in the enduement of power; persuading men, and promoting great and far-reaching revivals. These seasons of awakening often transformed communities from their sins to a God-fearing people.

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As I considered the above prophecy, it came to me that each revival emphasized certain particular truths: repentance and new birth, consecration and sanctification, gift of the Holy Spirit, second coming and others. Some revivals were far deeper, more extensive, continuous and permanent than others, according to saving values in the truths held and taught, and the accompanying power of the Spirit.

Just here in connection with these revivals began several great sins: first, the sin of neglect of direct revelation, and the substitution of man's wisdom for divine direction. This led to a second great error: the placing of human organization and man's government instead of divine rule with Jesus Christ in authority as head of an ecclesia—man's church in place of the true ecclesia.

Along with these great wrongs are two more: the neglect or rejection of the gift or baptism of the Holy Spirit, and of prophecy, wisdom and gifts of the Spirit. These failures to receive God-given privileges amount to a terrible tragedy, and are impudence toward God.

These four grave sins against God open wide a door to another grave lapse—the waning and losing of the spiritual

life and power we have had, while still holding the theory of truth. This is "holding the truth in unrighteousness," which exposes to the wrath of God (Rom. 1:18). Having a form of godliness, yet neglecting its power. So today we have the framework or skeleton of past revivals: vast institutions called denominations, with no spiritual life—just skeletons, cemeteries.

Consider another great evil, a sin producer—the education of a ministry by learned professors who are without spiritual life or personal knowledge of God. Then their assumed right to "analyze" and dissect the holy scriptures. It is called "higher criticism." It is a most destructive infidelity. It soon developed what is known as "modernism." It and communism are twin infidel brothers. They are deadly to spirituality.

Educators are now teaching that the desires and passions should have sway and be freely indulged, thus making our schools a hothouse of licentiousness, and ruining the young of the incoming generation.

There is still another most dangerous and ruinous line of operation that has arisen from the degradation and loss of spiritual power of these revival companies, gliding down the toboggan slide of infidelity and formalism. Man as created by his Maker has a strong inclination toward the supernatural or spiritual power of these revival companies, gliding down the toboggan slide of infidelity and formalism. Man as created by his Maker has a strong inclination toward the supernatural or spiritual realm. When he loses relation with the true God, and ceases to worship Him, He easily becomes prey to satanic occultism, or so-called mystic science. So now we have many cults and societies, like Christian Science and New Thought. Hindu mysticism is principally the foundation of these societies. Often a sprinkling of Christian scriptural truth makes them attractive, and hides the power of Satan.

Ritualism, formalism and theory have taken the place of life, power and experience. To know about God is one thing; to know God is quite another. To hear about something by the ear and have heart acquaintance are wide apart. One is theory; the other is life (1 John 5:20).

Great ingratitude for the vast rich blessings God has bestowed on us Americans has characterized our attitude, and as a



nation we have forgotten God, running wild after pleasure and sensual gratification.

Unjust court decisions and congressional laws have at times protected the rich and oppressed the poor. These are crimes which God will not overlook.

The nation has gone wild after pleasure and sensual gratification of all kinds, while God is forgotten, and the fearful need of prayer, intercession, travail and worship of God is sadly neglected. "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them" (Ezek. 22:30, 31).

Consider then, that the Great Almighty God charges and enumerates these sins against the people and professors of this nation: neglect of revelation, substitution of man's wisdom, human organization for Christ's rule in the church, rejection or neglect of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and of the gifts and powers of the Spirit, rejection or neglect of prophecy, loss of Spirit life and power, modernism and communism, occultism, the forgetting of God and ingratitude, the protecting of the rich and oppression of the poor, substitution of ritualism, natural eloquence and music for the living Word of God, and intercession and worship in the Spirit.

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"Now therefore, consider this, ye Americans: If I destroyed the ancient nations of Canaan for their crimes; if I brought low Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria and the great heathen nations of the East; if I have sorely chastened ancient Israel, and even now am angry with modern nations, shall I pass you by? Shall you, whose sins are grievous, go unpunished?

Even now you are being sorely punished: almost the whole nation is turned to prosecuting a war for very existence. Millions, many millions, are being spent. Thousands of lives have already been sacrificed. Terrible things are yet to come. Where are those who will stand in the gap and make the hedge for your nation? Otherwise, how shall you escape the divine wrath in this the hour of judgement? Pray for the mercy of God to be shown

you. Pray for a wave of divine power that shall bring repentance to your people and salvation from the judgment hand upon your land.

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## INTRODUCTION TO CELESTIALS

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But after death got into the world, it is no small matter to get back again into the celestial realm. The sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ has opened a way—the only way. This way was known and experienced in the New Testament times, and is now beginning to be made known again.

The Pentecostal people started right by receiving the baptism of the Spirit, but there they stopped, most of them. Consequently the important class of mature, set-in sons of God that were common in the New Testament ecclesia has not been found among the Pentecostal people, but some are being processed and prepared for that state, and will be so known before long.

It is a new moving I have known of for ten or more years, and have been in His personal dealings almost constantly that long. In October 1936 Mrs. D. of Hornell wrote me in a letter, "There is a new moving of the Holy Spirit which you do not seem to fully understand." I knew little then.

This is a great move of the Lord, exceeding anything since the creation. This is the restoration: the latter rain, the outward setting up of the kingdom of Christ, the closing of the gospel age and the opening of the millenium, the judgment day of God's wrath, the end of Satan's kingdom.

This end-time divine activity begins by the Lord laying His working power upon the most earnest, deeply spiritual ones He can find and putting them through a process of crucifixion, refining, recreating, chastening and impartations of the divine nature, till they become sons and daughters of the Almighty—mature sons and daughters.

These are overcomers, part of them, and are "manifested" by the Lord appearing to them, making them glorified and like Him. They do not die, but are caught up to the throne of God.

"As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." "Beloved, now are we the sons (matured) of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." We shall be "conformed to His image." "For we wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who comes from heaven, and shall transform our vile body, that it may be fashioned, or conformed, like unto His glorious body,

by the same power that enables Him to make all things subject to Himself." "Unto them that look for Him, shall He (Christ) appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation." "An inheritance imperishable, undefiled and unfading, which has been reserved in heaven for you whom God is unveiling at the end of the age" (*Weymouth*). See 1 Cor. 15:49; 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:28-30; Phil. 3:21; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

This is a practical view of scripture teaching of end-time privileges. They are much greater than most people think. Translation may have been possible, but very difficult to obtain. Now some are pre-destined to, and will attain. The fact that you are concerned about it would seem to indicate you belong to the class.

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*There are messages of divine revelation being given in this end-time concerning this period, which are important, startling and enlightening, yet little known, understood or heeded. Ask the Lord to let you in on this. To miss out will be the most serious mistake of your life.*

*I have been much overworked in my heart of late because of the way readers of the end-time messages are doing. They read and approve the Word with no opposition, but do not seem to understand these messages, so they call for action and the seeking of new experiences. For instance, the intervention as exercised by the Lord down the centuries is familiar to many, but the offering of intervention is an individual experiential favor bestowed upon those who qualify. The communal state of intervention is available now to those who enter there-of God.*

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by the same power that enables him to make all things subject to himself. (Hebrews 2:13) I think that for many of us, the power of the Holy Spirit is the only power that can make us subject to the Lord. The power of the Holy Spirit is the only power that can make us subject to the Lord. The power of the Holy Spirit is the only power that can make us subject to the Lord.

It is a new morning I have known for ten or more years, and have been in His personal dealings almost constantly that long. In October 1936 Mrs. D. of Hornell wrote me in a letter, "There is a new moving of the Holy Spirit which you do not seem to fully understand." I knew little then.

This is a great move of the Lord, exceeding anything since the creation. This is the restoration, the latter rain, the upward setting up of the kingdom of Christ, the closing of the gospel age and the opening of the millennium, the judgment day of God's wrath, the end of Satan's kingdom.

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Therefore to merely read these teachings and merely grasp them is not enough. They must be experimentally entered step by step, so to which you must come into the teaching. Holy Spirit. He must have hold of your inner being and can you alone into these things of God. No other way can be found. It is God's way.

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Intervention as a personal privilege is one of the greatest offers God ever made to man. It opens the way to bridehood. Man relinquishes; God takes hold. Men cease work; God begins. So the facts are, there has not been the understanding about the way into its plan of operation. But the time is at hand when God will move and enlighten regarding these things. Praise His name! But we must be alert to follow Him in His way.

We may feel we have not done so poorly about the rest of the end-time message, though what would be the answer if one should ask: Where are the sons of God? Have we seen a genuine ecclesia? Who is ready for translation? What about the wedding garment of white linen?

What shall be done to arouse the people of God to a proper interest and concern about these new dispensational affairs? Are we awake ourselves? Have they gripped our hearts? Are we too absorbed with our doings to get stirred up about the vast revolution soon to take place?

## 26.

## THE LORD PREPARETH A PEOPLE

**W**HEN a nation or people become incorrigible, and there is no hope of repentance or reform, judgment may fall suddenly. As may be seen in history, where there is any prospect of their being restored, opportunity for warning, witness, escape and preparation is given.

For example, the Lord prophesied the flood more than a hundred years before it came. He made Noah, the ark builder, a "preacher of righteousness," and he warned the race of their doom.

There were many witnesses from God to the Gentile nations at various times, such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Melchizedek in Canaan; Moses, Joseph and Jacob in Egypt; Nehemiah, Daniel and Ezekiel in palaces of the heathen; Lot in Sodom.

Though the Lord "in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways, nevertheless He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with good and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

On those occasions, when Jehovah sent special visitations to mankind, we might as well expect both elaborate and extensive preparations and announcements, as at the call of Moses, Joseph, David, and on many other calls and occasions.



At His baptism, Jesus received divine witness by a "voice from heaven saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." "And the Holy Ghost descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him." Also it is said of Him: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him."

The Lord baptized about 120 in the Holy Spirit, they having been properly prepared through His ministry. And so we see there was a most continuous careful series of preparations and witnesses to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and of His being in authority and in God's foreordained plan. Known unto God alone are all His purposes for this final hour. Let us look unto Him that we might enter in and be a part of it!



### PASS ME NOT BY

While showers fall on all around,  
O my Jesus, pass me not by;  
Flood all my soul's thrice-parched ground,  
Oh, my Jesus, pass me not by.

So pines my heart for touch Divine,  
Oh, my Jesus, hide not Thy face,  
In me Thy pow'r and love enshrine,  
Fill me, Jesus, with Thy great grace.

So poor I am and needy withal,  
Take oh take my full longing heart  
Sweet Spirit's pow'r on me now fall,  
Break O break and change ev'ry part.

Rejoicing hope doth now aspire,  
Love enkindling by sacred fire,  
Faith's zeal increase, inflame, inspire,  
While my soul mounts higher and high'r.

In heav'nly fruits—may I abound,  
Seal'd with Jesus' own precious blood,  
With sacred fragrance all around,  
Until I am caught up in God.

### 27.

### LET US GO ON

**W**E are crossing the threshold of the day of the Lord! Mighty upheavals are at hand! The greatest revolution ever known is beginning.

The God of Heaven is setting up His stone kingdom, an unending and indestructible order. It's princes and rulers are prophetic men. They, like Moses, are at the backside of the desert; or Joseph in prison; or David in the wilderness; or Daniel in heathen desolate courts; or Paul in Arabia. They are hidden here and there in the school of Christ, being tested and tried, and by fire purified: they will come forth sanctified vessels, meet for the Master's use. With the Word of God they will hew the nations (Hos. 6:5).

As in the schools of men, there are grades or degrees of attainment; so in the ecclesia, the school of God: some attain to the thirty, and a few to the highest. Some receive one gift; others two, five or ten. There are various classes: sons, daughters, concubines, virgins, queens, *the bride*.

In the gospel as taught in the New Testament, there was a fulness of the enduement of power, a depth of experience and a state of perfection that is now lost to our vision.

That these things might again be known and enjoyed, the restoration is prophesied to occur in connection with the re-



turn of Jesus Christ. This restoration will include all that was in the first ecclesia, and much more that was prophetically foretold. There will be a manifestation of the sons of God to groaning creation—overcomers perfected into the manchild, and caught up; latter rain outpoured—a depth and completeness of salvation to the uttermost, spirit, soul and body (Acts 3:19-23; Rom. 8:14-23; Rev. 12:5). To meet the present world crisis which arises in this the day of the Lord, and the bringing to pass of His judgments, it is the plan of the Lord to raise up a company called the *army of the Lord*.

The day of the Lord and the army of the Lord are closely associated in prophecy. After the Creator had made the world, He gave it to the race of man. For this reason, He shows great deference to man, and much of divine activities are conducted through men. Therefore, as in ancient times Jehovah hewed Israel and the nations by His prophets, and slew them by the words of His mouth, so in these last days: the "shall" of the word of the Lord shall execute the judgments of the Lord on the wicked Gentile nations by the same method. See scriptures on the army of the Lord and the day of the Lord: Isa. 13:1-9; 24:1-6; 26:21; 34:1, 3, 9; Isa. 63:3, 4; 66:15, 16; Jer. 25:14-30; Ezek. 30:1-3; Joel 2:1-11; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph. 1:14-16.

When I had revelation on this, it seemed to me impossible for anyone to make the preparation that would be necessary to be a part of the prophetic army. But the Lord said unto me, "I can do something that will change things quickly."

After passing through a series of very trying and testing circumstances, the Lord said to me on September 28, 1936, "Tomorrow I will begin a series of wisdom teachings with you that will continue for some time." These teachings I wrote down as they were given.

Several years ago, there arose quite a concern about an apostolic ministry. No one knew why we did not have it. After the intervention teachings came, I saw that it was because we were not in an apostolic state of devotion.

Right understanding of intervention, and coming under its operation is of vast importance. No one knows its immense value as well as those who have experienced its workings.

A friend in the ministry wrote this statement as to intervention: "A revelation of the sovereignty of God causes man to see his insignificance, and shuts him up to expect help only from his Maker. God has often down through the ages stepped into man's activities and interposed His plans and ways. The messages through Bro. Kinne on intervention show how God will do the same in these last days. *This is the church's only hope. This is the latter rain. This is full restoration.*"

I acknowledge it a great favor of the Lord; I have been spoken to by the Lord since I was twenty-two. We can make little progress in the spiritual life without the Holy Spirit becoming our teacher and conductor. This is essential to attain intervention, and is a part of the same. One must have direct continued leading of the Spirit to shew the steps, and carry one into intervention. This the Lord did for me. "The Lord shall guide thee continually." This writing is to urge upon all my dear friends the inestimable value of intervention and the very great loss sustained by neglecting its privileges.

It is just before the great downpour. The great and mighty revolutionary move of God is at hand. It is already begun in the hearts of the hidden ones. Soon it will sweep the wide earth. Mountains and glens will ring again and again. It is the King. He cometh! Prepare! Prepare! Go ye forth to meet Him. Go forth from the old. Put on the new suit. Fit to appear before the King. Let go! Let go of the old antiquated works and ways. Abandon these ancient bottles. The new wine of the kingdom will burst the earthen vessels. Nothing will stand the strain and hold the divine effusion but the brand new bottles, heaven-made for this express purpose.

In plainer terms of expression, if you follow the old ways of preaching, praying, talking and writing, you will spiritually dry up and fade away. The new end-time latter rain outpouring of anointing will not mix with that concoction of heaven's enrichment diluted with man's ideas, performances and skill. The Lord has determined that this time the wine of the kingdom shall remain pure, unadulterated and undiluted.

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## 28.

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shall be recast, recreated and newly made after a heavenly pattern, overcoming earthly tendencies, attachments or fellowships. "We shall be like Him."

The Lord has begun this vast dispensational-changing move in some of its aspects by giving revelations concerning the coming changes and preparations. This has caused the coming forth of groups of people under various names, with a mixture of older teachings and formalities. They mostly fail to see, and seek to experience these truths, and have the truth become the Christ-life in them. This is a death-dealing and fatal delusion, and causes the great mass of those so doing to miss the divinely appointed bride of Christ preparation, and face the desperate anti-christ persecution.

To miss this process of preparation is to fail to be in the manchild company, and leaves you not ready when the Lord comes. You may have been greatly blessed, anointed and used in the passing dispensation. This new, present process goes deeper, cuts to the quick, and searches out every flaw, blemish and variation from perfection. It crucifies, cauterizes, washes in the blood and heals.

You must have this washing of regeneration or else you cannot be entrusted as a bottle for this new wine. Old bottles will burst! Old mixed ways will not be accepted! You must become a new creature in Christ Jesus. This is a word of the Lord to all who would attain to brideship. You are surely doomed to disappointment if you fail to go through this process of preparation. Be in time. The foolish were too late. The door was shut.

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## 29.

### GOVERNMENT

THE book of Daniel is devoted to the subject of government. It sets forth the fundamental principles of government. The first in that primary rule and dominion is held by the Most High God. He alone decides who shall rule, as said: "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up kings" (Dan. 2:21, 37; 4:17, 26, 32; 5:18, 21-23).

A second principle is that there are appointed watchers in the heavenly world who keep vigilance over the affairs of men and issue the decrees of God, that lift up and put down and ordain the time before appointed (Dan. 4:17, 23).

Governments of man began after the flood. God chose Abraham, purposing to make a great nation of his descendants. This seemed a failure because of the sins of the nation of Israel and Judah. Since God is never defeated, it follows that the nation of Israel must again come upon the scene as world rulers. In the period that lies between the downfall and restoration of rule by God's appointed ruling nation, God sets up gentile rule.

Daniel is principally devoted to the prophetic history of this period of time, being written at its beginning, which makes it both a calendar and a control of this gentile rule.



The entire time of this gentile domination is represented by a dream vision of a great image which Nebuchadnezzar saw, but forgot. It was recovered and interpreted by the spirit of revelation given to Daniel. During this gentile age governors are often the basest of men. The judgments uttered by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others are executed, and nations destroyed.

During the most part of the image time, there is little if any controlling or judgment prophecy, nor has there been much of this class of prophecy except that recorded in the New Testament. God has permitted it mostly to disappear.

In the dream vision is described another kind of rule, which is typified by a stone cut out of the mountain, "the mountain of the Lord's house." It is not of earthly manufacture, but is a heavenly spiritual production of the church of Jesus Christ.

This stone kingdom smites the image upon its feet, utterly demolishing the image till it is like "the chaff of the summer threshing floors." This kingdom which the God of heaven sets up breaks in pieces the iron, the brass, the silver and the gold; demolishes and supercedes the image kingdoms. It becomes a great mountain that fills the whole earth—a spiritual and godly government (Dan. 2:34, 35, 44).

Again Daniel (2:44; 7:18, 22, 27) tells us, "in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom"; "The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom"; "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High." This is a description of the passing of government from the ungodly gentile dominion into the hands of a God-ordained and conducted rule.

This stone kingdom of the saints of the Most High is an aggressive kingdom. It "breaks" the great image and "takes" its place. The saints do not merely have the kingdom passed to them as a free gift; they take the kingdom and pass judgment upon the wicked predecessors.

The method and weapons by which the world kingdoms are destroyed are not gunboats, airplanes and war munitions, but the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." It is by foretelling and controlling and judgment prophecy, the wea-

pons which the prophets of old, Jesus and John the Revelator used. These mighty weapons are again coming forth in the mouths of men. Nothing can stand before them, for the "Word of God cannot be broken."

The spirit of prophecy has come forth, and men have been in divine training who will speak forth the words, not of a human dictator, but the Word of God, living and powerful. These words will shake the earth and heaven, and things that can be shaken will pass away.

"The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." "The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the full-grown sons of God." These matured sons of God are about to become powerfully operative in the prophetic work of God (Rom. 8:19, 22).



“He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear.” This is a fatal mistake being made by many. If they do not discover it soon and get into the preparation experiences, they will not be ready, but their experience will be a great disappointment. Beware! Be warned!



The dispensations, of divine ordering, have been of increasing richness. The blessings of each exceeded those of the previous one. So also of the two comings of Jesus. The first was a spiritual reformation, but the second is both spiritual and governmental, touching men everywhere. At the first the Spirit was given as an earnest; but at the second the Spirit gets possession everywhere. The highest privileges ever offered to man are now held out.

It should therefore be easily seen that experiences as preparation for such privileges would be the most severe and exacting ever required. This will be a fiery trial through which very few will be able to pass or bear up in. "Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap," or a great threshing machine.

Blow the trumpet! Sound an alarm! Awake ye, my people! The bridegroom cometh! Awake! lest He come and find thee without the wedding garment on, and the shame of thy nakedness appear. Signs are everywhere: in the lurid sky and sun; in the foaming sea; in trembling mountain and raging river; in storm and extremes, confusion and unrest of nations. Crime and wickedness are rampant. Disaster and death multiply. It is now time to awake out of sleep, for now is our final full salvation nearer than when we believed.

Brother, sister, if you cling to your old religious ways and habits, and do not get right over into the new ways of the Spirit, you will miss the new things God is about to launch. You will, when it is too late, discover yourself in the procession of the Pharisees instead of the marriage procession.

#### Another Great Danger!

High priests, priests and leaders of the Jews rejected, persecuted and crucified Jesus Christ. We think it a great sin, which we would have not shared had we been there. Yet do we know what we are doing today? Are we in line with the movements of Jesus now starting, startling and grand? We are His ministers: do we understand His present plans of operation? Are we prepared to cooperate with Him? Or do we want to tell Him what He should do?

Take for a sample the very important matter of a revival. Do you know every revival God ever promoted, man seized upon and finally drowned in the flesh? Now we live in a graveyard of revival skeletons.

Are you trying to start one on old lines? Are you lacking in revelation so that you do not know that God's plan for revival has been changed? This present divine plan will last for at least a thousand years with no dimming. It will reap the world harvest by the Son of Man with a white cloud: the greatest revival ever known.

The first act is the making of that white cloud of 144,000 harvesters, then sealing them and assembling them to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. That is where the revival is now beginning. Have we the insight and spiritual gumption to start right and keep step with the Almighty Jehovah and Jesus? Indeed! Have we? We do not know the end-time present order of the Lord as we should know it.

We are still greatly lacking in the knowledge of the will of God. Instead of some prophecy, it should be the standard. Where are the sons of God? The gifts of the Spirit, healings, etc? The true divine ecclesia? Let us repent of our lack, and obtain our portion of end-time grace.



## THE NEW DAY

The glorious new day now is dawning,  
The day of the King  
When He with mighty sword descending,  
And all His valient hosts attending,  
With shining face like lightning flashing:  
He rides a white horse.

Bright light revelation now shining  
Dispells the dark night,  
No more profess by soulish learning,  
The word of God to be proclaiming  
The Spirit's pow'r and life neglecting;  
-Thy word is the light.

The scenes of this earth disappearing—  
Advances the dawn,  
The works and ways of men are passing,  
And Satan's grasp mankind debasing,  
Christ's pow'r the dark blot is erasing  
Foregleams the new day.

From step to step comes restoration,  
The King soon returns,  
Appears the gracious revelation  
Which brings the greatest consternation,  
And gives the righteous liberation—  
Earth's thralldom gives way.

The dead awake with shout triumphant,  
The King soon descends:  
To end the night of earth's oppression  
Reduce to half each mighty nation  
His hosts with Him all dressed in linen—  
Each rides a white horse.

Chorus: The kingdom of darkness is shaking,  
The pow'rs of men are all quaking  
Christ's kingdom soon appears,  
The King in great glory descending,  
The night of earth's sorrow is ending:  
It is the new day dawn.

## 31.

## THE ONLY WAY OF ESCAPE

THE activities, events and happenings that concern this earth may be traced to one of three origins: they arise from God, or Satan or man. Often those appearing to come from man may be followed farther back to a divine, or else an evil source. We are now approaching the time when Satan's rebellion will be brought to a close; but Jehovah God has arisen and come forth in new and increasing activity to adjust earth affairs according to His plans and administration.

Daniel 9:24, 27 describes the time of the finish of transgression to bring in and settle everlasting righteousness, and to cast Satan down and end his marauding, and start man on the right road, with many accompanying events. The atonement for this purpose was at Calvary, but the fulness of experience and *consummation* is now at hand. It includes and is preceded by a *consumption*. All these together mean the most startling and sweeping revolution ever known. It will be indescribable and terrific.

Thus we are in the beginning of the time of judgment, or the consumption. During this time comes, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation,



and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Rev. 14:6, 7). Regard and worship of other gods must now end.

The destruction and banishment of Satan and his kingdom, with his agents; the doing away with man's intrusions, institutions and inventions; and the setting up of Christ's kingdom in its governmental phase: these vast, momentous and great affairs make up the Consumption, Consummation and the Revolution, or God's end-time activities.

This brings us to the consideration of the means, methods, and active administrators in this mighty upheaval or cataclysm, which is the winding up of an old order and the introduction of a new age. The sacred scriptures with their prophecies and wisdom are clear and plain on these things, if they are separated from tradition and man-made interpretations (often made by highly educated men, though ignorant of divine Holy Spirit knowledge through anointing and revelation) because of which we are the more in need of prophecy, wisdom, revelation and illumination to extricate us from the tangle we are in.

Daniel, the book of government, gives us a good beginning of an understanding in chapters two and seven. Referring to the four universal world kingdoms represented by the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he says: "In the days of these kings, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom . . . It shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms." Daniel sees these four kingdoms as four beasts. And he adds: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit (sat on a throne of justice)." "The Son of Man came to Him," to whom was given "dominion, and glory, and a kingdom."

Again he says: "The saints of the most high order shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom." "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the saints of the most high order." (7:18, 27). The words *take* and *possess* do not mean a passive receiving, but an aggressive action. The same also is said in Daniel 2:34, 44, 45: the stone kingdom "smote the image," "consumed all these kingdoms, and the wind (Spirit) carried them away."

The stone kingdom, or stone and kingdom, mentioned in Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45 and 7:14, 18, 22 and 27 is identically the same kingdom. It is given jointly to the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, and to the saints of the most high order. That "the most high order of saints" is the correct translation has been witnessed by the Spirit in a peculiar miraculous way. These facts easily identify these saints as the bride company, the manchild. The aggressive and mighty acts ascribed to these high order saints: the taking, breaking, possessing and consuming of these mighty world kingdoms is the word of the King of Kings and His mighty consort, the Lamb and His wife. No less saints could accomplish such destruction.

Now, after finding by an unusual line of discovery, this "most high order of saints," the king and queen of God's kingdom, the greatest, most illustrious and important company in all the earth, we may expect to find God's most wonderful and leading speakings and movings in connection with this company. Indeed they are outstanding in sacred history, and the doing of God today.

Jesus closed His message on the tribulation by saying, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36). Then in Revelation 14:1-5 is described a faultless, escaped, redeemed-from-among-men company, and sealed in their foreheads. None other can with them compare. They "stand before the Son of Man." They are with the Lamb, this 144,000. (See Rev. 12:5).

The manchild, or bride, "escapes"; and so, too, does the "woman." The manchild is caught up to the throne; the woman flees into the wilderness. Both "escape," but their destinies are different. But all passed through crucifixions, chastenings, refinings, etc., though each was distinctive, varying according to needed character recreation, and essentials of preparation for an appointed place and calling. You may be given a lesson and not fully master it in two or three times. If finally you make a grade of 90% on all you are given, you will be classed an overcomer and enter by intervention the bride company. Those making a grade of 75 or more will belong to the woman company, and go into the place prepared in the wilderness, try for a higher grade



and place in a later translation, yet too late for the marriage supper. These things were given me by the Lord.

I know by revelation and experience that there is a school of the Lord, taught by the Holy Spirit, where are carried on various courses and processes of experience and essential dealings, if we are to be in these groups and be translated. You may have much revelation and light. If you do not get into this school of experience and processes, you will not be in these companies, nor "escape" the tribulation. This is the one and only way. If you have light and Holy Spirit openings on these end-time preparations, and are not earnestly seeking to enter them by experience, you are deluded. You will soon awaken with a terrific shock when it is discovered these companies are gone and you are left.

These courses, processes, means and methods must be opened to you and you put into them by contacting the Lord, and that will only come to you with an earnest, diligent heart, seeking and searching after Him. It is late! No time to lose!

## 32.

### THE CLIMAX OF THE BATTLE OF THE AGES

**L**ITTLE known or understood, and engaged in by but few Christian warriors, is that vast and far-reaching conflict waged against Satan in his malicious attack upon Jesus Christ and the government of Almighty Jehovah. From before the creation until now it has never ceased. Satan gained an entrance into man's domain, and is incessant in his efforts to obtain complete control of the race and ruin them. It is his vicious hatred of God.

For the reason that man let the devil in, God would not stoop to put him out. Jehovah had already put Satan out of His own high domain. So He practically said to man, "You let him into your realm; you put him out. You lost of My power when you opened the door and let him in. Through the Lord Jesus Christ becoming a man, I will open the way for you to return to My power, and thus make you able to put him out." Assuming human nature, Jesus Christ made all possible and available. These were great steps toward routing Satan and clearing man's realm of the imposer and his associates; but a part was left for man to accomplish, and there have been many prolonged severe battles as the consummation draws near.

Great victories, mighty deliverances and extensive reformations and changes have been fought for and obtained by power-



ful warriors in faith, prayer and intercessions, so that communities, nations, peoples and vast armies have been defeated, reformed and changed. By these battles the downward tide of sin has been stayed and wonderful reformations brought about. But these battles have been fought on the earth plane, and not on the celestial. There have been uplifts for spirit and soul, and at times waves of healing for the body. At times a parcel of ground would be cleared for a time. But sin, like sassafras, sprouts up from old roots with a vicious new growth. But none of these conflicts reached Satan's seat with dethronement power.

Now comes on a battle not only for healing, but for health. Not only for health, but for eternal life for spirit, soul and body. The power of Christ's resurrection is to be displayed in men's bodies. There is to be recreation and translation. Because the times of "the redemption of the purchased possession" had not come, the translation way was not made plain, though some may have attained unknown to us.

We are now not merely to fight for a spot on earth where evil powers have no sway; but Satan and his angels and demons, with their principalities, powers and hosts of wicked spirits in the heavenlies (Eph. 5:12) are to be literally and fully defeated, dethroned and cast out of the upper air, where their headquarters under the prince of the power of the air have been; and are to be cast down to earth, the ending of his sway on earth.

In this war the battleground is constantly changing. You cannot be a successful warrior unless you know the nature and location of the enemy. Now in this the time of the end, old means, methods and attacks will not do. If you follow them you will be defeated, sometimes without your even knowing how it was done. This is the day of the Lord. He has arisen to the fray. If you get into the battle, you must know . . .

#### **The True Present Phase of the Closing Conflict**

Satan is a spirit being, having no body or earth substances; so, too, of the fallen angels associated with him. Demons and associated powers do not have material physical bodies, but they often steal their way into and obsess bodies of mankind.

Man in his earth state is under great limitations on account of a fallen earth body. Satan in his creation did not have a

material, physical body like man. For this reason man is not in a realm where he can fully and fairly cope with Satan and his forces. They are not on the same plane. Only to the extent and degree that men are made and become Spirit-filled, spiritual and guided by His Spirit can they do battle in the true battle. Thus it may be seen that man has been always at great disadvantage in the conflict with Satan and evil powers. This is one reason God had such great sympathy for the race of man.

It is now proposed by the Mighty Jehovah Himself to prepare and equip a company who shall engage with Satan and his cohorts in the realm, state and sphere where they now operate and make their headquarters. The devil was a being created and endowed with great powers vastly superior to those given man. The devil still exerts these powers, but in evil activities against God, and especially against man, because he is the creation of Jehovah, designed to fill the vacancy caused by the fall of Satan.

Out of the wreckage of fallen humanity, Jehovah is selecting, calling and organizing an army for this purpose. This company will be put through many steps of preparation, such as cleansing, testing, crucifying, recreating, washing of water by the Word, correction of character flaws, impartation of gifts and gift powers, restoration of the senses, healing of disease, weakness, infirmities and every wrong tendency. They will be without fault before the throne of God. The accuser of the brethren will be overcome and silenced by their testimony. They will be fully equipped and panoplied on a high spiritual and celestial plane, and quite a match for the devil himself. They will master him and cast him down to earth out of the lower heavenlies where he has had his headquarters for centuries. He and all his forces will be cast down to earth. Satan has held his spirit state and roamed at large for long. No celestial company of men capable of tackling him ever existed. But his end approaches. Jehovah is raising up a fully prepared army that will defeat and rout him. This will be one of the last, but not the last, battles. An understanding of these last battles of the ages would be unique, interesting and instructive, especially to those called in to the arena.

The present battle with the powers of darkness centers around the plan of the Lord to save a set of men into a partially



redeemed state, ~~and~~ saved to the uttermost, sanctified wholly and preserved blameless, spirit, soul and body. They have partaken of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. They are manifested sons of God, having their "house from heaven." That is full salvation. They are fully redeemed.

Therefore, be it known by Holy Spirit revelation, this center of battle today, the present issue is an experimental entering into the translation state, which is "receiving our house from heaven" without losing our bodies. "That ye may know what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenlies." (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; Eph. 1:9-22; 2:6)

Only such a group celestial can grapple with the situation—can meet the enemy; can put him out of the heavenly sphere—Satan and his associates and principalities. Never before existed a company capable of such a battle. But by this appointed group of overcomers in the power of God, it can and will be done. God and His "it shall be done" is with them.

The present activity of God is devoted to selecting, training, teaching, testing, developing and perfecting this conquering company. To divert Him is impossible. Nor can He be defeated, misled, or in any way prevented. If you understand, see the point: If you feel the call, get into the ranks of preparation quickly. Engage with the Holy Spirit as your teacher, corrector and conductor into the experiences of this preparation for the greatest privilege ever known to man.

This achievement, the clearing of the air (the lower heavens) from the presence and operation of Satan and his angels and powers, is one mighty step toward the entire ending of his long, malicious, terrible preying upon mankind. Thank God! It is near at hand.

## 33.

## MAN AND MIRACLE

A MIRACLE may be accurately defined as a "transgression of a law of nature by a particular volition of Deity" (Hume). It must be wrought by the intervention and exertion of divine power. It will therefore be in the celestial or heavenly realm, and by one in touch with God.

Man was himself the product of miracle-working power, and was made to live in a miracle state of divine indwelling and possession. Jehovah intended to use him by imparting to and through him divine powers of a high order.

It was a bold, daring, desperate stroke that brought the fall of man—aimed to defeat divine plans. But it was met by the most stupendous miracle and lavish display of infinite love beyond estimate! "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

It would seem that man so miraculously created and suited so perfectly to live in the miracle realm, even though fallen out of it, would highly appreciate a way and opportunity of return to the miracle realm with its lofty and valuable privileges. But to the contrary—we find him shy, incredulous, cringing, fearful and doubtful. Instead of feeling at home, he often advises, "Keep away from the supernatural."



All the works of the Christ-life, which the Father gave to the Son from the new birth and regeneration up to entering New Jerusalem, form one grand procession of miracles. True Christianity is always miraculous.

The baptism, or gift, of the Holy Spirit is a cluster of glorious miracles. It includes enduement of power, prophetic language utterance, impartation of divine nature and fruits of the Spirit. It also constitutes a beginning or introduction into the gift realm. Having received an entrance into the gifts of the Spirit, miracle impartation may continuously abound to every needed gift. "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:17). "Unto every one that hath shall be given." These gift powers extend to every trait or character formation, large or small. "Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness." (2 Tim. 3:17; Matt. 25:29; 2 Cor. 9:11)

Now in this end-time period there is coming forth a loud call from the Lord for miracle men. The many mighty works of the restoration will require men of miracle-working capacity. There is in formation a latter rain company, which is on a new and high plane of living and operation. The Lord's elevating processes by mighty miracle-working power is going to bring forth a class of highly perfected sons and daughters of the Almighty.

Some few are already passing through this particular, minute, exacting and searching process of crucifixion and re-creation. These are the foregleams of a newer, richer and fuller dispensation, even "the redemption of the purchased possession."

The gospel dispensation was one after another of startling, unexpected and sudden miracles. The sun refused to shine on the crucifixion of its Creator. Rocks rent, and a mighty earthquake convulsed nature. The Holy Spirit descended in a rushing wind; cloven tongues of fire sat on them, while they fell to preaching in unlearned languages. The heavens opened, and Jesus stood up at the stoning of Stephen. A glory flash from the face of Jesus in heaven struck His foremost persecutor on earth, instantly changing him into a humble follower and later a mighty apostle. Prison doors burst open. The dead were raised. The gospel conquered everywhere with a continuous stream of miracles.

This rich, profuse bestowal of miracles in the early ecclesia is unapproached by anything on earth, yet inspired writers tell us this is just an earnest, a pledge that there is much more to follow. There are exceeding great privileges still to be received. What then shall it be when comes "the dispensation of the fullness of times"? What of that salvation that is to be unveiled at the end of the age? What miracles will accompany "the manifestation of the sons of God"? What will happen when life swallows death?

What shall be said of the mighty events of Revelation with their incomparable scenes? When the last trumpet sounds so loud that it awakens the sleeping dead of the first resurrection the world around; when the manchild goes shouting through the skies, and Armageddon's terrible blast clears the way and gains the day—where will you be found, and what will you be doing?

Oh, brother, cast aside that theological grubbing hoe! Leave the old graveyard with its earthward tendencies! Begone forever! My soul, awake! Get ready! Prepare! Prepare! There is something doing! There is something coming! The end of the age is upon us!

The night is almost over.  
And the day is coming on:  
Christ is coming, hallelujah!







highest planes of relationship could He be at all satisfied. No plans could be agreeable to Him unless they gave to the participants in largest degree, intimacy, privilege, attainment and liberty; intimacy with his Creator and His works; privileges of association and attainment in spiritual knowledge and wisdom concerning this earth, the elements, science and the universe; and a liberty of experience, investigation and possession that will satisfy every craving that is lawful, and surpasses imagination.

"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." Away back in the receding past, before creation days, there was a meeting held by Jehovah. We may not know just who was there, but Job 38 tells us that at the meeting, when the earth was founded, "The morning stars were singing, and the angels chanted for joy" (*Moffatt*). So they must have been in the previous meeting, or conference, in which Jehovah announced His "determinate counsel," as His manner "calleth those things which be not as though they were." For this was the occasion when Jehovah said, "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times." Also He showed them names in the Lamb's book of life, and various other things connected with His great plans (Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8).

Designs, activities and offices for the uplift and again relating to his Creator cluster around and radiate from what is called in scripture *the body of Christ, the ecclesia and the bride of Christ*. The historical story of the vicissitudes of this many-membered body in its various states and appearances, from beginning to perfect form, could but be intensely interesting and fascinating. We know of nothing ever exhibited which shows so extensive an array of divine activities and attributes, as well as various human characteristics.

In the natural steps and relationships of earth life, the Creator has experimentally shown and illustrated spiritual birth and relationships, such as marriage, physical body, etc. He has made so large an effort as is said in Romans 1:8-20.

At the first appearance of the body of Christ during the New Testament times, it came forth in its best manifestation.

It was beautiful, full of divine power and soul-saving virtue. Its every motion and activity was an operation of Christ its Head: conveyed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. While it so continued, it was an irresistible divine instrument that swept everything before it.

Enemies arose against this divine order. Terrible persecutions martyred almost every active minister. This continued for many years. The upper-world company was growing almost as fast as the one below. Another enemy also arose. Natural ministry crept in, along with its educated ministry—a gradual change from a Holy Spirit, prophetic ministry to a natural one. That unique and powerful body of Christ went into an eclipse. The power waned. A natural, earthly body displaced that heavenly, spiritual body. The last was a mere automaton compared to the first: a man-controlled, human contrivance—simply human. The body of Christ has never been restored. Attempts have but partially succeeded. The automaton called "church" still supercedes.

A question often arises here: Why does Jehovah allow things to go this way? His answer is: At the present time the dispensation of free moral agency is having added to it a large measure of divine intervention; but previously the Lord has seen fit to allow Satan opportunity to show just what he would do and how malignant he is if given the opportunity, and also give to man opportunity to show how weak, helpless and wayward he is if separated from the help of God. Now that these facts are clearly displayed, there is a change in dispensation.

On account of Jehovah's purpose to expose Satan in his true character, and His willingness to give man a tryout, there has not been set up in perfection and full working the body of Christ with all its members. God is now working to bring it forth in its beauty in this dispensational overlapping period, preparatory to the consummation, which will follow. That we may get a proper view of what is at hand, and what are our privileges, and anticipate an appointed place in this "body" of many members, here is given an extensive photograph gallery of various members, taken largely from the Old Testament, which we may view through the telescope of divine illumination, without which we would not discover these pictures.



### The Body of Christ Illustrated by Man's Body

In its nature, character, mode of action, relating of parts to parts, and unity of parts in operation, the body of man is a pattern in miniature of the body of Christ, evidently so designed by its Maker for the purpose of conveying a proper understanding, and to the observing of so intricately planned and important innovation, which would change the whole trend of world affairs. It is a fact that the Lord has taken very great pains to get to the mind of man a clear understanding of His purposes.

Here may be discovered by comparison the first, most important failure in man's comprehension. There is in the human body an intricate system of fibers with a pipe-like cover, called nerves. Over these transmitters, or conductors, there passes a current, and flows a stream of invisible and physically intangible essence, or substance, conveying knowledge, understanding and sense of all occurrences in every part of the body; and also from outside, all centering and recorded in brain consciousness. This intelligent activity of the soul arises from the spirit of man. "The body without the spirit is dead" (James 2:28). When his spirit is gone, this intelligence ceases.

Similarly in the body of Christ there is an intelligent activity arising from the pervading presence of the Holy Spirit. Without the controlling impulse of the Spirit, the body of Christ is dead to God. But we have been deceived by the substitution of an automaton having an appearance, but run by impulse that is not that of the Holy Spirit. This is man's first most important failure: "O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

Another part or accompaniment of a human body is an influence, or power, that belongs to moral creatures, an atmosphere of its nature, surrounding and going with its presence. This influence, like the smell of a flower, radiates from the person. No other being has so powerful a radiation of this character as does the Lord. So overpowering is it that a creature cannot live where it is too greatly manifested. At Sinai Moses said, "I exceedingly fear and quake." The men accompanying Paul when he was struck by a glory flash from the face of Jesus Christ were speechless (Acts 9:7).

This divine, personal atmosphere Jesus said should be imparted in measure to His apostles and ministers, calling it "endowment of power from on high" (Luke 24:49). However, this invisible, overmastering endowment is so delicate, refined and vanishing, it easily and unconsciously slips away. To be retained in its fulness, it necessitates a close, humble walk and intimate relationship with the Lord; and that most are not willing or able to attain or retain.

The headship of Jesus Christ is beautifully exemplified in the human body. The consciousness, intelligence and activity arise in the mind. Yet the fact originating the thing occurs in the hand, tongue or other member. The hand or other members appear to be the perfection of intelligence, though having no faculty of intelligence of itself. So in Christ Jesus "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," "Who giveth to all men liberally." This shows intimate union between Christ the head and members of His body.

Travail is a name given to the exertions and pains of childbirth. Spiritual exercises for bringing forth spiritual conditions have the same name and the same nature of action and feelings. Intercession by the Spirit is also very similar in action to natural intercession, though differing in source and power. Prayer in the Spirit is also similar to natural supplication, only the former is by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Various members acting together to attain a desired result is a fine comparison in natural body and the body of Christ. Going somewhere, the will decides whither, eyes see the path, hand for the doorknob, arm for the hand, and various members of limbs and feet for walking. Consciousness combines the whole. An ear hears the invitation, and a voice says, Coming; smell catches the fragrance of the flower by the way. All are grouped in one purpose. Arriving at a spiritual gathering, two prayers in unison by the Spirit are followed by singing of the congregation in the Spirit with the same theme. Then prophecy: the same theme bursts forth. Then follows acting prophecy, which falls on three who still keep the same theme and spirit: many members in one grand spiritual body act.

Many instances might be cited. Take these two: Missionaries on a hike in Africa spent a tempestuous night of toil and



anxiety. A group of Christians in Ohio spent the same night in prayer, deeply burdened in spirit for their safety or deliverance. In a time of persecution, as recorded in Acts 4:23-30, is a prayer prayed in one voice with one accord by a very large congregation. Probably several hundred were made to say the same prayer in concert, by the Spirit: "Oh Jehovah, how manifold are Thy works."

#### Members in Particular

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ" (1 Cor. 12:27). Viewed in its various aspects, it is given different names. He and His members are "Christ," and the body of Christ: "Members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones"; "I am the Vine, ye are the branches" (as to oneness in substance and essence); "God's husbandry" (divine cultivator); "God's building" (God's builder); "Temple of God" (a place of divine worship); "Household of God"; "A Great House"; "Ecclesia" (a company of called-out, free men). See John 15:5; Eph. 2:19; 5:30; 1 Cor. 3:9; 6:19.

Now for the inward construction of the body of Christ: As to its foundation, it is "built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone." These apostles and prophets include the fuller classification: "He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." All these ministries are prophetic. There are no natural ministries in the body of Christ. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same." "If any man speak, let him speak as the word of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth." Where prophecy and God-given ministry are not in operation, the body of Christ is not manifest. "God set the members in the body." They are spiritual and Spirit operated. They are supernatural gifts, and cannot be naturally operated by the will of man. The magnetic life-power in the human nerve system is a type of the power of God in the body of Christ. Human magnetism, and no other, can traverse and operate human nerves. Likewise, only that divine power of Christ can operate the body of Christ. Beware of an imitating automaton.

"God hath set the members in the body," not in arbitrary pleasure, but in the pleasure of divine wisdom. Giving to "every man according to his several ability." This ability may be increased by diligence with what has been given: "Unto every one that hath shall be given" (Matt. 25:15, 29).

This is a basic, fundamental fact: the body of Christ and the ecclesia are built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, including Jesus, who always spoke the Word—He was the Word. There is no body of Christ without the supernatural word of prophecy. This may seem a strong position, and rather advanced; but we are going to have to come to it. Our natural ministries hold back the power of God. Natural teachers are ruining us. The Lord demands that His end-time messages, ministries and works shall be in His power of prophecy. Less He will not accept. The power of God has to come forth in a new and mighty way, which it cannot through a natural ministry. We are up against the movings of God as we have not hitherto seen. It is tremendous, terrific, searching: "a new creation," suitable to bring forth a ministry of prophecy in all its various phases is about to come forth.

Whatever might have been the fulness of the divine plans for the "body" in New Testament times, and however it may have fallen short, we are now facing the consummation. The end-time design is a "new creation" that is not "circumcised in the flesh," but "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ."

Standards of privilege long trailed in the dust of human concept are to be raised high to a proper idea and experience of real *full salvation*.

God made apostles panoplied with Spirit gifts of prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, governmental wisdom and all essential gifts and powers. Again God will set them in their proper place in the body.

Having been commissioned by God like Samuel, Elijah, Daniel and Jeremiah, they will work the works of God as of old. "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root



out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Men of this class have many times turned the tide of the race back toward God. (See 1 Sam. 10:1; 1 Kings 19:16, 17; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 4:9.)

Then, too, there will arise a group of "teachers" endowed with Holy Spirit gifts and powers of prophecy and wisdom who will say with 1 Samuel 12:23, "I will teach you the good and the right way."

Also there is coming a glorious company of intercessor prophets to fill the gap and roll back the tide of evil, and to hold the people before the Lord. Jehovah was greatly comforted in the olden times by this class. (See Ex. 32:10-14; 1 Sam. 12:23; Ps. 106:23; Isa. 59:16; Jer. 15:1; Ezek. 14:14; Ezek. 22:30; Dan. 9:3.)

The foretelling prophets will be a prominent group. To them Jehovah "revealeth His secrets," so that they write out the future programs of events. These will be both of glorious events among the righteous, and of judgment and wrath upon the incorrigible. These are not merely gifts, but set into their proper place in the body as prophets.

There will be specially commissioned prophets. David was one of these. He was the minister of "worship," writer of Psalms and a musician. He also received the blueprint specifications of the construction of the temple in writing (1 Chron. 28:12, 19). Bezaleel and associates are examples of prophetic mechanical skill. We think we are great inventors. True, but wait till the Lord by the Holy Spirit open the secrets of nature: automobiles will be accident proof; locomotives easily and safely run 100 more miles an hour; aeroplanes fly without crashing; nature yields up her chemical secrets for man's enrichment. There is to be something doing by the Great God. Earth's treasures (chemical, mineral, productive, scientific, astronomic, educational and literary), far exceeding present thought, will be opened, while what the Lord has in store spiritually will be unfolded. All glory be to God! (Ex. 31:1ff; 1 Cor. 2:9)

Thus far is a vision in brief of the body of Christ, as it is beginning its formation in the plan of God in this end-time period.

## The Sequel

To see what is the result—the consummation—of all this, we go to Revelation eleven and twelve. We should remember this book is a panorama of the most elevated and sublime imagery, which originated in the mind of God, was given to Jesus and "signified," that is, made known by signs, to John. It should be approached in a most humble self-distrust, relying upon the Lord alone. These chapters begin with measuring the temple of God and its worshippers, which can be nothing else but the body of Christ, which we have been viewing. It has reached a state where it is ready for action.

It comes forth in five groups. The last one is the *remnant*, who suffer the dragon's persecutions. The previous one is the *manchild* who, though spoken of as one, is a group of many, who are to rule the nations. The *woman* is the travailing ecclesia; she is said to be a great wonder, or sign, in the heavenly sphere. The manchild, on the way to the throne of God, contacts Satan at his seat. A battle follows, and Satan is cast out of the air and down to earth. This is the first company that ever were able to do the like. The woman company escapes to a prepared place in the wilderness for safety and schooling. These three groups are, I believe, parts of the temple worshippers in Revelation 11:1.

Two other groups are the *two candlesticks* and the *two olive trees*, or *two witnesses* of chapter eleven. Jesus himself told John that candlesticks meant *ecclesias*. They do not mean individuals. It is commonly taught that when the whole church is caught up to meet the Lord and become His bride, the Holy Spirit will be taken away from the earth. This is an infamous, unscriptural lie. But Satan would like it so. He has tried hard to make it so. God never has, and never will, give Satan possession of this world. Very few in the so-called churches are at all fit to be in the bride.

Quite the opposite of giving the world over to Satan, these two candlesticks are so anointed, empowered and brought up into the celestial state that Satan cannot harm them. And they have great power to smite the earth with all plagues. They are a terrible annoyance to Satan and his antichrist, for they plague them and their followers with God's judgments. When their



work is done, they are allowed to be killed, but not buried. After three and one-half days, life from God resurrects them; a great voice says, "Come up hither," and their enemies see them go up. Thus these parts of the body of Christ vanquish Satan in the heavenly realm and on earth. So great defeats he never suffered by man's instrumentality. These are beginnings of his end in the bottomless pit.

As Eliezer, servant of Abraham, went a long journey to Haran to get Isaac a wife, so the Holy Spirit, active God on earth, "did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." This, the obtaining of a bride for the Son, Jesus Christ, is the long-cherished object of the Father. This is the consummation, or completion of all divine plans, during past ages and in present times.

This is the bride of Christ: the Lamb's wife, His consort, and His love-mate in affectionate union, communion, fellowship, mutual understanding and relationship in activity. In this many-membered body there will be heart members who will intimately share in travail and heart anguish that which will be needed to bring the millennium nations back to God and up to His standard of re-creation and righteousness and translation life, according to "the everlasting gospel" then to be preached.

Then, too; there will be a variety of prophets of various capacity and office: proclaimers of the "everlasting gospel" now beginning announcement (Rev. 14:16); announcers of coming events: teachers in prophecy and wisdom and knowledge; teachers of mechanical and invention contrivances and all kinds of natural wit and wisdom. The Holy Spirit "shall teach you all things"; He will guide you into all truth. That divorcing and separating of business and labor from the service of God did not originate with God. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." "Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Moffatt says, "Maintain honorable occupations" (Titus 3:8). Nations will no more learn war, but will be taught arts, sciences, skills and secrets of nature (Isa. 2:4; Hos. 2:18-23).

Now for a look at the governmental men, of whom there will be many. There will be some trustworthy overcomers who will be given the care of the Lamb's book of life and other im-

portant books, which being the Lord's He will have with Him. Then there will be scribes and recorders, many of them, to keep records of events, decisions, prophecies and many things. Governors, overseers and kings over cities, tribes and nations will be a large number (Lu. 19:17; Rev. 21:24).

It might require a thousand specialists in spiritual teachings, science, art, music, astronomy, electricity and all the many lines the nations need to be taught. Time would fail to describe all the ministries of this group. What if my name, or yours, should be left out. Make your calling and election sure.

These do not return to be dwellers in the earth realm. They abide in the redeemed, glorified heavenly state; yet they have access to earth nations, to minister to them life and righteousness, and uplift the celestial state.

John says an angel came to him saying, "Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God" (Rev. 21:9, 10).

This is in brief the story of the body of Christ and the bride up to the consummation; through its marvelous millennial history is future and yet untold. Oh, my heart, shall I be made to share such bliss? It is glory to be given to write about, even.







Early rain accompanies seed sowing, but latter rain prepares the harvest and ministers preparation for the kingdom. There are at least three principal phases to Christ's coming. First, He comes to His temple, or chosen people in the latter rain outpourings. This is climaxed by the second appearing to those who look for Him, changing them into His glorious image—to look like Him. Then the third, the outward visible coming, when He takes possession of the whole world.

Now we are ready to consider the latter rain. First, it is not exactly the same as the early or former rain. The implements of the Lord in His visitations are likened to fuller's soap, refiner's fire, a threshing machine and an examiner's scourge. As modern machinery and methods excel the ancient, even so the latter rain is more exacting than the former.

This is a process, the various parts of which are a consumption or crucifixion of earthward tendencies, circumcision of undesirable traits, chastening to make fit to receive, testing, trying, proving, re-creating, making mature and perfect, until presentable, without fault, before the throne of God.

The various individuals, incidents and circumstances through which these are brought about may seem to be by earth design, but they are divinely ordered. Who may abide them? Who can stand them? Those who go through them all become overcomers and gain overcomer privileges. Too hard? By intervention of grace He will enable all who choose. "Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through."

Latter rain, accompanied by early rain enduements, will restore the sons of God and ecclesia fulness. This will bring forth a race, or class of men equalling and excelling original creation's design. Out of this class will be selected the overcomers to the bride of Christ.

Besides all this and the high calling, Paul prays for the Ephesians that they may receive, "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation," and know the exceeding greatness of the resurrection power of Christ, which Peter says is "an inheritance imperishable, undefiled and unfading, ready to be unveiled at the end of the age" (1 Pet. 1:5, *Weymouth*).

Coupled with these high possibilities, the privilege of becoming an overcomer makes the largest opportunity ever presented to servants of Christ. Let the wise consider.