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INTRODUCTION

Smith Wigglesworth is intriguing for many reasons.

His story is a most welcoming invitation to all Christ-followers, regardless of their perceived limitations or inadequacies, to press in to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The cry of Jesus resounds to this day,

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’” (John 7:37-38 ESV).

Who’s qualified to carry and release the *living water* of Holy Spirit?
Whoever believes in me.

Wigglesworth was an illiterate plumber. By natural standards, there were plenty of odds stacked against him. He should have been disqualified from leaving the history-making legacy he did. And yet, his limitations didn’t define him. His education (or lack thereof) didn’t disqualify him. He was not qualified by any one gift, talent, or ability; it was the Presence of *SomeOne*.

So, it is with much excitement and expectation that we proudly present to you *Manifesting the Power of God*. This book, featuring previously unpublished content from Smith Wigglesworth, is the invitation of God to “whosoever will.” *Will what?* Hunger and thirst to experience the fullness of the Spirit of God resting *upon* their lives in supernatural power.

The problem is, many Spirit-filled people fail to walk in the fullness of the Spirit, not because of unwillingness, but because few have been given a glimpse or taste of what’s truly available. In the following chapters, prepare to get a taste of what’s available for your hungry heart.

In spite of so many advances that have been made over the last hundred years especially—since the Azusa Street Revival of 1906—the “Pentecostal” experience has been often handled with care and trepidation. At worst, it has been rejected as absolute heresy. At best, in many churches, the encounter, the fire, and the power have been exchanged for a statement of faith. *What We Believe* is a great place to start when the anticipated follow-through is *walking out* what we claim to believe.

So here is your invitation: in order to walk out the dynamic Kingdom lifestyle that Jesus made available—marked by the manifest presence of God, signs, wonders, miracles, and the full operation of spiritual gifts—you need to first hunger for a lifestyle of ongoing encounter with the Holy Spirit. There are no shortcuts to living a life saturated in the anointing, nor are there

formulas. The most powerful ones in public are the most intimate ones with God in private. Charlatans and fakes can only maintain the charade for so long. The ones who truly shake nations are those who live, ever shaken and ever awed by the One who called them *out of darkness* and filled them with His priceless Spirit.

This book also features unique segments in each chapter. You will notice sections entitled *Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues*. These were short messages given prophetically to Wigglesworth, during his messages, and have been shared in print for your inspiration. The same Spirit that rested upon Smith Wigglesworth and gave him the unction to prophesy is available for you today.

May the same Holy Spirit who rested upon Smith Wigglesworth in power and anointing summon you into new dimensions of encounter in His Presence!

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CHAPTER 1

YOUR INVITATION INTO THE FULLNESS OF GOD

When the Spirit of the Lord is upon us we impart not words, but life. Words are only that you may understand what the Word is, but the Word is really life-giving. So when we are covered with the Spirit we are imparting life.

Every time we get up, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we impart life. If you are ready to receive it, it is amazing how it will quicken your mortal body every time you touch this life. It is divine life. It is the life of the Son of God.

I want to lay down a foundation on why Jesus emphasized the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how to receive the baptism, and the cause of the baptism, because Jesus expressed all these things to His disciples. I want to dwell on this to get you to a real foundation for the baptism truth so that you will never wait before God without a clear understanding of what the baptism is for, what you are waiting for, etc.

To begin with, we find a remarkable word in Matthew 3:11:

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

The expression of a man who was so filled with the Spirit of God that his very voice became an active process of a divine flame that moved the whole of creation of that day. From east to west and north to south he spoke by the power of the Holy Ghost till people gathered at Jordan in multitudes, drawn by this voice of one crying in the Spirit. What a remarkable word he gave!

When we are covered with the Spirit we are imparting life.

Most of us have seen water baptism in action so often that we know what it means. But if I could only get you to see that that form of baptism covering you is the very great desire of God that you should be so immersed and covered and flooded with the light and revelation of the Holy Ghost, the third Person of the Trinity, that it shall be filling your whole body. And not only filling but overcovering you till you walk in the presence of the power of God.

O Jesus, let it come to pass that we never do anything in our own strength, but that all we do shall be done to the glory of the Lord! We cannot stop there. That was the first breath of revelation of what should take place for individuals—yes, and communities—yes, and the world.

Interpretation of Tongues

God's life for your life, His light for your darkness, His revelation for your closed brain. He brings forth a new order in divine power till thou shalt be changed into another man, till the very nature of thee shall be burning with a burning in thee of divine purifying, till thou art like one who has come from the presence of the glory to exhibit truths that God has revealed to thee. In thy lot, in thy day, the power of another covering girding thee with the power of truth.

COME THIRSTY

Turn now to John 7:37–39:

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried,

saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus saw all the people, and He had not only a great heart of scrutinizing inwardly to be able to unfold, He saw things at a glance. He took the situation all in a moment. He knew when the people were about to famish and die by the wayside and supplied all their need. We must not forget that He was filled with the Holy Ghost. He was lovely because He was full of divine inflow of the life of God. Look how He deals with this thing. He saw the people who had been at Jerusalem at the feast, and they were coming back dissatisfied. My Lord could not have anybody dissatisfied. My Lord could never be satisfied when anybody was dissatisfied. It is not in the canon of history of the spiritual fellowship between heaven and earth that you shall be famished, naked, full of discord, full of evil, full of disorder, full of sensuality, full of carnalities.

That is what was taking place at the feast, and they came away hungrier than they were. Jesus saw them like that and He said: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. Come, ye thirsty to me and I will give you drink."

Oh! The Master could give. The Master had it to give! Beloved, He is here to give now, and I am sure He will give.

Interpretation of Tongues

God first, last, Alpha, Omega, beginning, and end. He is at the root of all things. He will disturb that which needs to be disturbed. He will unfold that which needs to be unfolded. He will turn to death that which needs to be broken and put to death. He will put a spring within thee and lift thee to Life. God will deal with thee in mercy but in severity, because all divine love is a sword and divides asunder soul and spirit, joint and marrow, and deals with the inward desires of the heart.

Yes, all the heavy hand of God is full of mercy. All the two-edged sword is full of dividing. All His quickening Spirit puts everything that needs to be dead, dead, that He might transform thee by the resurrection of His life.

And this is the order of the Spirit. Can't you see how He says, "Come, thirsty; come, needy; I will give you a drink that shall create a thirst in you that shall prepare you for the coming of the Holy Ghost, that shall make that spring that I give you a river of living water."

I refuse to be an ordinary man. You say, “Why do you?” Because I have an extraordinary God who makes extraordinary people.

Which have you got? Have you the spring or the river? The spring is good because it has the same kind of water as the river. But the plentifulness is the river, and the Holy Ghost is the river. That is the reason why Jesus was portraying, forecasting, sending out these wonderful words that He might prepare the people for all the fullness that had to come on.

YOUR EXTRAORDINARY GOD

I want you to go away from these readings just infused. Make up your mind that you won't be ordinary. You have an extraordinary God, with revelation. Be determined that you won't go away as you came, but you will go away endued, imbued with the living touch of the flame of the Master's torch.

I refuse to be an ordinary man. You say, “Why do you?” Because I have an extraordinary God who makes extraordinary people, and it is between believing God's plan and not.

When we speak this way, we are at the root of the matter that can bring forth anything. Because Abram believed God, every person is blessed today through faithful Abraham. He was an extraordinary man on faith. He believed God in the face of everything.

You would like to be extraordinary, wouldn't you? You who have been longing for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and every day you have been waiting and tarrying; if you have got to a place of believing, you have got to a place where you have become extraordinary.

Interpretation of Tongues

The peace that comes from above is always full of purity and life giving, and it never brings destruction to anyone. And the wisdom is on the same line. And all purification on every line never disturbs you. It is only that which is earthly which disturbs you. You cannot be disturbed by a heavenly breath. God is with us on a heavenly breath, and in that action you cannot be disturbed. If you are disturbed from this day, know it is an earthly thing that is disturbing you.

INVITED INTO THE GREATER WORKS

Now I want to open out the fourteenth chapter of John. It is the Master's word. It is the Master's desire. He has just said to them in the twelfth verse, "Greater things than these shall he do." Why was His prospective so full? Because He had admiration before Him. Jesus had great admiration before Him when He saw the disciples. He knew He had the material that would bring out that which would prove to the world a real satisfaction—to heaven and to the world.

Those glorified, exercised, wonderfully modified, and then glorified positions of these fishermen were surely ideal places. What were they? Unlearned, in one place. (Not that I am going to build on an unlearned position.) Ignorant men in another place (not that I am going to build on that). But look—they were unlearned, but God taught them. It is far better to have the learning of the Spirit than anything else. They were ignorant. He enlarged them. They were beside themselves because they had been touched with the divine life. If the Most High God touches you, you will be beside yourself. As long as you hold your own, the natural and the spiritual will be mixed. But if ever you jump over the traces by the power of the new creation, you will find He has got hold of you.

Divine wisdom will never make you foolish. Divine wisdom will give you a sound mind. Divine wisdom will give you a touch of divine nature. Divine life is full of divine appointment and equipment, and you cannot be filled with the power of God without a manifestation. I would to God today that we understood to be filled with the Holy Ghost is to be filled with manifestation, the glory of the Lord being in the midst of us, manifesting His divine power.

Divine wisdom will never make you foolish.

Jesus knew that these people He had before Him were going to do greater things than He had done. How could they do it? None of us is able. None of us is capable. But our incapability has to be clothed with His divine ability, and our helplessness has to be filled with His power of helpfulness. This is why He knew.

He knew He was going away and that if He went away it was expedient, it was necessary, it was important that another came in His place and took up the same thing in them as He had been telling them: "I in you and you in Me." There was a plan of divine order. So the Holy Ghost was to come.

WHEN THE COMFORTER COMES

I want you to see what has to take place when He does come:

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you (John 14:16–18).

I don't know a word that could be so fitting at this time as this word "Comforter." I want to take you with me into the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus ascended. When He ascended, He prayed the Father that He would send the Comforter. A needy moment, a needy hour, a necessity. Why?

Because the disciples would want comforting.

How can they be comforted? By taking the word of Christ and revealing it unto them. What could help them so much as a word by the Spirit? For the Spirit is breath, is life, is person, is power, the breath of Himself to us, the nature of Him. How beautiful that the Spirit when He came should be the Spirit of Truth! Oh, if we would only read that into our hearts!

Some people have said when the Holy Ghost came, "Could it be an evil power, or could an evil power possess us when we were waiting for the Holy Ghost?" Why brother, when you receive the Holy Ghost, you receive the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of revelation, the Spirit that takes the words of Jesus and makes them life to you. In the needy moment He is the Comforter.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL DO

What will the Holy Ghost do? The Holy Ghost is *prophetic*. "Be of good cheer. Live in peace. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." You say that is what Jesus said. It is what the Holy Ghost is taking and revealing to us and speaking to us. The Holy Ghost is the spokesman in these days. The Holy Ghost came to be the spokesman, and He spoke the Word. He is still taking the Word and speaking it.

The Holy Ghost takes the words of Jesus, and He is so full of truth that He never puts anything to it. He gives you the unadulterated Word of truth, of life. "He takes of mine and reveals it unto you." What is His? "I am the light of the world." He came not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him should be saved.

The Holy Ghost takes the words of Jesus, and He is so full of truth

**that He never puts anything to it. He gives you the unadulterated
Word of truth, of life.**

The Holy Ghost takes these words and gives them to you. Here are words of the Master, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will.” Who is speaking? The Holy Ghost in the last days, the Spirit of Truth bringing forth the Word of life. “I will give you rest.” Rest? Oh, there is no rest like it! It can come when you are in the most tried moment. When my dear wife was lying dead, the doctors could do nothing. They said to me, “She is done. We cannot help you.”

My heart was so moved and I said, “O God, I can’t spare her!” I went up to her and I said, “Oh, come back! Come back and speak to me. Come back, come back!” And the Spirit of the Lord moved and she came back and smiled again.

Then the Holy Ghost said to me, “She is mine. Her work is done. She is mine.”

Oh, the comforting word! No one else could have done it, but the Comforter came. From that moment my dear wife passed out. Ah, beloved, it is true to me the Comforter has a word for us this day. He is the Comforter. There is only one Comforter and He has been with the Father from the beginning. He never comes only to give light. The Holy Ghost, when He comes into your body, is come to unveil the King, to assure you of His presence. The person who says, “I am ready for anything,” will never get it.

**When the Lord reveals unto you that you must be filled with the
Holy Ghost, seek only that one thing and God will give you that one
thing.**

“What are you seeking, my brother?”

“Oh, I am ready for anything.”

“You will never get anything.”

“Oh! Well, tell me how to get it.”

“*One thing* have I desired and that will I seek after.”

When the Lord reveals unto you that you must be filled with the Holy Ghost, seek only that one thing and God will give you that one thing. It is necessary for you to seek one thing first.

CHAPTER 2

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES

I went to two young men in a meeting one day and said to them, “Young men, what about it?”

They had just passed through their degrees, and beautiful young men they were.

“Oh!” they said, “We don’t believe in it the same as you do. We don’t believe in receiving the Holy Ghost as those people do.”

There was a crowd of people tarrying at the front.

“You are dressed up as you would like to have it,” I said. “You are dressed like preachers. And seeing you are dressed like preachers, it is a pity for you to have the dress with the Presence.”

“Well, we don’t believe it that way,” they said.

“But look,” I said, “the apostles believed it in that way. Wouldn’t you like to be an apostle? Wouldn’t you like to go on the same line as they? They believed it that way.”

A BAPTISM LIKE AT PENTECOST

Never you forget, the baptism will always be as it was in the beginning. It has not changed. If you want a real baptism, expect it just the same as they had it at the beginning.

“What had they at the beginning?” you ask.

Well, they knew they had the same as they had at the beginning for they heard them speak in tongues, and that is the only way they did know, because they heard them saying the same things in the Spirit as they said at the beginning. It has never been changed. It has always been the same right down. As it was in the beginning, so shall it be forever and ever.

There is an ordination that is better, and it is the ordination with the King. This is the only ordination that is going to fit you people for the future.

When these two young men realized that Peter and John and the rest of

them had it, they walked up. They were beautifully dressed. In about half an hour's time they looked strange. They had been rolling, somehow; I had not caused them to do it. But they had been so lost and so controlled by the power of God that they were just rolling all over and their clothes were changed, but their faces were wonderful.

What was up? They got it just as they got it at the beginning. They had been ordained by men—I do not say anything against that, I think it is very good—but there is an ordination that is better, and it is the ordination with the King. This is the only ordination that is going to fit you people for the future. The King is already on His throne, but He wants crowning, and when the Holy Ghost comes He crowns the King inside.

The person who has passed through that ordination goes forth with fresh feet, the preparation of the Gospel; goes with a fresh voice, speaks as the Spirit gives utterance; goes with a fresh mind, the mind being illuminated by the power of God. He goes forth with a fresh vision and sees all things new.

When He comes, He shall reveal things unto you. Has He revealed them yet? He is going to do it. Only expect Him to do. The best thing for you is to expect Him to do it now.

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES, HE BRINGS HOLY DISORDER

Put up with any disorder you like when you are coming through into the baptism. You can have the biggest time on earth if I am there. You can scream as much as you like. Some people are frightened.

A woman came to me in Switzerland after I had helped her and asked to speak to me further. “Now that I feel I am healed,” she said, “and that terrible carnal passion which has bound and fettered me is done, I feel that I have a new mind. I believe I would like to receive the Holy Ghost, but when I hear these people screaming, I feel like running away.”

After that we were at another meeting in Switzerland, where a great hotel was joined to the building. At the close of one of the morning services the power of God fell—that is all I can call it, the power of God fell. This poor, timid creature who couldn't bear to hear anybody scream screamed so loud that all the waiters out in this big hotel came out with their aprons on and their trays to see what was up. Nothing especially was “up.” Something had come “down” and had so altered the situation that this woman could stand anything after that.

When God begins dealing with you on the baptism, He begins on this line: He starts with the things which are the most difficult, He starts with your human nature, He starts with your fear. He gets the fear away, gets the

human nature out of place, and just as you dissolve, just as the power of the Spirit brings a dissolving to your human nature, in the same act the Holy Ghost flows into the place where you are being dissolved, and you are quickened just where you come into death. And as you die naturally, humanly, carnally, selfishly, of every evil thing, the new life, the Holy Ghost, floods the whole case till it becomes a transformed case.

No man can tame the tongue, but when the Holy Ghost begins, He tames the whole body till the tongue, moved by the power of the Spirit, till it says things exactly as the Lord would be delighted for them to be said. The Holy Ghost is the Comforter. The Holy Ghost takes the necessary word at the right time and gives you it. After the Holy Ghost takes charge of you, He is the Comforter to bring thought and language to your life, and it is amazing.

If we get to the place where we take no thought for ourselves, then God takes thought for us. But as long as we are taking thought for ourselves, we are somewhat hindered in this divine order with God. Taking no thought for yourself, no desire for your human self, not seeking anything for your human order but that God shall be glorified in your body and spirit and that He shall be the chief worker on every line—this is divine appointment. This is holy order.

THE SPIRIT BRINGS HOLY ORDER TO YOUR LIFE

There is a holy order. There are sects today which use this name, but the only holy order is where God has got so through with your nature that Trinity comes in with perfect blending. Where the nature could not help itself, then God turned the captivity of the wheels of nature and poured in His divine power till the nature itself became an existence of divine property.

The Holy Ghost is here to bring the Word to us in remembrance.

Another of the necessary positions of the Holy Ghost today we find in John 14:26:

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

First, He will take of mine and reveal it. Everything that has been

revealed to you is taken. Then you come to the place where you need another touch. What is it? In the necessity of your ministry He will bring to memory everything that you need in your ministry. That is an important thing for you preachers. God will give us His Word, and if there is anything special we need He will bring that to our remembrance. The Holy Ghost is here to bring the Word to us in remembrance.

I throw this word out to you as a help for future thought. In First John 2:20 we read, “Ye have an unction from the Holy One.” God grant we may not forget it! “Ye have received power.” Oh, God grant that we may not forget it!

What do I mean by that? Many people, instead of standing on the rock word of faith to believe that they have got it, say, “Oh, if I could only feel that I have got it!”

Brother, your feeling robs you of your greatest place of unction. Your feelings are a place very often of discouragement. You have to get away from the sense of all human feeling or desire. Earthly desires are not God’s desires. All thoughts of holiness, all thoughts of purity, all thoughts of power are from above. Human thoughts are like the clouds which are always of the earth. “God’s thoughts are not our thoughts.”

Interpretation of Tongues

It is the shadows that flee away. It is your feelings that have to be moved from you this day. It is the divine unction of a new creation moving in thy human nature which has to change all, even thy environment, and make thee so that from thy heart, even thy mind and thy tongue and everything, shall be in a place of magnifying the Lord. Remember, it is from above in thine heart to change all thy life till thou shalt be as He has promised, sons of God with power.

“Ye have an unction.”

DARE TO BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT’S INDWELLING ANOINTING

Some things are of necessity. Here is a woman dying. Here is a man who has lost all power of his faculties. Here is a person apparently in death. Here they are. I see the great need. I drop down on my knees and cry. I miss it all.

God does not want me to cry. God does not want me to labor. God does not want me to anguish and be filled with anxiety and an anguished spirit. What does He want me to do? Believe only. After you have received,

believe only. Come to the authority of it. Dare to believe. "I will do it!"

So the baptism of the Holy Ghost says to me, "Ye have an unction." The unction has come, the unction abideth, and the unction is with us. But what about you if you have not lived in the place that unction can be increased?

The same anointing is with thee, and thou requirest not that any man shall teach thee, but the same anointing is with thee and shall teach thee all things.

Ah! Then the Spirit is grieved. Then you are not moved. You are like one dead. You feel that all the joy is gone. What is up? There is something between you and the Holy One—not clean, not pure, not desirous of only Him, but something else has come in the way. Then the Spirit is grieved and you have lost unction.

Is the Uctioner there? Yes. When He comes in, He comes to abide. He will either be grieved, full of groaning and travail, or He will be there to lift thee above the powers of darkness, transform thee by His power, and take thee to a place where all is filled with equipment. Many people lose all future positions of attainment because they fail to understand this:

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him (1 John 2:27).

What anointing? "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with power, who went about doing good."

The same anointing is with thee, and thou requirest not that any man shall teach thee, but the same anointing is with thee and shall teach thee all things.

O lovely Jesus! Blessed Incarnation of holy display! Thank God for Trinity displayed in our hearts! Thank God for this glorious open way! Thank God for darkness that is turning into day! Thank God for life all along the way! Praise God for hope that we may all be changed today! Hallelujah!

*Peace, peace, sweet peace,
Coming down from the Father above,
Peace, peace, wonderful peace,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.*

The very position and presence that will bring everybody into a fullness.

CHAPTER 3

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised (Luke 4:18).

Jesus took up the book in the temple and read these words and impressed the fact because of the manifestation of the work He was doing. I believe God is bringing us to a place where we know the Spirit of the Lord is upon us. If we have not got to that place, God wants to bring us to the fact of what Jesus said in John 14, “I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16).

Because the Spirit of the Lord came upon Him who is our head, we must see to it that we receive the same anointing and that the same Spirit is upon us. The devil will cause us to lose the victory if we allow ourselves to be defeated by him. But it is a fact that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and as for me I have no message apart from the message He will give, and I believe then the signs He speaks of will follow. I believe that Jesus was the “sent forth” One from God and the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and we see the manifestation of the Spirit resting upon Him so that His ministry was with power. May God awaken us to the fact that this is the only place where there is any ministry of power.

THE COMFORTER HAS COME TO ABIDE FOREVER

In asking the Lord what to say to this people, it came to me to arouse them to the fact that the Comforter has come. He is come, and He has come to abide forever. Are you going to be defeated by the devil? No, for the Comforter has come that we may receive and give forth the signs which

must follow, so that we may not by any means be deceived by the wiles of the devil. There is no limit to what we may become if we dwell and live in the Spirit.

Because the Spirit of the Lord came upon Him who is our head, we must see to it that we receive the same anointing and that the same Spirit is upon us.

In the Spirit of prayer we are taken from earth right away into heaven. In the Spirit the Word of God seems to unfold in a wonderful way, and it is only in the Spirit that the love of God is shed abroad in us. We feel as we speak in the Spirit that the fire which burned in the hearts of the two men on their way to Emmaus, when Jesus walked with them, is burning in our heart. It is sure to come to pass when we walk with Him, our hearts will burn; it is the same power of the Spirit. They could not understand it then, but a few hours later they saw Him break the bread and their eyes were opened.

But beloved, our hearts ought to always burn. There is a place where we can live in the unction and the clothing of the Spirit, where our words will be clothed with power. "Be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). It is a wonderful privilege, and I see that it was necessary for John to be in the Spirit on the Isle of Patmos for the revelation to be made clear to him.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

What does it mean to this generation for us to be kept in the Spirit? All human reasoning and all human knowledge cannot be compared to the power of the life that is lived in the Spirit. We have power to loose and power to bind in the Spirit.

There is a place where the Holy Ghost can put us where we cannot be anywhere else but in the Spirit. But if we breathe His thoughts into our thoughts and live in the unction of the Holy Spirit as He lived, then there will be evidences that we are in Him, and His works we will do. But it is only in the Spirit.

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Now I read in Matthew's gospel of a power which we have not yet claimed, and we shall not be able to claim this manifestation of the Spirit unless we live in the Spirit. He says, "I will give you power to bind and I will give you power to loose." When are you able to bind and able to loose?

It is only in the Spirit. You cannot bind things in the human or with the natural mind.

This power was never off from Jesus. I feel as I preach to you that there is a great lack of it in most of us. God help us! “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” Beloved, there was a great purpose in this Spirit being on Him, and there is a special purpose in your being baptized in the Spirit. We must not forget that we are members of His body, and by this wonderful baptismal power we are partakers of His divine nature.

In the revelation it came this way—I saw Adam and Eve driven out of the Garden and a flaming sword at every side to keep them from entering into the Garden. But I saw that all around me was a flaming sword keeping me from evil, and it seemed this would be true if I would claim it, and I said, “Lord, I will.” The flaming sword was around about me delivering me from the power of hell. So we are preserved from evil. He is like a wall of fire around about us; then why should we fear? What a wonderful salvation! What a wonderful deliverer! Notice Ezekiel chapter 37. The only need of Ezekiel was to be in the Spirit, and while he was in the Spirit it came to him to prophesy to the dry bones and say, “O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord” (Ezek. 37:4). As he prophesies according to the Lord’s command he sees an “exceeding great army” rising up about him. The prophet obeyed God’s command, and all we have to do is exactly this—obey God. What is impossible with man is possible with God.

There is a place where we can live in the unction and the clothing of the Spirit, where our words will be clothed with power.

I pray God that your spirit, soul, and body may be preserved holy, and that you may be always on fire and always ready with the unction on you. If this is not so we are out of divine order, and we ought to cry to Him until the glory comes back upon us.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ANOINTING

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” There must have been a reason why it was upon Him. First of all, it says here, “because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted.” What a Gospel! “To preach deliverance to the captives.” What a wonderful Spirit was upon Him! “And recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

You missionaries who are going to India and Africa and China and other

places have a wonderful Gospel to take to these people who know nothing about God—a Gospel of salvation and healing and deliverance. If you want to know how it works, look at Paul among the barbarians; when the viper came out of the fire and lit on Paul’s hand, they watched to see him swell up and die, but when he neither swelled up nor died, they said, “These are gods.” When you go forth to these dark lands where the Holy Ghost has sent you to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, to loose the bands of Satan and set the captives free, be sure you can say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,” and remember that Christ is made unto us not only salvation but wisdom and redemption. “Filled with God, yes, filled with God, pardoned and cleansed and filled with God.” Filled with God leaves no room for doubting or fearing. We have no idea of all that means, to be filled with God. It means emptied of self. Do you know what it means to be filled with God? It means you have no fear, for when you are filled with God you are filled with love, and perfect love casts out fear.

I want to know more about this manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us follow Paul further; here we find the chief of the island had the bloody flux, and when Paul ministered to him he was healed and they laded Paul with everything to take away. When we think the Church is so poor and needy, we forget that the spirit of intercession can unlock every safe in the world.

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What did God do for the children of Israel? He took them to vineyards and lands flowing with milk and honey, and all they did was to walk in and take possession. If we will only live in the Spirit and the unction of the Spirit, there will be no lack. There is only lack where faith is not substance, but the Word says faith is the substance, and whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Things will surely come to pass if you will believe this.

You have not to try to bring Him down, He is down; you have not to try to bring Him here, He is here. If we will obey the Lord there is nothing He will not give us, for He has given us Jesus.

The Spirit will have to reveal to us the fact that because He has given us Jesus He has given us all things.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”

It is true, we must be filled with the Spirit. *Father, teach us what that means!* It was only because He had a knowledge of it that He could stand and say before those men, to the demon, “Come out of him.” Who is the man who is willing to lay down all that he may have God’s all?

Begin to seek and don't stop seeking until you know the Spirit of the Lord is upon you. "I thank Thee, Father, Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes." If you are in the babe class, the Spirit must have revealed to you your lack. We need to seek with all our hearts. We need to be made flames of fire.

CHAPTER 4

THE KEY TO UNLOCKING HEAVEN'S POWER

When Jesus, our Mediator and Advocate, was so filled with the Holy Ghost, He gave commandment concerning these days we are in and gave commandment of the time through the Holy Ghost. I can see that if we are going to accomplish anything, we are going to have it because we are under the power of the Holy Ghost.

During my life I have seen lots of satanic forces, spiritists, and all other "ists." And I tell you that there is a power which is satanic, and there is a power which is the Holy Ghost. I remember after we received the Holy Ghost, and when people were speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance—we don't know the Holy Ghost any other way—the spiritists heard about it and came to the meeting in good time to fill two rows of seats.

When the power of God fell upon us, these imitators began their shaking and moving with utterances of the satanic forces. The Spirit of the Lord was mighty upon me. I went to them and said, "Now you demons, clear out of this!" And out they went. I followed them right out in the street, and then they turned round and cursed me. It made no difference, they were out.

Beloved, God would have us to know in these days that there is a fullness of God where all other powers must cease to be. I beseech you to hear that the baptism in the Holy Ghost is to possess us so that we are, and may be continually, so full of the Holy

Ghost that utterances and revelations and eyesight and everything may be so remarkably controlled by the Spirit of God that we live and move in this glorious sphere of usefulness for the glory of God.

If you can touch this ideal of God with its resurrection power, you will see that nothing earthly can remain; you will see that all disease will clear out.

I believe that God wants to help us to see that every believer ought to receive the Holy Ghost. Beloved, God wants us to understand that there is no difficulty when we are in the right order. I want you to see what there is in seeking the Holy Ghost.

THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM

If we go into John's gospel we can see that Jesus predicted all that we are getting today when the Holy Ghost came. He said He should take of the things of His Word and reveal them unto us when the Holy Ghost came. He should just live out in us all the life of Jesus.

If we could only think what it really means! It is one of the ideals. Talk about graduation! My word! Come into the graduation of the Holy Ghost by the Spirit and you will simply strip out everything they have in any college there ever was. You would leave them all behind just as I see the sun leave the mist behind in San Francisco. You would leave that which is as cold as ice and go into the sunshine.

God the Holy Ghost wants us to have such an ideal of this fullness of the Spirit that we would neither be ignorant, neither would we have mystic conceptions, but we would have a clear, unmistakable revelation of all the mind of God for these days.

Interpretation of Tongues

The Spirit of the living God comes with such divine revelation, such unveiling about Him, such a clearness of what He was to the people and brings within us the breath of that eternal power. It makes us know we are right here this very hour to carry out His plan for now and what God shall have for the future, for there is no limitation but rather an enforcement of character, of clearness of vision, of an openness of countenance till we behold Him in every divine light.

I beseech you, beloved, in the Name of Jesus, that you should see that you come right into all the mind of God. Jesus verily said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." (Acts 1:8). I want you to know that "he shewed himself alive after his passion by many

infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days..." (Acts 1:3). He is all the time unfolding to every one of us the power of resurrection.

Remember, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is resurrection. If you can touch this ideal of God with its resurrection power, you will see that nothing earthly can remain; you will see that all disease will clear out. If you get so full of the Holy Ghost, all satanic forces will go. Resurrection is the word for it. Resurrection is to shake away death to breathe in you life, to let you know that you are from the dead quickened by the Spirit, made like unto Jesus. Glory to God!

Oh, the word *resurrection!* I wish I could say it just on parallel lines with the word *Jesus*. They very harmoniously go together. Jesus is resurrection, and to know Jesus in this resurrection power is simply to see that you have no more to be dead but alive unto God by the Spirit.

THE NECESSITY OF THE BAPTISM

There is a necessity of being baptized in the Holy Ghost for a businessman. For any kind of business we need to know the power of the Holy Ghost, because if you are not baptized with the Holy Ghost, Satan has a tremendous power to interfere with the power of your life. If you come into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, there is a new plane for your business.

I remember one day being in London at a meeting. About eleven o'clock they said to me, "We shall have to close down; we are not allowed to have this place any longer than eleven o'clock."

There were several under the power of the Spirit. A man rose up, looked at me, saying, "Oh, don't leave me, please. I feel I dare not be left. I must come through. Will you go home with us?"

"Yes," I said, "I will go." His wife was there as well. They were two hungry people just being wakened up by the power of the Spirit to know they were lacking in their life and they needed the power of God.

In about an hour's time we arrived at their big, beautiful house in the country. It was wintertime. He began stirring the fire up and putting coal on and said, "We will soon have a tremendous fire, so we will get warmed. Then we will have a big supper." I suppose the next thing would have been going to bed.

"No, thank you," I said. "I have not come here for your supper, nor for your bed. I thought you wanted me to come with you that you might receive the Holy Ghost."

"Oh," he replied. "Will you stop with us and pray?"

"I have come for nothing else." I knew I could keep myself warm in a

prayer meeting without a fire.

About half-past three in the morning his wife was as full as could be, speaking in tongues. It was a lovely day. I went to the end of the table. There he was having a terrible groan. So I said, “Your wife is through.”

God slays a man that he may begin on a new plane in his life. We shall have to be slain utterly if we want to know that resurrection power of Jesus.

“Oh,” he said, “this is going to be a big night for me.” Yes, I tell you, they are big nights for you whether you come through or not, if you seek with all your heart.

I often say there is more done in the seeking than any other way. If we knew the Scriptures, there is no such thing as seeking for the Holy Ghost, but a place where we need to know that unless we meet face to face with God and get all crooked places out of our lives, there would be no room for the Holy Ghost, for the indwelling presence of God. But when God gets a chance at us and by the vision of the blood we see ourselves as God sees us, then we have a revelation. Without its accomplishment we are undone and helpless.

At five o'clock in the morning, this man stood up and said, “I am through.”

He was not baptized. “I am settled,” he continued. “God has settled me. Now I must have a few hours' rest before I go to business at eight o'clock.” My word! That was a day at his business. In many years he never lived a day like that. He was going around about his business amongst all his men. They said, “What is up with the man? What is up with the governor? What has taken place? Oh, what a change!”

The whole place was electrified. God had turned the lion into the lamb. Oh, he was like a great big lion prowling about under the old conditions, but God had touched him. The touch of omnipotence had broken down this man till right there in the business the men were broken up in his presence.

Oh, I tell you, there is something in pursuit, there is something in waiting. What is it? Oh, it is this—God slays a man that he may begin on a new plane in his life. We shall have to be slain utterly if we want to know that resurrection power of Jesus.

A short time afterward when I was passing through the grounds toward this man's house, his two sons rushed out to where I was, threw their arms around me, and kissed me, saying, “You have sent us a new father.” The same night in which he went to work, he had been baptized about ten o'clock in a meeting. Oh, the power of the Holy Ghost is to create new men

and new women. It is to take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh by the Spirit. When God gets a way like that, there is a tremendous shaking amongst the dry bones, for God gets His way with the people.

We must see that we are no good unless God takes charge of us. But when He gets real charge of us, what a plan for the future! What a wonderful open door for God! Oh brethren, we must see this ideal by the Spirit! What shall we do? Do? You dare not do anything but go through. Submit to the power of God. If you yield other people are saved. You will die unless you have a power of resurrection, a touch for others. But if you live only for God, then other people will be raised out of death and all kinds of evil into a blessed life through the Spirit.

THE BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL

Beloved, we must see that this baptism of the Spirit is greater than all. You can talk as you like, say what you like, do as you like, but until you have the Holy Ghost, you won't know what the resurrection touch is.

Resurrection is by the power of the Spirit. Remember, when I talk about resurrection I talk about one of the greatest things in the Scriptures, because resurrection is an evidence that we have woken up with a new line of truth that cannot cease to be but will always go on with a greater force of an increasing power with God.

Interpretation of Tongues

Hallelujah! The Spirit breathes, the Spirit lifts, the Spirit renews, the Spirit quickens. He brings life where death was. He brings truth where no vision was. He brings revelation, for God is in that man. He is in the power of the Spirit, lost, hidden, clothed, filled, and resurrected.

See to it today that this day sets you on with a new order of the Spirit, that you can never be where you were before. This is a new day for us all. You say, "What about the people who are baptized?"

Oh, this is a new day for a person who is baptized; the Spirit is an unlimited source of power. He is in no way stationary. There is nothing in God stationary. God has no place with a man who is stationary. The man who is going to catch the fire, hold forth the truth; always be on the watchtower is the man who is going to be the beacon for all saints, having a light greater than his natural order. He must see that God's grace and God's life and His Spirit are mightier than the man a million times.

The man who is baptized in the Holy Ghost is baptized in a new order altogether. It cannot be that you shall ever be ordinary after that. You are on an extraordinary plane; you are brought into line with the mind of God.

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If you want oratory, there it is in the baptism of the Spirit. If you want the touch of quickened sense that moves your body till you know that you are all renewed, it is the Holy Ghost. And while I say so much about the Holy Ghost today, I withdraw everything that doesn't put Jesus in the ordered place He belongs, for when I speak about the Holy Ghost it is always with reference to revelations of Jesus. The Holy Ghost is only the revealer of the mighty Christ who has all for us that we may never know any weakness but all limitations are gone. You are now in a place where God has taken the ideal and moved you on with His own velocity, which has a speed beyond all human mind and thought. Glory to God!

Interpretation of Tongues

Wake, thou that sleepest, and allow the Lord to wake thee into righteousness. The liberty wherewith God has set thee free—God hath made thee free to enlarge others which are bound.

So the Spirit of the Lord must have His way on every line today. What will happen if we all loosen ourselves up! Sometimes I think it is necessary almost to give an address to baptized souls, because I feel just like the Corinthian church we may have, as it were, gifts and graces and use them all, but sit in them and not go on beyond.

I maintain that all gifts and graces are only for one thing—to make you go in for gifts and graces. Don't miss what I say. Every touch of the divine life by the Spirit is only for one purpose—to make your life go on to a higher height than where you are. Beloved, if anybody has to rise up in a meeting to tell me how they were baptized with the Holy Ghost in order for me to know they are baptized, I say, "You have fallen from grace. You ought to have such a baptism that everybody can tell you are baptized without your telling how you were baptized." That would make a new day. That would be a sermon of itself to everybody not only in here but outside. Then people would follow you to get to know where you have come from and where you are going.

You say, “I want that; I won’t settle till I get that.” God will surely give it to you. The Holy Ghost can only come when bodies are ready, for the Holy Ghost dwells in temples not made with hands but in the fleshy tables of the heart.

So it doesn’t matter what kind of a building you get, you cannot count on the building being a substitute for the Holy Ghost. You will all have to be temples of the Holy Ghost to have the building anything like Holy Ghost order.

THE BAPTISM AND THE COMING OF THE LORD

The Holy Ghost could not come till the apostles and those who were in the upper room were all of one mind and heart, all with one accord with themselves and with God. Suppose I read one verse to help you, because I am on this definite principle of what it means—the fullness of the latter rain and the taking away of the Church. James 5:7 is a beautiful verse on that line:

Every touch of the divine life by the Spirit is only for one purpose—to make your life go on to a higher height than where you are.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth....

What is precious fruit of the earth? Is it cabbages? Is it grapes? The precious fruit of the earth is the Church; it is the Body of Christ. God has no thought for other things. He causes the others to grow and the glory of the flower. He looks into the beauty of it because He knows it will please us. But when speaking about the precious fruit of the earth our Lord has His mind upon you today, and He says:

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (James 5:7-8).

So if you want the coming of the Lord, you must certainly advocate every believer being filled with the Holy Ghost. The more a man is filled with the Holy Ghost, the more he will be ready to forecast and send forth

this glorious truth. Some people have an idea, I don't know how they get it, but the Holy Ghost cannot come till the Church is ready. You say, "When will the Church be ready?" If the believers were in the attitude, God could send the breath this afternoon to make the Church ready in ten minutes, and less than that.

So we can clearly say the coming of the Lord is nigh unto us, but it will be more nigh unto us as we are ready for receiving a fuller and greater manifestation. What will be the manifestation of the coming of the Lord? If we were ready, and if the power of God were pressing that truth today, we should be rushing up against one another saying, "He is coming, I know He is coming." "He is coming!" "Yes, I know He is." Every person round about would be saying, "He is coming," and you would know He is coming.

That is the only hope of the looking forward, and there is nothing but the Holy Ghost can prepare the hearts of the people to rush up and down and say, "He is coming," and will come soon. Praise God, He will come as surely as we are in this place; He is coming!

HOW TO RECEIVE

There are things I have had to learn about the baptism.

One day in England a lady wrote to ask if I would go down and help her. She said she was blind, having two blood clots behind the eye. I sent a letter like this, not knowing who it was. I had only been in London lately and I didn't feel I wanted to go, but I said if she was willing to go into a room with me and shut the door and never come out till she had perfect sight, I would come.

"Oh," she sent word, "come!" The moment I reached the house, they brought in this blind woman. After shaking hands this blind woman made the way to the room, opened the door, allowed me to go in, then she came in and shut the door. "Now," she said, "we are with God." Have you ever been there? It is a lovely place.

In an hour and a half the power of God fell upon us, and rushing to the window she exclaimed, "I can see! Oh, I can see! The blood is gone, I can see!" Sitting down in a chair she asked, "Could I receive the Holy Ghost?" "Yes," I replied, "if all is square."

"You don't know me," she continued, "but for ten years I have been fighting your position. These tongues I couldn't bear, but God settled it today. I want the baptism of the Holy Ghost." After she had prayed and repented of what she had said about "tongues," she was filled with the Holy Ghost and was speaking in tongues.

When you put your hands upon people, you can tell when the Holy

Ghost is in. And if you will only let go, my word! What would happen? I wonder how many people there are today who are prepared to be baptized? Oh, you couldn't be baptized? You have been a man too long. Do you know there is a difference between being a baby and anything else in the world? Many people have been waiting for years for the baptism, and what has been up? We are told in the Scriptures:

The natural man cannot receive the Spirit of God, but when you get into a supernatural place, then you receive the mind of God.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes (Matthew 11:25).

What is there up with the wise man? A wise man is too careful. While he is in the operation of the Spirit, he wants to know what he is saying. No man can know what he is saying when the Spirit is upon him. His own mind is inactive. If you get into that near place, your mind is entirely obliterated and the mind of Christ comes by the power of the Spirit, and in that condition He prays and speaks in the Spirit as the Spirit gives utterance.

This is the mind and plan of God for us to receive the Holy Ghost. What is the difference between the wise and prudent man and a baby? If you get "baby" enough this afternoon we shall have at least fifty people baptized in the Holy Ghost. If you will only yield to God and let the Spirit have His way, God will fill you with the Holy Ghost.

BECOMING CHILDLIKE TO RECEIVE THE SPIRIT

The natural man cannot receive the Spirit of God, but when you get into a supernatural place, then you receive the mind of God. The difference between a wise and prudent man and a baby—what is it? The baby swallows it all, and the mother has to hold the bottle or some of that will go down. That is how God wants it to be in the Spirit. The baby cannot walk, but God walks in the baby. The baby cannot talk, but God talks through the baby. The baby cannot dress himself, but God dresses it and clothes it with His righteousness.

Oh, beloved, if we can only be babes today great things will take place in the line and thought of the Spirit of God. The Lord wants us all to be so in like-mindedness with Him that He puts His seal upon us.

There are some reading who have no doubt never been saved. Where the saints are seeking and leaving themselves to the operation of the Spirit there are newborn children in the midst. God will save in our midst. God will use this means of blessing if we only let ourselves go. You say, what can I do? The fiddler will drop his fiddle, the drummer his drum. If there is anybody reading who has anything hanging round about him, it will drop off.

If you get “baby” enough today everything else will drop off and you will be free. You will be able to run and skip in the street, and you will be happy. Does the baby ever lose its brilliancy? Does he ever lose his common sense position? Does the baby who comes in the will of God lose his reason or his credentials on any line? No, God will increase your abilities and help you on all lines.

It isn't what I am speaking about, to be a baby. It is a baby in the Spirit. Paul says in First Corinthians 14:20, “in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.” I believe the Spirit would breathe through all these attributes of the Spirit that we may understand what the mind of the Lord is concerning us in the Holy Ghost.

Oh, this blessed thought. I want to help all who are being baptized to help others. If ever you have spoken in tongues in your life, this moment let yourself go and God will speak through you. You must have a day you have never had before. This must be an ideal day in the Spirit, a day with the unction of the Spirit, a day with the mind of God in the Spirit.

CHAPTER 5

HUNGRY FOR MORE

Some people only come with a very small thought concerning God's fullness, and a lot of people are satisfied with a thimbleful, and you can just imagine God saying, “Oh, if they only knew how much they could take away!” Other people come with a larger vessel, and they go away satisfied, but you can feel how much God is longing for us to have such a desire for more, such a longing as only God Himself can satisfy.

I suppose you women would have a good idea of what I mean from the illustration of a screaming child being taken about from one to another, but never satisfied till it gets to the bosom of its mother. You will find that there is no peace, no help, no source of strength, no power, no life, nothing can satisfy the cry of the child of God but the Word of God. God has a special

way of satisfying the cry of His children. He is waiting to open to us the windows of heaven until He has so moved in the depths of our hearts that everything unlike Himself has been destroyed. There need no one in this place go away dry, dry. God wants you to be filled.

My brother, my sister, God wants you today to be like a watered garden, filled with the fragrance of His own heavenly joy till you know at last you have touched immensity. The Son of God came for no other purpose than to lift and lift and mold and fashion and remold until we are just after His mind.

EXPERIENCE THE QUENCHING FLOOD OF GOD

I know that the dry ground can have floods, and may God save me from ever wanting anything less than a flood. I will not stoop for small things when I have such a big God. Through the blood of Christ's atonement we may have riches and riches. We need the warming atmosphere of the Spirit's power to bring us closer and closer until nothing but God can satisfy, and then we may have some idea of what God has left after we have taken all that we can. It is only like a sparrow taking a drink of the ocean and then looking around and saying, "What a vast ocean! What a lot more I could have taken if I had only had room."

God has a special way of satisfying the cry of His children. He is waiting to open to us the windows of heaven until He has so moved in the depths of our hearts that everything unlike Himself has been destroyed. There need no one in this place go away dry, dry. God wants you to be filled.

You may sometimes have things you can use and not know it. Don't you know that you could be dying of thirst right in a river of plenty? There was once a vessel in the mouth of the Amazon River. They thought they were still in the ocean, and they were dying of thirst, some of them nearly mad.

They saw a ship and asked if they would give them some water, for some of them were dying of thirst, and they replied, "Dip your bucket right over; you are in the mouth of the river." There are any number of people today in the midst of a great river of life, but they are dying of thirst because they do not dip down and take it. Dear brother, you may have the Word, but you need an awakened spirit. The Word is not alive until it is moved upon by the Spirit of God, and in the right sense it becomes Spirit and life when it is touched by His hand alone.

Oh beloved, there is a stream that maketh glad the city of God. There is

a stream of life that makes everything move. There is a touch of divine life and likeness through the Word of God that comes nowhere else. There is a death that has no life in it; and there is a death-likeness with Christ that is full of life.

Oh beloved, there is no such thing as an end to God's beginnings. But we must be in it; we must know it. It is not a touch; it is not a breath; it is the Almighty God; it is a Person; it is the Holy One dwelling in the temple not made with hands. Oh beloved, He touches and it is done. He is the same God over all, rich unto all who call upon Him. Pentecost is the last thing that God has to touch the earth with. The baptism is the last thing; if you do not get this you are living in a weak and impoverished condition, which is no good to yourself or anybody else. May God move us on to a place where there is no measure to this fullness that He wants to give us. God exalted Jesus and gave Him a name above every name. You notice that everything has been put under Him.

It is about eight years since I was in Oakland, and in that time I have seen thousands and thousands healed by the power of God. Last year in Sweden, the last five months of the year we had over 7,000 people saved by the power of God. The tide is rolling in; let us see to it today that we get right out into the tide, for it will bear you. The bosom of God's love is the center of all things. Get your eyes off yourself; lift them up high and see the Lord, for in the Lord there is everlasting strength.

If you went to see a doctor, the more you told him the more he would know, but when you come to Doctor Jesus He knows all from the beginning, and He never gives you the wrong medicine. I went to see one today, and someone said, "Here is a person who has been poisoned through and through by a doctor giving him the wrong medicine." Jesus sends His healing power and brings His restoring grace, and so there is nothing to fear. The only thing that is wrong is your wrong conception of the mightiness of His redemption.

REIGNING WITH JESUS

He was wounded that He might be touched with a feeling of your infirmities. He took your flesh and laid it upon the cross that He might destroy "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15). You will find that almost all the ailments that you are heir to come on satanic lines, and they must be dealt with as satanic; they must be cast out. Do not listen to what Satan says to you, for the devil is a liar from the beginning. If people would only listen to the truth of God they would find out they were over the devil, over all satanic forces; they would realize that

every evil spirit was subject to them; they would find out that they were always in the place of triumph, and they would “reign in life” by King Jesus. Never live in a lesser place than where God has called you to, and He has called you up on high to live with Him. God has designed that everything shall be subject to man. Through Christ He has given you power over all the power of the enemy. He has wrought out your eternal redemption.

I was finishing a meeting one day in Switzerland, and when we had finished the meeting and had ministered to all the sick, we went out to see some people. Two boys came to us and said that there was a blind man present at the meeting this afternoon who had heard all the words of the preacher and said he was surprised that he had not been prayed for. They went on to say this blind man had heard so much that he would not leave that place until he could see. I said, “This is positively unique. God will do something today for that man.”

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We got to the place. This blind man said he never had seen; he was born blind, but because of the Word preached in the afternoon he was not going home until he could see. If ever I have joy it is when I have a lot of people who will not be satisfied until they get all they have come for. With great joy I anointed him that day and laid hands on his eyes, and then immediately God opened his eyes. It was very strange how he acted. There were some electric lights. First he counted them; then he counted us. Oh, the ecstatic pleasure that every moment was created in that man because of his sight! It made us all feel like weeping and dancing and shouting. Then he pulled out his watch, and said that for years he had been feeling the watch for the time by the raised figures, but now he could look at it and tell us the time. Then, looking as if he was awakened from some deep sleep or some long, strange dream, he awakened to the fact that he had never seen the face of his father and mother, and he went to the door and rushed out. At night he was the first in the meeting. All the people knew him as the blind man, and I had to give him a long time to talk about his new sight. Beloved, I wonder how much you want to take away today. You could not carry it if it was substance, but there is something about the grace and the power and the blessings of God that can be carried, no matter how big they are. Oh, what a Savior; what a place we are in, by grace, that He may come in to commune with us. He is willing to say to every heart, “Peace, be still,” and to every weak body, “Be strong.”

Are you going halfway; or are you going right to the end? Be not

deceived today by Satan, but believe God.

CHAPTER 6

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

God wants us to be holy. He wants us to be filled with a power that keeps us holy. He wants us to have a revelation of what sin and death are and what the Spirit and the life of the Spirit are.

NO CONDEMNATION

Look at the first two verses of Romans 8.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-2).

“No condemnation.” This is the primary word for me right now because it means so much—it has everything within it. If you are without condemnation you are in a place where you can pray through—where you have a revelation of Christ. For Him to be in you brings you to a place where you cannot but follow the divine leadings of the Spirit of Christ, and where you have no fellowship with the world. I want you to see that the Spirit of the Lord would reveal unto us this fact, that if you love the world you cannot love God and the love of God cannot be in you. So God wants a straight cut today. Why does God want a straight cut? Because if you are “in Christ” you are a “new creation.” You are in Him; you belong to a new creation in the Spirit. Therefore you walk in the Spirit and are free from condemnation.

So the Spirit of the Lord today wants you without condemnation and desires to bring you into revelation. Now what will it mean? Much every way, because God wants all His people to be targets, to be lights, to be like cities set on a hill which cannot be hid, to be so “in God” for the world’s redemption that the world may know that ye belong to God. That is the law of the Spirit. What will it do? The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

will make you free from the law of sin and death. Sin will have no dominion over you. You will have no desire to sin, and it will be as true in your case as it was in Jesus' when He said: "Satan cometh, but findeth nothing in Me" (see John 14:30). He cannot condemn; he has no power. His power is destroyed in the tenth verse. What does it say? "The body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:10). To be "filled with God" means that you are free—full of joy, peace, blessing, endowment, strength of character, molded afresh in God and transformed by His mighty power till you live. Yet not you, but "another lives in you," manifesting His power through you as sons of God.

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Notice these two laws—the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus making you free from the law of sin and death. The same law is in you as was in you before, but it is dead. You are just the same man, only quickened—the same flesh, but it is dead. You are a new creation—a new creature. Created in God afresh after the image of Christ. Now, beloved, some people come into line with this but do not understand their inheritance and go down; but instead of you being weak and going down, you have got to rise triumphantly over it. You say, "Show us the law." I will, God helping me. It is found in the seventh chapter of Romans, the last verse: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (Rom. 7:25).

Is it a sin to work? No, it is not a sin to work. Work is ordained by God. It is an honor to work. I find that there are two ways to work. One way is working in the flesh, but the child of God should never allow himself to come into the flesh when God has taken him in the Spirit. God wants to show you that there is a place where you can live in the Spirit and not be subject to the flesh. Live in the Spirit till sin has no dominion. Sin reigneth unto death; but Christ reigns, and so we reign in Christ over sin and death (see Rom. 5:21). Reign in life.

BLESSED REDEMPTION

There is not a person reading who, if he is sick, is reigning in life. There is satanic power reigning there, but God wants you to know that you have to reign. God made you like Himself, and Jesus bought back for us in the Garden of Gethsemane everything that was lost in the Garden of Eden and restored it to us in His agony. He bought that blessed redemption. When I

think of “redemption,” I wonder if there is anything greater than the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve had fellowship with God and He came down and walked with them in the cool of the evening. Is there anything greater?

Yes, redemption is greater. How? Anything that is local is never so great. When God was in the Garden, Adam was local; but the moment a man is born again he is free and lives in heavenly places. He has no destination except the glory. Redemption is greater than the Garden, and God wants you to know that He wants you to come into this glorious redemption, not only for the salvation of your soul but also your body—to know that it is redeemed from the curse of the law, to know that you have been made free, to know that God’s Son has set you free. Hallelujah! Free from the law of sin and death! How is it accomplished? The third and fourth verses tell us. Let us look at them. These are master verses:

The moment a man is born again he is free and lives in heavenly places. He has no destination except the glory.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:3-4).

Righteousness fulfilled in us! Brother! Sister! I tell you there is a redemption. There is an atonement in Christ—a personality of Christ to dwell in you. There is a godlikeness for you to attain—a blessed resemblance of Christ in you, if you will believe the Word of God. The Word is sufficient for you. Eat it; devour it. It is the living Word of God.

Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. God so manifested His fullness in Jesus that He walked this earth glorified and filled with God. In the first place, He was with God and was called “the Word.” In the second place, He and God became so “One” in their operation that they said it was “God.” Then the cooperation of oneness was so manifest that there was nothing done without the other. They cooperated in the working of power. Then you must see that before the foundation of the world this plan of redemption was all completed and set in order before the fall.

Notice that this redemption had to be so mighty and to redeem us all so perfectly that there should be no lack in the whole redemption. Let us see how it comes about. First, He became flesh; then He was filled with the Holy Ghost; then He became the voice and the operation of the Word by the power of God through the Holy Ghost. He became “the Authority.”

Let me go further. You are born of an incorruptible power—the power of God’s Word—by His personality and His nature. Ye are begotten of God and are not your own. You are now incarnated; you can believe that you have passed from death unto life and become an heir of God, a joint-heir with Christ in the measure that you believe His Word. The natural flesh has been changed for a new order; the first order was the natural Adamic order, the last order is Christ—the heavenly order. Now you become changed by a heavenly power existing in an earthly body—a power that can never die; it can never see corruption, and it cannot be lost. If you are born of God, you are born of the power of the Word and not of man. I want you to see that you are born of a power which exists in you, a power of which God took and made the world that you are in. It is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that makes us free from the law of sin and death. Did you accept it?

THE LAW OF SIN

There are two laws. Let us look at the law without the Spirit—the law of sin. The one who has never known regeneration is led captive by the devil at his will. There is no power that can convert men except the power of the blood of Jesus. Men try without it; science tries without it; all have tried without it; but all are left shaking on the brink of hell—without it. Nothing can deliver you but the blood of the Lamb. “Free from the law of sin and death by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.” Clean hearts, pure lives.

The carnal life is not subject to the will of God, neither indeed can be. Carnality is selfishness—uncleanness. It cannot be subject to God; it will not believe; it interferes with you; it binds and keeps you in bondage. But beloved, God destroys carnality. He destroys the work of the flesh. How? By a new life which is so much better, by a peace that passes all understanding, by a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. It cannot be told. Everything that God does is too big to tell. His grace is too big. His love is too big. Why, it takes all heaven. His salvation is too big to be told.

One cannot understand. It is so vast, mighty, and wonderful—so “in God.” God gives us the power to understand it. Yes, of course He does. Do you not know that ours is an abundant God? His love is far exceeding and abundant above all that we could ask or think (see Eph. 3:20). Hear! After ye were illuminated—glory to God—ye were quickened by the Spirit, looking forward to a day of rapture, when you will be caught up and lifted into the presence of God. You cannot think of God on any small line. God’s lines are magnitude—wonderful, glorious. God can manifest them in our hearts with a greater fullness than we are able to express. Let me touch an important point—Christ Jesus has borne the cross for us; there is no need for us to bear it. He has borne the curse, for “cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Gal. 3:13). The curse covered everything. When Christ was in

the grave, the Word says that He was raised from the grave by the operation of God through the Spirit. He was quickened by the Spirit in the grave, and so the same Spirit dwelling in you shall quicken your mortal bodies. Jesus rose by the quickening power of the Holy Ghost, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies...” (Rom. 8:11). What does it mean? Now, it is not an immortal body you have got. Immortality can only be obtained in resurrection order. He will quicken your mortal body.

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QUICKENED BY THE SPIRIT

If you will allow Jesus to have control of your bodies, you will find that His Spirit will quicken you, will loose you; He will show you that it is the mortal body that has to be quickened. Talk about divine healing! You can't get it out of the Scriptures, for they are full of it. I see this. Everyone who is healed by the power of God—especially believers—will find their healing an incentive to make them purer and holier. If divine healing was only to make you whole, it would be worth nothing. Divine healing is a divine act of the providence of God coming into your mortal bodies and touching them with almightiness. Could you remain the same? No. Like me, you will go out to worship and serve God.

It is fact that the more you are held in bondage, the more you shut your eyes to the truth, the Bible becomes a blank instead of life and joy. The moment you yield yourself, the Bible becomes a new Book; it becomes revelation, so that we have the fullness of redemption going right through our bodies in every way. Filled with all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

*Filled with God! Yes, filled with God,
Pardoned and cleansed and filled with God.
Filled with God! Yes, filled with God,
Emptied of self and filled with God!*

THE KEY TO TRUE LIFE: BEING DEAD TO SELF

A young monk came one day to his father superior and asked, “Father, what is it to be dead to self?”

The father replied, "I cannot explain it now; but I have a duty for you to perform. Brother Martin died last week and is buried in the churchyard of our order. Go to his grave, standing close beside it, repeat in a loud voice all the good things you ever heard of him. After this, say all the flattering things you can invent, and attribute to him every saintly grace and virtue without regard to truth; and report the result to me."

The young monk went to do his bidding, wondering what all this could mean. Soon he returned and the father asked him what had transpired. "Why, nothing," replied the young man. "I did as you told me and that was all."

"Did Brother Martin make no reply?" asked the superior.

"Of course he did not, for he was dead," said the monk.

The elder shook his head thoughtfully, saying, "That is very strange. Go again tomorrow at the same hour, and repeat at the graveside all the evil you ever heard concerning Brother Martin. Add to that the worst slander and calumny your mind can imagine, and report the result to me."

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Again the young man obeyed, and brought back the same report. He had heaped unlimited abuse on the head of Brother Martin and yet had received no reply.

"From Brother Martin you may learn," said the father, "what it is to be dead to self. Neither flattery nor abuse has moved him, for he is dead. So the disciple who is dead to self will be insensible to these things, hearing neither voice of praise nor retaliation, but all personal feeling will be lost in the service of Christ."

CHAPTER 7

LIVING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST

Jesus saith, "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36). The people in whom God delights are the ones who rest upon His Word without wavering. God

has nothing for the man who wavers, for “let him that wavereth expect nothing from God (see James 1:6-7). Therefore I would like us to get this verse deep down into our hearts until it penetrates every fiber of our being: “Only believe! All things are possible—*only believe.*”

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God has a plan for every individual life, and if we have any other plan in view, we miss the grandest plan of all! Nothing of the past is equal to the present, and nothing of the present can equal the things of tomorrow, for “tomorrow” should be so filled with holy expectations that we will be “living flames” for Him. God never intended His people to be ordinary or commonplace; His intentions were that they should be on fire for Him, conscious of His divine power, realizing the glory of the cross that foreshadows the crown.

FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ...And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip... (Acts 6:1-3,5).

During the time of the inauguration of the Church, the disciples were hard-pressed on all lines; the things of natural order could not be attended to, and many were complaining concerning the neglect of their widows. The disciples therefore decided upon a plan, which was to choose seven men to do the work—men who were “full of the Holy Ghost.” What a divine thought!

No matter what kind of work was to be done, however menial it may have been, the person chosen must be filled with the Holy Ghost. The plan of the Church was that everything, even of natural order, must be sanctified unto God, for the Church had to be a Holy Ghost Church. Beloved, God has never ordained anything less! There is one thing that I want to stress in these meetings; that is, no matter what else may happen, first and foremost I

would emphasize the question, “Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Are you filled with divine power?”

This is the heritage of the Church, to be so endued with power that God can lay His hand upon any member at any time to do His perfect will. There is no stop in the Spirit-filled life; we begin at the cross, the place of ignominy, shame, and death, and that very death brings the power of resurrection life. Being filled with Holy Spirit, we go on “from glory to glory.” Let us not forget that possessing the baptism in the Holy Spirit means there must be an “ever-increasing” holiness. How the Church needs divine unction—God’s presence and power so manifest that the world will know it. The people know when the tide is flowing; they also know when it is ebbing.

FILLED FOR DAILY SERVICE AND SUPERNATURAL EXPLOITS

The necessity that seven men be chosen for the position of “serving tables” was very evident. The disciples knew that these seven men were men ready for active service, and so they chose them. In the fifth verse, we read: “And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip.”

There were others, of course, but Stephen and Philip stand out most prominently in the Scriptures. Philip was a man so filled with Holy Ghost that a revival always followed wherever he went. Stephen was a man so filled with divine power that although serving tables might have been all right in the minds of the other disciples, yet God had a greater vision for him—a baptism of fire, of power and divine unction that took him on and on to the climax of his life until he saw right into the open heavens.

Had we been there with the disciples at that time, I believe we should have heard men saying to each other, “Look here! Neither Stephen nor Philip are doing the work we called them to. If they do not attend to business, we shall have to get someone else!” That was the natural way of thinking, but divine order is far above our finite planning. When we please God in our daily ministrations, we shall always find in operation the fact “that everyone who is faithful in little, God will make faithful in much” (see Luke 16:10). We have such an example right here—a man chosen to “serve tables,” having such a revelation of the mind of Christ and of the depth and height of God that there was no stop in his experience but a going forward with leaps and bounds. Beloved, there is a race to be run, there is a crown to be won; we cannot stand still! I say unto you, be vigilant! Be vigilant! Let no man take thy crown!

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LIVING ABOVE THE ORDINARY

God has privileged us in Christ Jesus to live above the ordinary human plane of life. Those who want to be ordinary and live on a lower plane can do so; but as for me, I will not! The same unction, the same zeal, the same Holy Ghost power is at our command as was at the command of Stephen and the apostles. We have the same God that Abraham had, that Elijah had, and we need not come behind in any gift or grace. We may not possess the gifts as abiding gifts, but as we are full of the Holy Ghost and divine unction it is possible, when there is need for God to manifest every gift of the Spirit through us. As I have already said, I do not mean by this that we should necessarily possess the gifts permanently, but there should be a manifestation of the gifts as God may choose to use us.

This ordinary man Stephen became mighty under the Holy Ghost anointing until he stood supreme, in many ways, among the apostles. “And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people” (Acts 6:8). As we go deeper in God, He enlarges our conception and places before us a wide-open door, and I am not surprised that this man chosen to “serve tables” was afterward called to a higher plane.

“What do you mean?” you may ask. “Did he quit this service?” No! But he was lost in the power of God. He lost sight of everything in the natural and steadfastly fixed his gaze upon Jesus, “the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2), until he was transformed into a shining light in the kingdom of God. Oh, that we might be awakened to believe His Word, to understand the mind of the Spirit, for there is an inner place of whiteness and purity where we can “see God.” Stephen was just as ordinary a man as you and me, but he was in the place where God could so move upon him that he, in turn, could move all before him. He began in a most humble place and ended in a blaze of glory. Beloved, dare to believe Christ!

We have the same God that Abraham had, that Elijah had, and we need not come behind in any gift or grace.

A DEMONIC STIRRING IN THE SYNAGOGUE

As you go on in this life of the Spirit, you will find that the devil will

begin to get restless and there will be a stir in the synagogue; it was so with Stephen. Any number of people may be found in the “synagogue” who are very proper in the worldly sense—always correctly dressed, the elite of the land, welcoming into the church everything but the power of God. Let us read what God says about them:

Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians...disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake (Acts 6:9-10).

“The Libertines” could not stand the truth of God. With these opponents, Stephen found himself in the same predicament as the blind man whom Jesus healed. As soon as the blind man’s eyes were opened they shut him out of the synagogue. They will not have anybody in the “synagogue” with their eyes open; as soon as you receive spiritual eyesight, out you go! These Libertines, Cyrenians, and Alexandrians rose up full of wrath in the very place where they should have been full of the power of God, full of love divine and reverence for the Holy Ghost; they rose up against Stephen, this man “full of the Holy Ghost.”

Beloved, if there is anything in your life that in any way resists the power of the Holy Ghost and the entrance of His Word into your heart and life, drop on your knees and *cry aloud* for mercy! When the Spirit of God is brooding over your heart’s door, do not resist Him but open your heart to the touch of God. There is a resisting “unto blood” striving against sin, and there is a resisting of the Holy Ghost that will drive you into sin.

Stephen spoke with marked wisdom; where he was, things began to move. You will find that there is always a moving when the Holy Spirit has control. These people were brought under conviction by the message of Stephen, but they resisted; they did anything and everything to stifle that conviction. Not only did they lie, they got others to lie against this man who would have laid down his life for any one of them. Stephen was used to heal the sick and perform miracles, and yet they brought false accusations against him. What effect did it have on Stephen?

And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel (Acts 6:15).

Something had happened in the life of this man, chosen for menial service, and he became mighty for God. How was it accomplished in him? It was because his aim was high; faithful in little, God brought him to full fruition.

Under the inspiration of divine power by which he spoke, they could not

but listen—even the angels listened, as with holy, prophetic utterance he spoke before that council. Beginning with Abraham and Moses, he continued unfolding the truth. What a marvelous exhortation! Take your Bible and read it, “listen in” as the angels listened in. As light upon light, truth upon truth, revelation upon revelation found its way into their calloused hearts, they gazed at him in astonishment; their hearts perhaps became warm at times, and they may have said, “Truly, this man is sent of God”—but when he hurled at them the truth:

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it (Acts 7:51–53).

Then what happened? These men were moved; they were “cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth” (Acts 7:54).

PIERCED BY THE SPIRIT

There are two marvelous occasions in the Scriptures where the people were “pricked to the heart.” In the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, thirty-seventh verse, after Peter had delivered that inspired sermon on the day of Pentecost, the people were “pricked to the heart” with conviction, and there were added to the Church three thousand souls. Here is Stephen, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and the men of this council being “pricked to the heart” rise up as one man to slay him. As you go down through this chapter, what a picture you have before you. As I close my eyes, I can get a vision of this scene in every detail—the howling mob with their revengeful, murderous spirit, ready to devour this holy man, and he being full of the Holy Ghost gazed steadfastly into heaven. What did he see there? From his place of helplessness, he looked up and said:

It is worth dying a thousand deaths to gain that spirit.

Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God (Acts 7:56).

Is that the position that Jesus went to take? No! He went to “sit” at the

right hand of the Father, but on behalf of the first martyr, on behalf of the man with that burning flame of Holy Ghost power, God's Son stood up in honorary testimony of him who, called to serve tables, was faithful unto death. But is that all? No! I am so glad that it is not all. As the stones came flying at him, pounding his body, crashing into his bones, striking his temple, mangling his beautiful face, what happened? How did this scene end? With that sublime upward look, this man chosen for an ordinary task but filled with the Holy Ghost was so moved upon by God that he finished his earthly work in a blaze of glory, magnifying God with his last breath. Looking up into the face of the Master, he said to the Lord Jesus, forgive them! "Lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:60).

Friends, it is worth dying a thousand deaths to gain that spirit. My God! What a divine ending to the life and testimony of a man who was "chosen to serve tables."

CHAPTER 8

WALKING IN THE FULLNESS OF PENTECOST

And now abideth faith, hope, charity [love], these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love]. Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 13:13–14:3).

It is quite easy to construct a building if the foundation is secure. It is not so easy to rise spiritually unless you have a real spiritual power working within you. It will never do for us to be top heavy—the base must always be very firmly set. So I believe that while we might have gone on, we will have to consider the pit from whence we were dug. Except we rightly understand the spiritual leadings, according to the mind of God, we will never be able to stand when the winds blow, when the trials come, and when Satan

appears as an angel of light. We shall never be able to stand unless we are firmly fixed in the Word of God.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD GROUND

There must be three things in our lives if we wish to go right through with God in the fullness of Pentecost. First, we must be grounded and settled in love. We must have a real knowledge of what love is, and then we must have a clear understanding of the Word, for love must manifest the Word. Then we must understand clearly our own ground, because it is our own ground that needs to be looked after the most.

The Lord speaks at least twice of the good ground into which seed is sown, which also bore fruit and brought forth some one hundredfold, and some sixty, and some thirty. It was in different portions of thirty, sixty, and one hundredfold even in the good ground. I maintain truly that there is no limitation to the abundance of a harvest when the ground is perfectly in the hand of the Lord. So we must clearly understand that the Word of God can never come forth with all its primary purposes unless our ground is right. But God will help us, I believe, to see that He can make the ground in perfect order as it is put into His hands.

There is no imitation in a man filled with the Holy Ghost. Imitation is lost in the great plan of Christ being the ideal of his life.

Let me speak of the first verse, then I must pass on quickly. I want you to notice that the primary thought in the mind of the Spirit is that when love is in perfect progress, all other things will work in harmony, for prophetic utterances are all of no value unless they are perfectly covered with divine love. Our Lord Jesus would never have accomplished His great plan in this world, only because He was so full of love to His Father and love to us that love never failed to accomplish its purpose. It worked in Him and through Him by the power of the Father's love in Him. I believe that love will have to come into our lives. Christ must be the summit, the desire, the plan of all things. All our sayings, doings, and workings must be in and unto Him well pleasing, and then our prophetic utterances will be a blessing through God, and they will never be side issues. There is no imitation in a man filled with the Holy Ghost. Imitation is lost in the great plan of Christ being the ideal of his life.

SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE, HUMAN LANGUAGE

God wants you to be so balanced in spiritual unction that you will

always be able to do what pleases Him, not that which shall please other people or yourself. The ideal must be that it shall all be to edification, and everything must go on to this end to please the Lord. “Follow after charity [love], and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy” (1 Cor. 14:1).

When they came to Moses and said that there were two others in the camp prophesying, Moses said, “would God that all the Lord’s people were prophets” (Num. 11:29). That is a clear revelation on this line that God would have us in such a spiritual, holy place that He could take our words and so fill them with divine power that we would speak only as the Spirit leads in prophetic utterances. Beloved, there is spiritual language, and there is also human language, which always keeps on the human plane. There is a divine incoming into the same language so it is changed by spiritual power and brings life to those who hear you speak. But this divine touch of prophecy will never come on any line except being filled with the Spirit. If you wish to be anything for God, do not miss His plan. God has no room for you on ordinary lines.

You must realize that within you there is the power of the Holy Spirit, who is forming within you everything you require. I believe we have too much preaching and too little testifying. You will never have a living Pentecostal church with a preacher every night preaching, preaching, preaching. The people get tired of this constant preaching, but they never get tired when the whole place is on fire—when twenty or more jump up at once and will not sit down until they testify. So remember you must awake out of your lethargy.

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EXPERIENCE THE OUTPOURING

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit (Joel 2:28-29).

This is spoken by the prophet Joel, and we know that this is that which occurred on the day of Pentecost. This was the first outpouring of the Spirit, but what should it be now if we would only wake up to the words of our Master? “Greater works than these shall [ye] do” (John 14:12). Hear what the Scripture says to us:

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak (John 16:13).

The Holy Ghost is inspiration, the Holy Ghost is revelation, the Holy Ghost is manifestation, the Holy Ghost is operation, and when a man comes into the fullness of the Holy Ghost he is in perfect order and built up on scriptural foundations. I have failed to see any man who understood the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth chapters of First Corinthians unless he had been baptized with the Holy Ghost. He may talk about it, but it is all a surface condition. When he gets baptized with the Holy Ghost, he speaks about a deep inward conviction by the power of the Spirit working in him, a revelation of that Scripture. On the other side, there is so much that a man receives when he is born again. He receives the first love and has a revelation of Jesus.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

ON FIRE AND OVERFLOWING

God wants a man to be on fire so that he will always speak as an oracle of God. He wants to so build that man on the foundations of God that everyone who sees and hears him will say, "That is a new man after the order of the Spirit."

Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

New things have come, and he is now in the divine order. When a man is filled with the Holy Ghost, he has a vital power that makes people know he has seen God. He ought to be in such a place that if he should go into a neighbor's house or out amongst people, they will feel that God has come in their midst.

Anybody can hold a full cup, but you cannot hold an overflowing cup and the baptism of the Holy Ghost is an overflowing cup.

He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the

church (1 Corinthians 14:3-4).

So there are two edifications spoken of here. Which is the first? To edify yourself, because after you have been edified by the Spirit you are able to edify the Church through the Spirit. What we want is more of the Holy Ghost. Oh, beloved. It is not merely a measure, it is a pressed-down measure. It is not merely a pressed-down measure, it is shaken together and running over. Anybody can hold a full cup, but you cannot hold an overflowing cup and the baptism of the Holy Ghost is an overflowing cup.

CHAPTER 9

THE ACTIVE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER

These are the last days; the days of the falling away. These are days when Satan is having a great deal of power. But we must keep in mind that Satan has no power—only as he is allowed.

It is a great thing to know that God is loosing you from the world, loosing you from a thousand things. You must seek to have the mind of God on all things. If you don't, you will stop His working. I had to learn that as I was on the water en route to Australia.

RECOGNIZING THE SPIRIT'S LEADING

We stopped at a place called Aden where they were selling all kinds of wares. Among other things were some beautiful rugs and ostrich feathers in great quantities. There was a gentleman in first class who wanted feathers. He bought one lot and the next lot put up was too big; he did not want so many. He said to me, "Will you join me?" I knew I did not want feathers, for I had no room or use for them and wouldn't know what to do with them if I got them. However, he pleaded with me to join him.

I perceived it was the Spirit as clearly as anything and I said, "Yes, I will." So the feathers were knocked down for fifteen dollars.

Then I found the man had no money on him. He had plenty in his cabin. I perceived it was the Spirit again, so it fell to my lot to pay for the feathers. He said to me, "I will get the money and give it to one of the stewards."

I replied, “No, that is not business. I am known all over the ship. You seek me out.”

The man came and brought the money. I said, “God wants me to talk to you. Now sit down.” So he sat down and in ten minutes’ time the whole of his life was unhinged, unraveled, broken up, so broken that like a big baby he wept and cried for salvation. It was “feathers” that did it. You know, we shall never know the mind of God till we learn to know the voice of God.

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The striking thing about Moses is that it took him forty years to learn human wisdom, forty years to know his helplessness, and forty years to live in the power of God. One hundred and twenty years it took to teach that man, and sometimes it seems to me it will take many years to bring us just where we can tell the voice of God, the leadings of God, and all His will concerning us. I see that all revelation, all illumination, everything that God had in Christ was to be brought forth into perfect light that we might be able to live the same, produce the same, and be in every activity sons of God with power. It must be so. We must not limit the Holy One. We must clearly see that God brought us forth to make us supernatural, that we might be changed all the time on the line of the supernatural, that we may every day live so in the Spirit, that all of the revelations of God are just like a canvas thrown before our eyes on which we see clearly step by step all the divine will of God.

WELCOMING THE SPIRIT’S MOVEMENTS AND MANIFESTATIONS

Any assembly that puts its hand upon the working of the Spirit will surely dry up. The assembly must be as free in the Spirit as possible, and you must allow a certain amount of extravagance when people are getting through to God. Unless we are very wise, we can easily interfere and quench the power of God which is upon us. It is an evident fact that one man in a meeting filled with unbelief can make a place for the devil to have a seat.

It is very true that if we are not careful we may quench the Spirit of some person who is innocent but incapable of helping himself. “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak...” (Rom. 15:1). If you want an assembly full of life, you must have one in which the Spirit of God is manifested. In order to keep at the boiling pitch of that blessed

incarnation of the Spirit, you must be as simple as babies; you must be as harmless as doves and as wise as serpents (see Matt. 10:16).

I always ask God for a leading of grace. It takes grace to be in a meeting because it is so easy, if you are not careful, to get on the natural side. The man who is a preacher, if he has lost the unction, will be well repaid if he will repent and get right with God and get the unction back. It never pays us to be less than always spiritual, and we must have a divine language and the language must be of God. Beloved, if you come into real perfect line with the grace of God, one thing will certainly take place in your life. You will change from that old position of the world's line, where you were judging everybody and where you were not trusting anyone, and come into a place where you will have a heart that will believe all things—a heart that under no circumstances reviles again when you are reviled.

I know many of you think many times before you speak once. Here is a great word: “For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil” (Rom. 16:19). Innocent. No inward corruption or defilement that is full of distrusts, but just a holy, divine likeness of Jesus that dares believe that God Almighty will surely watch over all. Hallelujah! “There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways” (Ps. 91:10-11). The child of God who is rocked in the bosom of the Father has the sweetest touch of heaven, and the honey of the Word is always in it.

If you want an assembly full of life you must have one in which the Spirit of God is manifested.

If the saints only knew how precious they are in the sight of God they would scarcely be able to sleep for thinking of His watchful, loving care. Oh, He is a precious Jesus! He is a lovely Savior! He is divine in all His attitude toward us and makes our hearts to burn. There is nothing like it.

“Oh,” they said on the road to Emmaus, “did not our heart burn within us, as He walked with us and talked with us?” (see Luke 24:32). Oh beloved, it must be so today.

Always keep in your mind the fact that the Holy Ghost must bring manifestation. We must understand that the Holy Ghost is breath, the Holy Ghost is Person, and it is the most marvelous thing to me to know that this Holy Ghost power can be in every part of your body. You can feel it from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. Oh, it is lovely to be burning all over with the Holy Ghost! And when that takes place there is nothing but the operation of the tongue that must give forth the glory and the praise.

If the saints only knew how precious they are in the sight of God they would scarcely be able to sleep for thinking of His watchful, loving care.

You must be in the place of magnifying the Lord. The Holy Ghost is the great Magnifier of Jesus, the great Illuminator of Jesus. After the Holy Ghost comes in, it is impossible to keep your tongue still. Why, you would burst if you didn't give Him utterance. Talk about a dumb baptized soul? Such a person is not to be found in the Scriptures. You will find that when you speak unto God in the new tongue He gives you, you enter into a close communion with Him hitherto never experienced. Talk about preaching!

THE OUTWORKING OF THE SPIRIT

I would like to know how it will be possible for all the people filled with the Holy Ghost to stop preaching. Even the sons and daughters must prophesy. After the Holy Ghost comes in, a man is in a new order in God. You will find it so real that you will want to sing, talk, laugh, and shout. We are in a strange place when the Holy Ghost comes in.

If the incoming of the Spirit is lovely, what must be the onflow? The incoming is only to be an onflow. I am very interested in scenery. When I was in Switzerland I wouldn't be satisfied till I went to the top of the mountain, though I like the valleys also. On the summit of the mountain the sun beats on the snow and sends the water trickling down the mountains right through to the meadows. Go there and see if you can stop it. Just so in the spiritual. God begins with the divine flow of His eternal power, which is the Holy Ghost, and you cannot stop it.

We must always clearly see that the baptism with the Spirit must make us ministering spirits.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU POSSESS?

Peter and John had been baptized only a short time. Did they know what they had? No, I defy you to know what you have. No one knows what he has in the baptism with the Holy Ghost. You have no conception of it. You cannot measure it by any human standards. It is greater than any man has any idea of, and consequently those two disciples had no idea what they had. For the first time after they were baptized in the Holy Ghost they came down to the Gate Beautiful. There they saw the man sitting who for forty years had been lame. What was the first thing after they saw him? Ministration. What was the second? Operation. What was the third?

Manifestation, of course. It could not be otherwise. You will always find that this order in the Scripture will be carried out in everybody.

I clearly see that we ought to have spiritual giants in the earth, mighty in apprehension, amazing in activity, always having a wonderful report because of their activity in faith. I find instead that there are many people who perhaps have better discernment than you, better knowledge of the Word than you, but they have failed to put it into practice, so these gifts lie dormant. I am here to help you to begin on the sea of life with mighty acts in the power of God through the gifts of the Spirit. You will find that this which I am speaking on is out of knowledge derived from a wonderful experience in many lands. The man who is filled with the Holy Ghost is always acting. You read the first verse of the Acts of the Apostles, “Jesus began both to do and teach.” He began to do first, and so must we.

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TESTIMONIES OF THE SPIRIT’S MANIFESTATION

Beloved, we must see that the baptism with the Holy Ghost is an activity with an outward manifestation.

When I was in Norway, God was mightily moving there, though I had to talk by interpretation. However, God always worked in a wonderful way. One day we met a man who stopped the three men I was with, one being the interpreter. I was walking on, but I saw he was in a dilemma, so I turned back and said to the interpreter, “What is the trouble?”

“This man,” he said, “is so full of neuralgia that he is almost blind and he is in a terrible state.”

As soon as ever they finished the conversation I said to the spirit that was afflicting him, “Come out of him in the name of Jesus.” And the man said, “It is all gone! It is all gone! I am free.” Ah, brothers, we have no conception of what God has for us!

I will tell you what happened in Sydney, Australia. A man with a stick passed a friend and me. He had to get down and then twist over, and the tortures on his face made a deep impression on my soul. I asked myself, “Is it right to pass this man?” So I said to my friend, “There is a man in awful distress, and I cannot go further. I must speak to him.” I went over to this man and said to him, “You seem to be in great trouble.”

“Yes,” he said, “I am no good and never will be.”

I said, “You see that hotel. Be in front of that door in five minutes and I will pray for you, and you shall be as straight as any man in this place.” This is on the line of activity in the faith of Jesus. I came back after paying a bill, and he was there. I will never forget him wondering if he was going to be trapped, or what was up that a man should stop him in the street and tell him he should be made straight. I had said it, so it must be. If you say anything you must stand with God to make it so. Never say anything for bravado unless you have the right to say it.

Always be sure of your ground and that you are honoring God. If there is anything about it to make you anything, it will bring you sorrow. Your whole ministry will have to be on the line of grace and blessing. We helped him up the two steps, passed him through to the elevator, and took him upstairs. It seemed difficult to get him from the elevator to my bedroom, as though Satan was making the last stroke for his life, but we got him there.

Then in five minutes’ time, this man walked out of that bedroom as straight as any man in this place. He walked perfectly and declared he hadn’t a pain in his body.

His Word will come forth. In heaven it is settled; on earth it must be made manifest that He is the God of everlasting power.

Oh brother, it is ministration, it is operation, it is manifestation! Those are three of the leading principles of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. We must see to it that God is producing these three through us.

The Bible is the Word of God; it has the truths, and whatever people may say of them, they stand stationary, unmovable. Not one jot or tittle shall fail of all His good promises. His Word will come forth. In heaven it is settled; on earth it must be made manifest that He is the God of everlasting power.

God wants manifestation and He wants His glory to be seen. He wants us all to be filled with that line of thought that He can look upon us and delight in us subduing the world unto Him. You are going to miss a great deal if you don’t begin to act. But once you begin to act in the order of God, you will find that God establishes your faith and from that day starts you on the line of the promises. When will you begin?

WHAT IF WE BELIEVED?

In a place in England I was dealing on the lines of faith and what would take place if we believed God. Many things happened, but when I got away it appeared one man who worked in the colliery had heard me. He was in trouble with a stiff knee. He said to his wife, “I cannot help but think every

day that that message of Wigglesworth's was to stir us to do something. I cannot get away from it. All the men in the pit know how I walk with a stiff knee, and you know how you have wrapped it around with yards of flannel. Well, I am going to act. You have to be the congregation." He got his wife in front of him. "I am going to act and do just as Wigglesworth did." He got hold of his leg unmercifully, saying, "Come out, you devils, come out! In the name of Jesus. Now, Jesus, help me. Come out, you devils, come out." Then he said, "Wife they are gone! Wife, they are gone. This is too good. I am going to act now."

He went to his place of worship and all the collier boys were there. It was a prayer meeting. As he told them this story these men became delighted. They said, "Jack, come over here and help me." And Jack went. As soon as he was through in one home he was invited to another, loosing these people of the pains they had gotten in the colliery.

Ah, brothers and sisters, we have no idea what God has for us if we will only begin! But oh, the grace we need! We may make a mishap. If you do it outside of Him, if you do it for yourself, and if you want to be someone, it will be a failure. We shall only be able to do well as we do it in the name of Jesus. Oh, the love that God's Son can put into us if we are only humble enough, weak enough, and helpless enough to know that except He does it, it will not be done! "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, walk in communion with the Spirit, talk with God. All leadings of the divine order are for you. I pray that if there are any who have turned to their own way and have made God second, they will come to repentance on all lines. Separate yourself from every earthly touch, and touch ideas. God will bring you to an end of yourself. Begin with God this moment.

CHAPTER 10

THE MIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many

infallible proofs...and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:1–8).

Our subject is *power for service* and *power in service*. It is a very wonderful subject, and possibly we shall not be able to define all its lines right here. But there is so much in it that we are comprehending now what was once blank; there is much now that we know about that we are not feeling after, not thinking about, not speaking so much about as something not yet quite clear; but we are speaking the things we do know, and testifying to the things which we have seen. Now we are on the Rock. We are understanding now what Peter received on that memorable day when our Lord said to him, “thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18).

We are standing now on the foundation—the Rock, Christ, the Word, the living Word. The power is contained in substance there. Christ is the substance of our faith. He is the hope of our inheritance; He is the substance and sum of our whole convention, and outside that we are altogether outside the plan of the great ideal of this convention—Christ the center. “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). Jesus was living in the knowledge of the power. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him.

POWER AND BOLDNESS THROUGH THE SPIRIT

These are some of the important lines that I want, God breathing through me, to deal with here—the fact of power being there, the fact of a knowledge of the power, the fact of the substance being there, the fact of that which is being created or breathed in or formed by God Himself in the individual.

We have come into a new order; we are dwelling in a place where Christ is the whole substance, where man is but the carcass or the clay and the Word of God the temple. Within the temple there is a living principle laid down of rock—the Word of the living God, formed in us and a thousand times more mighty than “me” in thought, in language, in activity, in movement. There is an unction, a force, a power mightier than dynamite, more strong than the mightiest gun that has ever been made, and able to resist the greatest pressure that the devil can bring against it. Mighty power has no might against this almighty power.

When we speak about evil power, we speak about mighty power; when we speak about almighty power, we speak about a substance of rock dynamite diffusing through the human, displaying its might and bringing everything into insignificance.

I want you to think well out what I am writing. They that “know their God shall be strong, and do exploits” (Dan. 11:32).

The Holy Ghost has come with one definite purpose—to reveal unto us the Father and the Son in all Their different branches of helpfulness to humanity, displaying almighty power that the weak may be made strong, bringing sickness into such a display of the revelation of the blood of Christ, of the atonement on Calvary, that the evil power of disease is conquered and cleared out.

There is in this baptism of the Holy Ghost a holy boldness—not superstition, but a boldness which stands unflinchingly and really on what the Word of God says. To have holy boldness is to live in the Holy Ghost, to get to know the principles that are worked out by Him. It says that “Jesus began to teach.” He did not have to begin to teach in order that they might understand His plan, but He began to teach. Then I must understand that as He lived in this blessed, sweet fellowship with His Father and worked and operated because His Father worked, therefore I must learn that the blessed principles of divine order are in me and that I am existing only for Him, so long as I am not. He is, and ought to be always in preeminence.

WALKING IN SUPERNATURAL BOLDNESS

Then there is no fear. Perfect love, perfect knowledge of God, of Jesus, brings me to the state where there is no fear. Now there is another order, which is Christ working in me and bringing every thought into subjection, every desire into a divine plan of desire, and now I am working on a new plan—Christ performing and “me” ceasing and the work accomplished.

You say “How?”

You cannot have holy boldness unless you know God; and do not

attempt to exercise it unless you know Him. Daniel would never have entered into the lions' den if he had not known God. What did the king say? The king said this: "Daniel...is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee?" (Dan. 6:20).

"O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me..." (Dan. 6:21-22). The mouths of the lions were not shut in the den, and yet they were. The lions' mouths were shut when the decree was signed. You will always find that victory is at the moment when you open the door of your heart to believing.

I landed one day in a place where there was a great deal of strife and friction. I had a letter of introduction to a stranger and did not know a single person in the place. I brought a letter to this man and he read it, and he said, "This letter is from [a brother in the Lord] of Cleveland. I know him. The letter mentions much about you. There will be an open door for you here." Instantly after that he said, "Go out and visit these different people"—he gave their names—"and then come back to dinner."

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As soon as I got back a little bit late, he said, "I am sorry you are late for dinner; we have had dinner, and for this reason: A young man has been here heartbroken. He was going to marry a beautiful young woman. She is dying, and the doctor is by her side and cannot help her. That young man has promised to be here and will be here in a minute. You better get ready."

"I am ready now." Just as I commenced my dinner, in came this man brokenhearted. I did not question him. I went with him, and we got to the house. The mother met me at the door broken-hearted. I said to her, "Cheer up. Show me the girl, take me to her; it will be all right in a minute or two." I was taken right into the house upstairs, and there in bed the young woman lay. She was just a travailing, poor soul. I said to her, "It will be all right in a minute or two." Then I said, "Come out!" and instantly she was healed. Holy boldness!

HOLY BOLDNESS

What do you mean by holy boldness? We may say that there is a divine position where the human may dwell and where he has such a knowledge of God that he knows God will not fail him. It is not a miracle, though it seems sometimes almost as if it has a measure of it. It does not act sometimes

exactly as the human mind would have it to act. God does not act that way. It is very often in quite an opposite line altogether. What I want you to know is this—God has a plan for His child. What came out of that case that I have just mentioned? There is the secret.

The doctor came a short time after that girl had been healed and could not understand it. He saw this young woman, and she was dressed and downstairs in ten minutes after having been made well. While she was dressing, four other people were definitely healed. What was God's purpose? That young doctor had been investigating this power of healing and he could not find a single person who was able to heal thus. He said to the young woman, "Are you down?"

There is a divine position where the human may dwell and where he has such a knowledge of God that he knows God will not fail him.

"Yes. A young man"—she called me a young man—"from England has been brought, and I was instantly healed."

"Come here," and then he took her and pressed his long finger into the soft of that tumor. It would have made her scream had she still had appendicitis. But he could not feel any symptom, and he said, "This is God; this is God."

Anything else? Yes. They had built a new place there, and they had not it full. But the leader said, "I am going to prophesy that our place won't hold the people." Neither would it. Anything else? Yes, God healed over two hundred people in that place.

Brothers and sisters, it is not we. I am as conscious as anything that it is just as Jesus said in the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel:

The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works (John 14:10).

Is that not beautiful? Just think of it, some of you people who have been so busy in arranging plans for preaching. Think how wonderful it is when