

I Am Faith

I am the power that brightens the path of life never visible to the human eye, but ever present in the hearts of God-linked men.

I am the Father of countless achievements, the Foe of procrastination—the implement of Victory.

No figure more glorious than my shapeless form, none more attractive, none more reassuring.

Born of need and fed upon the murky shades of despair. I have infused more hopes, freed the stifled ambitions and mended more shattered Ideals than history could record.

Men surrounded by cowardice and fear I have transformed into capable and heroic factors.

I have placed the weapon of Victory into the hands of battle-scarred warriors and led them into the valleys of the darkest Sin, only to bring such into perpetual triumph, to give fearlessness for timidity.

I have a multiplicity of disguises, I masquerade as Trust, I am sometimes known as Belief, and whatever the appellation I am still Faith, the infinite substance that smashes pessimism into a thousand million pieces.

Mine is the hopeful Voice that steals into the ears of him who would attempt, and with the increasing pervasion, "It can be done", startles him into vital action for the mission of a worthy purpose.

I have no enemy but one: his name is Unbelief. He quails before my person. When I speak, the tremblings reverberate through the highest Heavens, the deepest Hell, the widest Earth. I have no power save that which human heart would give and God would sanction—then, I excel, I am revealed, I cleave the way, I lead.

I am the staff upon which the Ancients leant and the present Sons of Men have yet to prove, for I am everything—I am Faith.

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The Word of God

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His name is called the Word of God. "Out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations." This important and powerful name belongs to the Son of God. He is so called for He is the eternal beginning of all creation. "By the Word of God the heavens were of old." "The worlds were framed by the Word of God." 2 Pet. 3:5, Heb. 11:3, Jno. 1:1-3, Rev. 19:13.

He is the only begotten Son ever proceeding

from the Father, the creative life-giving Word. When He speaks all creation springs into action to create, perform and fulfill His fiat. "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." Psa. 33:6, Psa. 29:3-10.

At each revelation of the Son, He appears as the speaking Word of God. At the creation, "He spake and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast." At His revelation as Jesus the Christ, "The Word was made flesh." "His Word was with power." He was a Prophet. After His resurrection, He still spoke by the Spirit the all-powerful Word. When He returns to earth on a white horse, He is called the Word of God. In His mouth is the sharp sword of the Spirit. Psa. 33:9; Gen. 1:1,2; Jno. 1:14.

Man operates principally with his hands. But God works always with His Word, which has power to accomplish that whereunto He sent it. Isa. 55:11.

In the intimate relations God would enter into with man, He works by His Word. When Jehovah's converse with man in the cool of the day in Eden was broken off by man's fear and inability to face God, there was a lamentable separation. But God would still communicate with His pitiable creatures. He, therefore, invented a wise and beautiful plan. Choosing men adapted to his purpose, he put them through suitable schooling and preparation. He then put the Holy Spirit upon them, and put his own Word in their mouths. Thus was man lifted up to operate through the Spirit in the realm and in the way that the Creator Himself operates. What a great miracle! This prophecy or supernatural speaking the Word of God by the mouth of prophets had the authority of the Word spoken by God's own mouth. Jer. 1:9.

In ancient times only God-chosen men received the Spirit and prophecy. In this Spirit dispensation it is said, "I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them. Acts 2:7; Num. 11:29.

In this the Spirit or Church Age, the true Church is a supernatural institution. It is founded on Jesus Christ, apostles and prophets. It cannot properly function without prophecy and the prophetic gifts. Since Christ, its Head is a supernatural God-man, His rule must

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You Must Read This Letter

Otherwise you will miss a blessing

(It comes from a dear saint, seventy-six years old, who for Christ's sake had learned to distinguish the difference between the verbs "to need" and "to want." Missionary work would not suffer as it does in many lands if all God's people learned the same lesson.)

"His name shall be called Wonderful:" On the fourteenth of February my granddaughter sent me a valentine with a check for \$5.00 which I was to spend for extras; so one day I thought I would go down and if I saw anything that I wanted that was a real extra, I would spend some of the money.

"My first temptation was for some delicious frosted cakes and some molasses gingersnaps in the window of the caterer's shop, but I refused to buy either one or the other. The next want was some expensive soap (one of my weaknesses). I said, No, Lord Jesus, I have enough cheaper soap at home that agrees with my skin, and you shall have the money for your extras."

"But I thought I might buy a cineraria plant, one of God's thoughts for our pleasure, and I could enjoy it for so long a time. That I also refused. Soon I came to a store where they had 'from the nest to you eggs'; I thought they might taste a little better than those I had from my grocer, but I did not even buy those. My next temptation was a large can of R & R chicken. Even that was refused, but - the last want was a real temptation. It was at the window of 'Witheralls Glass House' where I saw them making candy. Oh, the delicious large and white mints! I am so fond of them; they just melt in your mouth. I turned away and as I walked home, I told my precious Lord Jesus that He should have the money, as He provided enough wholesome food for my needs each day, and we would have that as a dear secret between us—His extras should be my extras. I knew by the joy that came into my heart that He was pleased with my little sacrificing.

"Now for the wonderful part of it all, where He is glorified. My birthday, the twenty-seventh, was a fair day. After spending the first hour as usual with my Lord and thanking Him for His loving care during all my seventy-six years, I went downstairs to prepare my all-alone breakfast. The door bell rang. There I found a young man with a large frosted birthday cake from his wife and her mother. Again I answered the bell and this time found the florist with a cineraria full of lovely blue

blossoms. Just as I had finished eating my breakfast, a friend came in at the side door. She had a box for me containing three large cakes of 'Old English Lavender' soap. (I am very partial to a certain shade of lavender, but she did not know that.) The bell rang again, another friend had called bringing me six large brown eggs 'from the nest to me.' I like the brown ones when I have my choice. By that time I was getting teary, 'my cup was running over'. Oh, praise the Lord!

I was to spend the day with my sister in another town. Oh, of course I told them there all about it. While there one of my nieces took another niece and me for an auto ride. We stopped at a friend's and I was asked to tell the story to her and her husband for their encouragement. They saw God the loving Father's hand in it all, and He was glorified. When I arrived home that night I went to my ice chest in the back hall and there I found a can of the large size R.&R. chicken. My friend came in the side door, and, not finding me home, put it in the ice chest. The next day another friend brought me a box of "Witheralls Glass House" large pink and white mints, which were for my birthday, although she said she was rather late (not too late to carry out my Lord's plan). I felt like David did, ready to dance because he was bringing back the ark, but mine was the revelation of God himself. Sunday afternoon I went to the C.&M. Alliance meeting. A friend who always sits beside me there gave me a box, and on opening it after I got home, I found it full of homemade molasses ginger snaps—not one thing had my loving heavenly Father forgotten.

"Oh, the name just expresses what He is—Wonderful!"

[Triumphs of Faith]

THE WORD OF GOD

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be by the working of the Holy Ghost in the prophetic gifts and powers. Any so called church that does not so operate does not have Christ as its head; and is not a Church on a Scriptural basis. It is man's substitute.

"God gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." Eph. 2:20; Eph. 1:22,23.

(To be continued.)

Pure revival is Divine power in full operation minus sin or Satan.