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The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Rev. Fred McCulley

With our Bibles open to the Gospel of Matthew, chapter Three, verses 11 and 12, and our hearts open to the influence of the Holy Spirit we want to talk to you about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. In our text John the Baptist is speaking. And he says; "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. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

John the Baptist was the last of the prophets in the Old Testament tradition. He had the tremendous task of gathering all the threads of prophetic and priestly truth in the Old Testament, and weaving them into a pattern of royal character, a message that prepared the way for the anointed King. Jesus said of Him: "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist, notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he." (Matt. 11:11) Standing as he did at the point of transition between the old and the new covenants, standing in that place with the authority of the greatest of all the prophets, and with an unparalleled grasp of Old Testament truth as it related itself to the New Testament, the words that John uttered, in particular, the words he spoke that

comprise our text, are words of surpassing importance.

It is strange that so often the church has been agitated by arguments on the proper mode of water baptism, but has rarely given consideration to the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Advocates of sprinkling, pouring, immersing, and even triple immersing, have waxed warm in contentions for their respective mode of water baptism. At times great excitement has accompanied these efforts denominations have arisen to champion a particular manner of water baptism. Some have even taken their name from their zeal for water baptism. But on the whole little attention has been given to the most important matter, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

John was trying to tell us the great distinction between the Old and the New Covenants was that the Old was ceremonial and anticipatory while the New was real and climactic! The cleansing of the Old was symbolical while the new was actual! The agent of his baptism was water, but the agent of Christ's baptism was the fire of the Holy Ghost, and while it is utterly impossible for water to reach the deep defilement of sin in the human heart, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, burns with unquenchable enmity against sin and carnality, and can effectually purify the human heart from all defilement. While water baptism leaves us unchanged in our nature, the baptism with the Holy Ghost, sweeps across our nature separating the chaff from the wheat, sav-

ing the wheat to God, but burning the chaff with unquenchable fire!

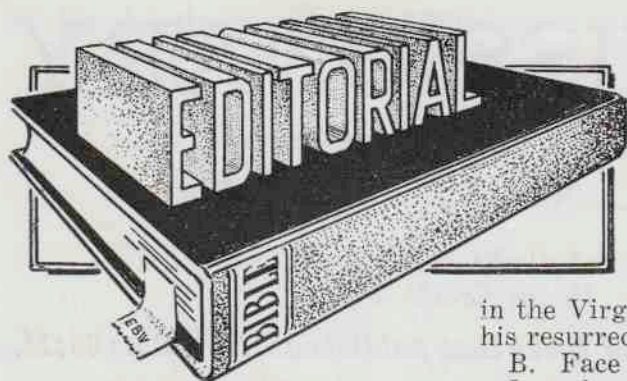
The disciples on the day of Pentecost, experienced this mighty and effectual baptism. It turned their cowardice into courage, it changed their doubt into faith, it replaced their self-seeking with self-sacrifice, lethargy fled before the heat of fervent zeal, and carnal confusion was lost in spiritual illumination.

The early church, thus endowed conquered the proud citadels of Greek philosophy. Absorbed the persecuting power of Imperial Rome, and most significant of all, she trampled upon the vile pagan passions that had corrupted the way of Imperial life.

When Paul wrote his first epistle to the Church at Corinth, a church that was situated in the "sin city" of that day he could say: "Make no mistake, no fornicator or idolater, none who are guilty either of adultery or of homosexual perversion, no thieves or grabbers or drunkards or slanderers or swindlers, will possess the kingdom of God. Such were some of you, But you have been through the purifying waters, you have been dedicated to God and justified through the name of the Lord Jesus and the Spirit of our God." (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

If there ever was a day in which the transforming might of a militant church was needed it is this day. The very things that the Corinthian believers were delivered from are again corrupting society. While the moral rot of sin eats at the vitals of our political stability, and leads us toward dissolute socialism, the visible church stands in many cases con-

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"Dare We"

I believe we are swiftly approaching the day when the professing people of God will be called upon to testify to their faith with their life. In the past centuries thousands have sealed their testimony with their blood, and we can hardly expect less.

Are there no foes for me to face,
Must I not stem the flood,

Is this cold world a friend to
grace

To Help me on to God?

No I must fight if I should win,
Increase my courage Lord,
I'll bear the cross, endure the
pain,

Supported by thy word.

Even now the church is beginning to succumb to the advances of liberalism and modernism and many have already died. With this in view, will we dare;

A. Earnestly contend for the faith

Only recently a large denomination met in a special counsel to reject the Bible as the Inspired Word of God. The chairman declared, "The Bible might contain some of the Word of God, but at best it is a poor attempt by man to give us the history of the past and cannot be accepted as the Word of God."

Dare we contend for the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures? It is true we will be labeled as ignorant men in a modern age, as some prominent men have already been titled, but remember we live for eternity.

When liberalists have blasphemously declared Jesus Christ to be only a good man and a good example in His day but not the Son of God will we dare, without shame, stand for the truth concerning Him? These learned men of the day (?) will look upon us as stupid if we declare our belief

in the Virgin birth, His diety and his resurrection; dare we?

B. Face Reality

I read once, that Americans above all people like to be fooled into believing that all is well when in reality it is not. While I do not believe that we should meditate upon the perilous conditions that abound until we become morbid and fold our hands declaring what is the use, yet, we should be able to face these realities with confidence in God and victory in our hearts.

We are in evil days. Sin is rampant, crime is increasing to the point of perplexity, national Godlessness and atheism is mounting, war is the common topic of the day, governments are crumbling and the church is declining. Can we face these bleak realities with courage and "A faith that will not shrink" or do we snail-like pull ourselves into a shell of an imaginary dreamland. While some refuse to face it, others face it with a spirit of defeatism, let us face it with a confidence in God that refuses defeat.

C. Live Holy uncompromising lives

I suppose that nothing arouses my suspicion as much as any who speak as if their little group was the only ones saved, yet we live in a day of mass compromise. A vast number have totally abandoned the doctrines, principles and standards once held dear and believed to be necessary to Godly living. It is, the dictionary declares is apostasy. Others have slowly given way to the present day menace, the no harm attitude, which eventually leads to compromising apostasy. Will we dare stand against the present day conformity to the world and for the old-fashioned way.

D. Humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways.

Herein, is the only scriptural prescription for a revival that could change the conditions herein declared. God declared through

Nahum, "I will pull thee down" but will this forced humbleness have its desired effect? Will we dare to lay aside our pride and humbly seek God? Carnal pride, religious pride, national pride or organizational pride all tend to self-satisfaction and a form of religious piousness but not to Godliness and spiritual living. No one will deny that our nation, church or school should commend our greatest respect and as much as possible our loyalty, yet, pride of all these is definitely detrimental to piety. The true Church is an "organism" to which I ascribe my devoted loyalty, this is blood-bought and perfect but the visible church is an organization subject to decay.

If we seriously consider these truths in the light of eternity, we will come to the one grand conclusion that we can not afford anything but to dare.

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Holiness Teachings

Rev. Allen Russel

Rev. J. A. Wood's Regeneration and Holiness Experience Continued from previous Month; Part Two

The Binghamton Dist. Camp-Meeting began that year the 1st day of September, and about eighty of the members of my charge attended it with me. During six days of the meeting, the sanctification of my soul was before my mind constantly, and yet I neither urged others to seek it, nor intimated to any one my convictions and struggles on the subject. Six days of such deep humiliation, severe distress, and hard struggles I never endured before.

A number of the members present from my charge had once enjoyed this grace, and had lost it. Some who professed to enjoy it were becoming silent upon the subject. With but very few exceptions, we, as a church, were practically staving off and ignoring the doctrine and duty of entire sanctification. The Lord was evidently displeased with us, and so shut us up that our prayer meetings, in our large tent, literally ran out. The brethren and sisters became afflicted with themselves and afflicted with each other. Some of them were even tempted to strike their tents and go home.

On the last day of the meeting, a few minutes before preaching, a faithful member of the church came to me weeping, and said, "Brother Wood, there is no use in trying to dodge this question. You know your duty. If you will lead the way, and define your position as a seeker of entire sanctification, you will find that many of the members of your charge have a mind to do the same." The Lord had so humbled my heart that I was willing to do anything to ob-

tain relief. After a few moments' reflection I replied, "Immediately after preaching I will appoint a meeting in our tent on the subject of holiness, and will ask the prayers of the church for my own soul."

Glory be to God! the Rubicon was passed. The moment of decision was the moment of triumph. In an instant I felt a giving away in my heart, so sensible and powerful, that it appeared physical rather than spiritual; a moment after I felt an indescribable sweetness permeating my entire being. It was a sweetness as real and as sensible to my soul as ever the sweetest honey to my taste. I immediately walked up to the stand. Just as the preacher gave out his text,—Ecc. xii. 13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter," &c.,—the baptism of fire and power came upon me.

For me to describe what I then realized is utterly impossible. It was such as I need not attempt to describe to those who have felt and tasted it, and such as I cannot describe to the comprehension of those whose hearts have never realized it. I was conscious that Jesus had me in His arms, and that the Heaven of heavens was streaming through and through my soul in such beams of light and overwhelming love and glory, as can never be uttered. *The half can never be told.*

It was like marching through the gates of the city to the bosom of Jesus, and taking a full draught from the river of life.

Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! I have cause to shout over the work of that precious hour.

It was a memorable era in the history of my probation, a glorious epoch in my religious experience—never. NEVER to be forgotten. Jesus there and then—all glory to His blessed name!—sweetly, completely, and most powerfully sanctified my soul and my

body to himself. He melted, cleansed, filled and thrilled my feeble, unworthy soul with holy sin-consuming power.

Glory be to God! Perfect love is the richest, the sweetest and the purest love this side of Paradise. Angels have nothing better.

I had always been much prejudiced against persons losing their strength; consequently, as might be expected, when the Holy Ghost came upon me in the stand, surrounded by some thirty preachers and three thousand people, it was God's order to take control of both body and soul, and swallow me up in the great deep of His presence and power.

After about three hours I regained sufficient strength to walk to the tent, and we commenced a meeting for the promotion of holiness. I told my church my purpose to ask their prayers as a seeker of holiness, but that Jesus had forestalled my design by accepting my soul the moment I consented to stand up for holiness, and was willing to be anything or do anything to obtain it.

A willingness to humble myself, and take a decided stand for holiness, and face opposition to it in the church, and take the odium of being an advocate of holiness in Binghamton, where that doctrine had been trailing in the dust for years, constituted the turning point of complete submission. I had no consciousness of making any special effort in believing; my whole being seemed simply, and without effort, to be borne away to Jesus.

Our meeting continued all night; and such a night I never experienced. A large number of my leading members commenced seeking holiness; and about every half hour during the whole night the glorious power of God came down from the upper ocean in streams

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CHURCH NEWS

Milesburg

Dear Standard Family;

The Lord has been gracious to us and we would like to share these reports with you. Our revival with, the Rev. Willis Miller was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The cooperation was very good. There were ten God's Missionary churches represented and eleven other churches cooperated with their presence. Above all God was there and we once again saw some very definite conversions and people definitely sanctified. So of course, this was worth the meeting. The preaching was extra. Bro. Miller using a chart preached on the Dead, The Rapture, The Judgment, The Tribulation and The Revelation of our Lord. We praise the Lord for His presence.

On Mothers day we had the Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band with us for the afternoon and evening services. Bro. Clarence Derk, a Brother indeed, had charge of the band and the spirit was enjoyed by all. Then in the evening service, while the Quartet was singing "Close to Thee", the Lord came and with no preaching except that which The Holy Spirit was doing through the song, people began to move, fourteen coming to the altar of prayer and such rejoicing and shouting as the people praised God for victory amidst tears of joy. It was just blessed to be here, so we again praise the Lord for this wonderful time of Victory. All who were present, left the service, thanking God for their own glorious victory.

May 20th the youth had a service, this a regular monthly service was blessed with the preaching of Rev. John Moore from Kingston, Jamaica. Did he preach! The subject of his message was the "Three calls one faces"; The call to repent; The Call to Holiness and the Call to Judgment. The Lord again blessed and crowned the service with five seekers and again the shouts and prayers were heard with joy. Bro. Moore leaves us with many good remembrances. The service was well attended and many specials were enjoyed. In the fall months we will try to announce these meetings ahead of

time through the pages of the Standard, and we invite one and all to come and enjoy these great services.

Several folk from the church attended the Penn View School service at Millmont, May 19. This meeting was really enjoyed. We would like to extend congratulations to the school committee, teachers and students for a very fine program, well done and spiritually enjoyed. We at Milesburg support this worthy program and pray that God will continue to bless the work.

Herman K. Noll, Pastor

My Mother

When my Mother was a girl, they say,

Things were not as they are today.

She did not have a lazy streak,

And work just forty hours in a week.

She worked from dawn till set of sun,

And left us play and have our fun.

She scrubbed on her knees and washed by hand,

Then in the summer she always canned.

She blackened the stove, baked pies and cakes,

Before us kiddies would get awake.

She whitewashed the cellar, made homewashed soap,

She patched our dresses and mended our coat.

If we were sick she sat up at night, When we had fever and our chest was tight.

She sent us to church and taught us aright,

Thank God for a Mother that had such a might.

My Mother she was 91,

And now to Heaven she has gone.

We realized to us her days were short,

But I'm glad she always held the fort.

She followed a path that was straight and right, And never became a disgraceful sight.

Today the words we can't find to say,

But some of the tributes we try to pay.

Now I feel I can't do as my Mother, Nor can I imitate another.

But I'll strive to pray down on my knees,

And be the Mother my Lord to please.

Mrs. Estella Wolfgang

Interdenominational

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The Forgotten Man

By FORREST W. NASH

You will find him serving in many areas of church life. He may keep the records of a Sunday school class or some other group in the church. Maybe he was one of the few who pledged to pray in behalf of a certain need. It could be that he comes early to see that the room is properly set up for meeting.

Then there was the time that a last-minute substitute had to be drafted. The forgotten man was that substitute. On Wednesday nights he comes by the assistant pastor's office after prayer meeting to pick up the name of one who needs a personal call. On different occasions the pastor asked for volunteers to do some extra cleaning in the house of God. Again you found him faithful in his response.

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A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Youth Meets It's Problems With Prayer

The Bible reveals to us the fact that marriage is in the plan of God. He instituted the holy relationship of matrimony, and said that a man should leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife. When Jesus was on earth, He attended a marriage in Cana of Galilee, thus placing His sanction upon it. Paul also said that "marriage is honorable in all." Rightly regarded, marriage is the highest and happiest of human relationships. However, all marriages are not of God; so this is the thought to be considered today:

SATAN ARRANGES MANY MARRIAGES—

The following is quoted from an article by Paul E. Bilheimer: "It is my firm belief that Satan plans and arranges many marriages. One of his most successful schemes is to get the wrong young people ensnared one with another. He knows that he can greatly reduce the spiritual effectiveness of both lives if he can get them to make a mistake in marriage; and very often he can bring them both to complete ruin. Therefore, he probably has millions of demons whose business is to produce infatuation with the wrong person. Many a young person in preparation for God's service has been stopped dead in his tracks by an infatuation that resulted in a hasty marriage, and interrupted or completely stopped his preparation for God's service.

When a young woman is called to the mission field, he will often send some unworthy young man across her path and at the same time send a demon of infatuation to overpower her in her emotions. Under the spell of that evil spirit of infatuation, the call of God is lost, and another promising life is tied up in an existence of frustration and tragedy."

FINDING GOD'S PLAN IN MATRIMONY—

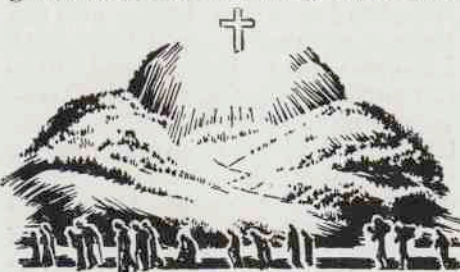
Certainly a Christian should not marry a non-Christian. God's Word is definitely against it, and in the great majority of cases, it has proved disastrous. A Christian young lady was engaged to a young man who seemed fine in many respects, but he was not a

real Christian. Friends as well as the burdened pastor warned her not to marry him. After serious consideration, when asked what she was going to do, she announced that she was going ahead as planned. In a few short weeks after the wedding she was coming to church alone, although he had faithfully promised to go with her to the services. She soon realized that she had made a great mistake; then it was not long until a marked spiritual decline was noticed, and now she is in a backslidden condition. Young people, it would be well to be very skeptical, if the Christian people as a whole are against any union.

Another young lady with a call to the mission field was keeping company with an unsaved young man on whom she had set her heart. Despite the warnings of teacher, merchants, and others, she was determined to marry him, regardless of all else. This she did; but after a few years, a heart-breaking separation came. He is married to another, and her response to the call to the mission field was never realized.

Sometimes a young man will feign victory in salvation, in order to obtain a Christian girl whom he desires to marry. Afterwards, the disillusioned bride finds out, too late, that he was not sincere in his religious intentions, and she is often left to attend church alone, or miserably remain at home, with no way to go.

Then, even if both are Christians, this in itself is not a definite indication that they are for each other. Mistakes have been made along this line, also. It may require waiting on the Lord in prayer, but as you wait, with your heart yielded, seeking only His will in this all-important matter (you can afford to wait for God's guidance), He will make clear His



"Lift up your eyes to the hills"

leadings, and if God does not lead, you cannot afford to go ahead!

PRAYER SAVES FROM RUIN—

One young man, called to the ministry, was casting his eyes about for a companion in his ministerial labors, and praying meanwhile. The pianist of the church, talented in many other ways also, met with his approval; but he continued to pray, and God said, "No." Later, he found a mate who was God's choice for him. Years later, in one of his revival campaigns, a man came to the altar very much distressed, but did not receive victory. He asked the evangelist if he could call on him the next morning, and the request was granted. He told the evangelist of his marital troubles and of a wife who made life miserable, with her tantrums. In relating the story, the evangelist found that she was the same woman he would have married years before, had not God checked him. When the evangelist was alone, he thanked the Lord that he had waited in prayer, and obeyed the checking of the Spirit.

One young lady who had kept company with a certain young man since girlhood, felt that God asked her to give him up. The struggle was hard, but the thought came to her, "What a fool I'd be to go against God; for He knows the future, and I do not!" The victory was won and a letter was written breaking off their connection. She did not trust herself to see him personally, fearing that she might not go through her resolve. After several years, she is still thankful that she obeyed God.

HAPPILY UNMARRIED—

Many young people feel it would be a terrible thing to remain unmarried. Girls, especially, abhor the stigma of being an "old maid"; but there are many conditions far worse. Most of us are familiar with the saying, "Better be happily UNmarried, than unhappily married." If you should be one of those for whom matrimony is not in the plan of God, then you will be far happier to remain unmarried. Someone asked an aged spinster if she had ever been disappointed in love, to which she replied, "No, but some of my married friends have."

Young people, it will pay you to pray, Pray, PRAY, before going into this serious relationship of matrimony. If you do not pray, you may pay, and pay dearly.

The Church and Evangelism

Rev. Edward S. Lecates

Continued From Last Month

What is the *DISPOSITION* or nature of this evangelism? Evangelism is more than a special campaign, a house-to-house visitation program or a contest for greater numbers with a prize at the end. The church may promote all these programs and yet fade and fail in evangelism. Evangelism is born in a clean, spirit-filled heart and flows out through uninterrupted channels. Promotion programs may be engaged in from the excitement of emotions through the appeal of a personality or sectarian loyalty but die when the hot sun opposition and refusals beat down because they lack depth. In short, if sinners are not saved, it is largely because they are not convicted; if they are not convicted it is because the church is not burdened; if the church is not burdened, it is because the Holy Ghost is not operating through her, if the Spirit does not operate, it is because there is a condition offensive to Him. Thus we see that we evangelize because of what we are and possess. We are zealous because of an inward burning and compassion—not from a shot of the vaccine of church loyalty.

Evangelism is also time consuming in its disposition. We can no more evangelize in our spare time than we can be spiritual in our spare time. The time element enters into both our personal devotion and our service to God and others. Just as we may be so busy with the good and legitimate that we miss the essential and best in our personal lives, we may also be so busy with our personal interests that we do not take time to tell others the Good News. Paul exhorted Timothy (II Tim. 4:5) to "Do the work of an evangelist." It is of importance to polish the jewel after it has been found, but the chief thing is to dig it out of the mine. It is of importance to dress up the stone for the front of the building, but the greatest work is the excavating it from the quarry in which it lay embedded. The church influences most and advertises best when it, through the aid of the Spirit, digs out of the mines of sin a jewel for God's kingdom. This indeed is the disposition of evangelism.

Note with me further the *DESIGN* or method of evangelism. God alone saves but the believer is a responsible agent in the salvation of others. There are at least three methods of evangelism. First, is the means of preaching. I Cor. 1:21 tells us that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Film strips, panel discussions and dry essays are not God's methods of convicting of sin, but the preaching of the Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believes. Jesus was sent of the Father to preach the Gospel to the poor and He sent the 70 forth to preach deliverance to all oppressed of the devil.

Second is the means of the personal life. Matt. 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." There is nothing more convincing than one that proves by example that God does save and keep from ALL sin and give grace and glory in every hour. Many who have scoffed at preaching, have been broken down and yielded under the influence of a Godly life. The world is bent to breaking beneath their load of disappointment, sorrow and sin. A radiant life and a Christ-like spirit touch even the cold-hearted. Kindness, too, has broken down many walls.

Third is the means of personal witness. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses." Though threatened by magistrates and rulers, Peter and the apostles could not help but witness of the things they had seen and heard and felt. Paul disputed in the synagogues with the Jews and daily in the market-place and public-squares with those he met. This testimony does not and at the mid-week service but is carried to the job, school, store, street and homes. The early church was seen witnessing from house to house. Can one who has found the freedom from sin and condemnation, the joy of real living, and the hope of eternal bliss remain silent? I tell you Nay! This inward burning thrusts one out into the highways and hedges to compel those lamed and blinded by sin to come to the table of salvation. God's design for evangelism then does not end with our Sunday evening and special services at which time evangelistic sermons are heard,

but is carried forth through the exemplary lives of the believers and their urgent appeal of personal testimony.

Last, notice the *DENOUEMENT* or fruit of evangelism. The results are many and varied. Many petty and insignificant problems disappear when a church is truly evangelistic. It has been said that a horse cannot pull and kick at the same time. The same is true with the Christian. He cannot be actively engaged in sowing the seed or watering the plants of the kingdom and at the same time be picking at or complaining of his fellow-laborers. Also with the vision of evangelism comes in the inspiration for a deeper prayer life, a life of intercession for those to whom you are witnessing. Thus a church becomes offensive and progressive rather than sluggish, passive and inactive. The greatest of all these results is (revival) the harvest of the seed sown and watered through evangelism. God has promised to give the increase. How happy are the saints as they hear the groans of the penitent, listen to the cry of the newborn babe in Christ and watch the glowing face of the newly saved. Toils of the past are forgotten and new encouragement received to go again and again in search for the lost and wandering.

In summary, let us obtain a clear *DEFINITION* of evangelism, accept the challenge if its *DEMANDS*, understand its *DISPOSITION*, follow the God-given *DESIGN* and rejoice in the *DENOUEMENT*!

I Met Him One Day

By Herald E. Copp

I met Him in the field one day,
I met Him while fast at play,
He told me of His glory divine,
How someday it could be mine.

He spoke of joy and of love
of wonderful things in heaven
above

When I felt His presence near
It quickly dispelled all my fear

And gave me faith for each new
day,

Showing me His love is the only
way

This I feel within my heart,
That from me He shall never
depart

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Penn View News

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS

Holiness leaders throughout Christendom are becoming increasingly concerned about the crying need for genuine Christian education among the holiness constituency. It is admitted by nearly all that something must be done in the important area of youth education if our churches are to be saved. Since our nation is no stronger than the moral and spiritual fiber that binds it together, this concern has obviously a direct bearing upon the general welfare of our entire great country. For this reason any and all attempts in the direction of any alleviation of the increasingly frequent suppurations so often making headlines, should be encouraged by all. Nearly all of our larger and older educational systems incorporating both colleges and universities were brought into being and nurtured by religious minded men of high and noble purpose. Now, in this supersonic age even a cursory examination of the deplorable conditions that exist in many of these old landmarks of academic erudition make it crystal clear that something calamitous has happened. It is not our purpose at this time to enter into any detailed discussion concerning the various factors that have contributed to the decadence of our day that is so often brought into sharp focus in the university upheavals, the college corruptions, the secondary senselessness, and the general godless climate all too apparent in nearly all branches of our educational system. Trivia is supplanting truth, foolish fads are superceding facts, and vain philosophies are taking the place of vital precepts. There are, to be sure, some few bright spots in the panoramic picture of our modern educational system, but for the most part it leaves much to be desired. For several decades the secularizing trends, which have gradually debilitated the moral fiber of our youth and have contributed to their being brain-washed of the principles and precepts of our patriarchal educators, have been a growing concern of many of the parents in the church and out. Many have moaned and groaned, have plead and prayed, and have wished and worked in the direction of providing some cor-

rection of the sad conditions that have prevailed in far too many of our public schools. Needless to say, it has not altogether righted the situation, obviously something more was needed. Perhaps an entirely different approach to the problem was needed. Generally speaking, the last score of years has seen the initiation of a new approach to the problem. Increasing concern and continued planning have crystalized into an increasing number of Christian day schools, Bible Colleges, and Bible Institutes. The results, now beginning to become apparent, are encouraging. In these small but growing church schools prayer has become permissible, God has been put back into the picture, and truth has begun to occupy the attention of the professors and pupils. Let it be forcefully said that this step in the right direction has in no way jeopardized the academic progress of our pupils, rather it has contributed to genuine progress in this important area. While it is true that there is much more work to be done, at least the start has been made and is being made by an increasing number of our holiness denominations. Admittedly God's Missionary Church has not been one of the pioneer promoters of this great Christian education effort but it has been interested for many years. Perhaps its cautiousness has been commendable. It has at least given time for careful contemplation and consideration and has prevented any premature action. Finally, however, the denominational leaders felt that the time had come for action. Accordingly the fall of 1967 saw the Penn View Bible School come into being. The interest that was awakened exceeded the expectations of many. Now at this writing a little preview of the rapidly expanding program is in order. Penn View Bible Institute is about to become a reality after long planning and persistent prayer. The basic purpose of this new faith-venture is not to compete with any of the already established Bible Schools or to provide an opportunity for denominational accentuation or to supercede the already existing day school. Instead, it has for its objective the preparation and qualification of young men and women for the various fields of Christian endeavor and especially for the work of the ministry. "Dedication to Christian Ministry" is the

watchword of this new organization, Penn View Bible Institute. The elementary and secondary branches of this school will still be a vital part of its program. In fact this now to-be-complete Bible Institute will enable a student to begin in the first grade, continue through his high-school career, enroll in the Bible Institute and upon being graduated thus be thoroughly prepared to serve in about any branch of Christian service.

To accomplish the noble purpose to which this Bible Institute is dedicated will require cooperation, concentration, and contribution on the part of the entire denominational constituency as well as on the part of all the friends of Christ in this fertile for-faith area, Central Pennsylvania. There will be a variety of needs in the physical plant.

One vital need from the opening day of school will be that of a well stocked library of good religious books. Perhaps there may be some who read these lines who would be glad to contribute to this worthy cause. As many as 10,000 volumes could be used to good advantage. Anyone who might wish to contribute to this new library may either send the books to Penn View Bible Institute, Penn's Creek, Penna. or they may be sent to Reverend Marlin Crock, pastor of God's Missionary Church, Lewistown, Penna. For those who may not be able to contribute books but who may wish to help financially, funds may be sent to Penn View Bible Institute, designating such monies to the library fund.

Another area of need will, of course, be that of finances for the construction of the new building now already begun. It is no small task that lies ahead of us, but the lives of our young people are of inestimatable value. Investment in youth will pay unlimited dividends in this world and in the next. We, who in God's good providence will be entrusted with the administration of Penn View, are readily aware of another very vital part of the program, that of believing prayer. Here every praying man and woman, boy and girl may participate and may make a valuable contribution to the development and progress of Penn View Bible Institute. Although contributors in this area may be relatively in the background, they will be

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Missionary Message

Planned Poverty

William Carey, the consecrated cobbler turned missionary, gave \$400,000 to missions during his years as a servant of the Lord in India. How did he do it? Carey went to the mission field with a salary of \$250 a year. While in India he was hired by the government to teach in a university at \$7,500 a year. Carey continued to live on \$250, giving the rest to the work of the Lord. That was planned poverty.

As a youth, John Wesley began working for \$150 a year. He gave \$10 to the Lord. His salary was doubled the second year, but Wesley continued to live on \$140, giving \$160 to Christian work. During his third year, Wesley received \$600. He kept \$140 while \$460 was given to the Lord. That was planned poverty.

During his life, George Mueller received and expended five and a half million dollars. When he died, there was less than one thousand dollars to his credit in the bank. His life not only showed that God was faithful, but that George Mueller was self-disciplined in the stewardship of the money the Lord entrusted to him.

Robert Atherton, who was reared in luxury, gave \$5,000,000 to the work of the Lord. He did not do it without sacrificial living. A letter received from a missionary in China read, "Were I in England again, I would gladly live in one room, make the floor my bed, a box for my chair, another for my table, rather than that the heathen should perish for lack of knowledge of Christ." Atherton followed these suggestions almost to the letter for the rest of his life. His own deliberate planned poverty enabled him to give a fortune toward the publication of the Bible in numerous languages.

William Borden died before his twenty-sixth birthday anniversary. He had given his entire fortune of \$25,000,000 to the work of the Lord before going out as a missionary. That was purposeful poverty.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Studd were living under frugal conditions as missionaries in China, when they received word of their share of the family inheritance. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars were to be theirs. After prayerful consideration, the entire amount was given to various gospel ministries. In the many years of service for Christ which followed, C. T. Studd and his family experienced the joy of living by faith.

And what about Moses who rejected the name, the fame, the power, and the wealth of Egypt only to suffer affliction with the children of Israel? His choice was premeditated. He "esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

We are told concerning the churches of Macedonia that "in most difficult circumstances, their joy and the fact of being down to their last penny themselves, produced a magnificent concern for other people. I can guarantee that they were willing to give to the limit of their means, yes, beyond their means, without the slightest urging from me or anyone else."

"In fact, they simply begged us to accept their gifts and so let them share in the honor of supporting their brothers in Christ. Nor was their gift, as I must confess I had expected, a mere cash payment. Instead, they made a complete dedication of themselves, first to the Lord, and then to us as God's appointed ministers," (II Cor. 8:2-5 — Phillips' translation).

One wonders if it was not the sacrificial spirit of Paul which inspired the deliberate and dedicated frugality of the churches in Macedonia. Paul's walk with God was one of planned poverty. He counted all personal profit but refuse in the light of eternity.

Paul in turn walked in the footsteps of his Master who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich." The "planned poverty" in which our Lord lived was deliberate and pur-

poseful. There was nothing hasty or unconsidered about it. The plan was conceived from before the foundation of the world. The purpose was that we might enjoy eternal riches. How great was that sacrifice and how deep the poverty only heaven will reveal.

In the bright light of our Lord's example, we dare not allow our giving to grow out of the shallow ground of spasmodic emotional stirrings. There must be something deep, deliberate, and disciplined about true stewardship. The work of the Lord cannot thrive on the fringe benefits of our income. Poverty - stricken souls who are without hope and without God will never enter into the riches of grace in Christ apart from planned poverty in the lives of God's children.

Where is the housewife who could not set aside an extra \$1.00 a week from the food budget? What would happen if 100,000 wives began to do this? Multiply their sacrifice by 52 weeks a year and you get a little conception of the tremendous outreach for God they would have. Where is the layman who could not save \$1.00 a week by dropping a few of the inconsequential luxuries which he rather habitually enjoys? What would happen if only a million laymen cancelled their subscriptions to a secular magazine for a year? Would it mean four million dollars for missions? What would happen if the golf course, the bowling alley, the fishing trip, or even chewing gum, were sacrificed (?) for the sake of missions?

Before you do your Christmas shopping, take a second look at the drab stable and at the cold, barren Bethlehem manger. Then remember the cozy comfort into which your babes were born. Is our Lord worthy of anything less than planned poverty on our part? Are the souls for which He died deserving of anything less than that sacrifice which will enable them to hear the gospel of His love? The message of the manger is planned poverty.

— Church Herald and Holiness Banner

Disturb Us, O Lord

"Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves: when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, when we have arrived in safety because we sailed close to the shore.

"Disturb us, O Lord, when with the abundance of things, which we possess we have lost our thirst for the water of life; when having fallen in love with time we have ceased to dream of eternity; and, in our efforts to build the new earth, have allowed our vision of the new heaven to grow dim.

"Stir us O Lord, to dream and dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms shall show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. In the name of Him, who has pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow Him." —Addison H. Groff in *Old Faith Contender*

High Cost of Praying

I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said a leader of God's people to his young folk. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise. "Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world, it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and after two years of blessed work it cost him his life. To be sure, it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work; you will find that you cannot pray and withhold labor, or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."—Selected.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

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fused, and battling bogey men that have been projected in their thinking by collectivist and Communist agitators.

Peter stood on the Day of Pentecost, and cried to the collected crowd: "Repent, and be baptized,

everyone of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:38,39) and my friend, today this unspeakable gift is for you.

Holiness Teachings

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as sweet as heaven. At times it was unspeakable and almost unendurable. It was oppressively sweet—a weight of glory.

Every time the power of God came, one or more souls entered the land of Beulah, the Canaan of perfect love. Some shouted, some laughed, some wept, and a large number lay prostrate from three to five hours, beyond the power of shouting or weeping. Hallelujah to the great God! those present will never forget that night of refining and sanctifying power.

What I received at the time Jesus sanctified my soul was only a drop in the bucket compared to what it has since pleased Him to impart. From that hour the deep and solid communion of my soul with God, and the rich baptisms of love and power, have been "unspeakable, and full of glory."

At times I have had an overwhelming sense of the Divine presence, and a sacred unction has pervaded my whole being. Especially this has been my experience while called to defend this glorious salvation. Oh, how God has stood by me and helped me in vindicating the doctrine and the experience of holiness! I have often felt if there were but one man in the world to stand up for holiness, in God's name I would be that man. So long as I can move my tongue or pen I must testify to this sweet constraining love of Christ.

There was a divine fragrance and sweetness imparted to my soul when the Savior cleansed and filled it with pure love, that has ever remained with me, and I trust it ever will. I make a record of this to the glory of God. Glory, honor, and eternal praise be to His blessed name, forever and ever! His own arm hath brought salvation to my feeble, helpless soul. And I do love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and strength. Yet I am nothing, and Jesus is my all. Sweet portion! Oh the blessedness of this inward,

spiritual kingdom! Oh the depth of solid peace my soul has felt; It has often been to know that God is mine; to feel that He dwells in my heart, rules my will, my affections, my desires; to know that He loves me ten thousand times better than I love Him,—oh, what solid bliss is this!

As I now look back over the twenty-one beautiful years since that eventful hour, during these consecrated years I have had time, and every variety of circumstances, to test the genuineness of my submission and the saving power of God, and I am constrained to say, I know "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." I state it with the most profound conviction of its truth, as well as of my own weakness and unworthiness. Oh that I could describe my feelings of gratitude and love as I review the amazing grace and power of God! Truly,

"I stand all bewildered with wonder,
And gaze on an ocean of love;
While over its waves to my spirit,
Comes peace like a heavenly dove."

In the purified soul, the flow of love is deeper and steadier than ever before. It breathes an atmosphere of purity, and is conscious that its entire inner being has been cleansed, and harmonized by Christ Himself. Some one has beautifully said, "This pure love is the same in its nature, sweetness, and power, whether it be in David on the hill of Zion, Moses in the wilderness, or Paul in Athens. The same in the sepharic Fletcher at Madely, in Wesley in London, in Fenelon at St. Sulpitius, or Madam Guyon in the Bastille.

It is the richest gift of God to man. It sweetens the bitter cup of life; it smoothes the rough places and lightens the valley of the shadow of death. A-men.

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a very vital and necessary part of the over-all program.

Let me urge all my readers to pray, plan, and provide for this great work so badly needed at this crisis hour.

George W. Stepp
President, Penn View
Bible Institute

The Forgotten Man

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When seekers kneel at the altar for salvation or special help, you can always find him there to assist them. When there is opportunity, he talks to men about Christ, and their salvation. He invites them to Sunday school or the revival, or to a regular preaching service. When tithe boxes are distributed, he is one of the first to get his.

His name is seldom mentioned in the official listings of the church. When officers are elected, for some unimportant reason he is not thought of. And he always casts his vote for the other fellow. Occasionally someone mentions his name in public, but not often.

You see, he is the "doorkeeper in the house of the Lord." He is glad when out of faithful attention to his service of love God gets the glory.

As a pastor, I thank the good Lord every day for him and his kind. It is his prayers that I covet for my defenseless head. And I want God to forgive me when I have taken this forgotten man for granted.

I rejoice that God does not forget. When in the eternal day we stand in line to receive our just rewards, the forgotten man shall receive the laurels. Let us ponder again that inspired admonition: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

I Met Him One Day

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And that the joy I feel both day and night,

Is proof enough, His way is right

Oh! joy beyond compare,

I find when He is there.

And peace within my soul,
To stop the billows roll

Of wonderful things in heaven
This He will also give to thee,
Jesus, My Lord, who pilots me

The Faithfulness of God

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you to pieces. With God's help, we can "ride out" the storms of life. God is faithful, and He will see us through, every time.

Have you experienced the faithfulness of God to your life? Remember — the Bible tells us that He is faithful to keep His promises; He is faithful to pardon and forgive us our sins; He is faithful to sanctify and cleanse us from all sin; and He is faithful to stand by us in the hour of temptation and trial. He will be faithful to YOU, if you will let Him have first place in your heart and life.

Broken Things of the Bible

The Broken Passover Lamb, Ex. 12:3-18

Almost everyone who attends church is somewhat familiar with the story of the first passover. It is one of the greatest events of Israelitish history and was of great significance among the Jewish people, both historically and prophetically.

God made it a conditional redemption for the Israelites as well as a national deliverance from Egypt. Each household must have its door post sprinkled with the blood of the slain lamb or the first-born would be slain by the destroying angel. There were to be no exceptions, however poor the family might be. Special arrangements were made for the poor, but all must have the blood of the lamb on the door or one would perish.

In this way God taught them early that redemption was a very personal thing, something for which they must individually be responsible. The demonstration was very effective. The Israelites seemed to sense the personal intervention of God for them and became conscious of personal responsibility to Him.

This bleeding lamb by which the first-born was saved had its prophetic significance, too. Many centuries later John the Baptist was to stand on Jordan's bank and cry to the multitude, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh

away the sin of the world." While the average Israelite overlooked the Suffering Messiah of Isaiah 53, seeing rather the splendors of the Messianic Kingdom there also portrayed, he did not forget that it was by the suffering lamb that his ancestors were saved in Egypt.

All over the land of Goshen that fearful night the bleating of dying lambs could be heard. There was something sad about that mournful evening as the long shadows drew on, while innocent victims perished in order that guilty sinners might live. But there was also great joy in the morning when it was known that not one Israelitish home had a corpse, while in every home where the Egyptians had rejected the warning there lay the dead first-born, a silent witness to the cost of disobedience. It was all because of the broken lamb which answered to God for their redemption. And it all pointed to that great coming Sacrifice to be offered on Calvary, the Lamb of God. He, too, was to be "broken" for us.

The living lamb was something lovely. Children like to play with little lambs. They seem so innocent and are often very playful. But as a living lamb it could be only a pleasant and cheerful thing, imparting a fleeting joy at the most. It was in the broken lamb that hope and salvation lay.

So we would remind young Christians. The youthful life may be merry and pleasant, offering a flitting bit of happiness, but it is only the life laid down for Christ that has in it powers of redemptive value. By the self-denying life of the real Christian, others are touched and saved. The deeper the consecration and the greater the sacrifice for Christ and others, the greater the scope of service and blessing one can render.

The highest law of Christian living is that of self-denial. Without it there can be no supreme love for Christ nor any complete devotion to His cause. It shatters our plans (breaks up our arrangements, and sometimes changes even cherished hopes but it produces the "peaceable fruits of righteousness." One should not draw back from self-denial, but rather embrace it if he desires to be the happiest and most useful Christian.

Wm. S. Deal

*Now faith is the
substance of things
hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1



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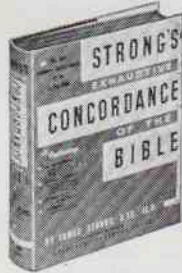
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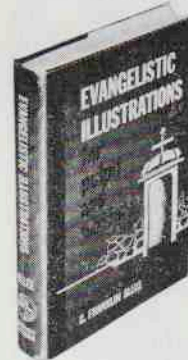
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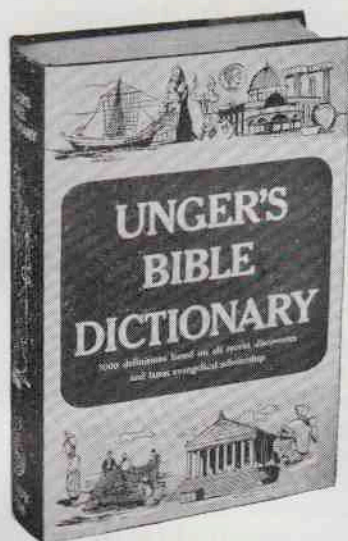
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The Faithfulness of God

Raymond Pollard

In a world that is full of change and decay, it is encouraging to reflect on the great faithfulness of our God. The Word of God contains many assurances of divine faithfulness. Deut. 7:9 says, "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." David said, in Psa. 36:5, that God's faithfulness "reacheth unto the clouds." I Cor. 1:9 says "God is faithful. . ."

Our faith rests upon the faithfulness of God. Faithfulness is a perfection of God by which He is true to His Word and His promises. For the believer, this is a comforting truth. It is a pillow for the head, a stimulant for the fainting heart, and a brace for the feeble knees. To emphasize the faithfulness of God, Moses said that He is faithful "to a thousand generations."

Let us note four areas in which God's faithfulness is particularly manifested. First, the Bible tells us that God is Faithful to His Promises. The inspired writer, in Heb. 10:23, said: "For he is faithful that promised." Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that He will carry it out. God does not make wild promises — He never promises more than He can fulfill.

The Bible says: "Wherefore are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." The Bible contains many promises that are intended for its readers. Prov. 3:5,6 carries God's promise of divine guidance. Phil. 4:19 gives us a promise that God will supply all our needs. If there are any conditions attached to the promises of God, they must be fulfilled, and then the promises can be claimed.

A minister once visited a woman and picked up her Bible, to give her some of its promises. After one, she had marked the letter "P" on the margin. He asked her what that meant, to which she replied, "That means 'precious,' sir." He turned to another promise, and here she had marked "T and P." He asked her what these letters meant, and she

replied: "Those mean 'Tried and Proved,' for I have tried and proved it."

Yes, eternal and spiritual things become real to us when we believe God. Charles Spurgeon once said, "A little faith will take you to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to you."

Second, we are told that God is Faithful to Pardon and Forgive us. The Bible says, in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Forgiveness and pardon of sins is the greatest blessing that can come to the human heart. God wants us to be sure that we are forgiven. That is why He has made this promise in such a clear and definite way. There is nothing vague in His offer to forgive us our sins. If we sincerely repent and thoroughly confess our sins, we can count on His full and free forgiveness; for He is faithful. There is never any failure on God's part.

God knows our hearts. He knows how to apply the Blood of Jesus and wash away all our sins. He promises a 100% forgiveness. You can stake your soul on this promise. One need not coax or try to persuade Him to do it. It is His Number One desire. God wants to forgive you! The Bible says that God delights in mercy (Micah 7:8). Remember, the forgiveness of sins is arranged by God himself. He offers it out of His great heart of love. If you will confess and forsake your sins, He will be faithful to His promise to forgive you.

Again, the Bible tells us that God is Faithful to Cleanse the Heart of the believer from all sin. I John 1:9 says that "he is faithful. . . to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Again in I Thess. 5:23, 24, we read, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." These verses tell us that the possibility of our being sanctified lies with God. He is the God of peace. His nature demands peace and He loathes that inner principle of sin that fosters dispeace in the hearts of His unsanctified children. Carnality is a lurking rebel, rearing its ugly head and shaking its huge fist at the will of God in our lives. It is a continual, unrelenting disturber of the peace. The Bible says, "The

carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," (Romans 8:7). Thus, God has exerted the omnipotent energy of His own nature to destroy carnality and bestow perfect peace.

From first to last, the experience of entire sanctification is a divine operation. It is more than consecration. It is more than growth in grace. It is a divine "weeding" of the garden of the heart, which conditions it to produce the fruit of the Spirit beautifully and symmetrically. It is not achieved: it is received. It is not attained; it is obtained. It is not by striving; it is by yielding. It is not by trying; it is by trusting.

This experience is not received for a future eternal state, for these verses tell us that it is for us NOW. It is after we find peace with God, and before we go to meet Christ. It is after spiritual birth and before physical death. It is after we are justified, and before we are glorified. It is for us NOW! One need not wait. When you believe the promise, God will bestow it. The Bible says, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." God does not tantalize. He creates no hunger which He will not satisfy. He will grant the experience to which He calls us. If you do not possess the experience, nor enjoy the life it enables, do not hesitate to apply in faith to a faithful God, imploring Him to cleanse you from all sin and preserve you from all evil—and believe that He does it. He is faithful to cleanse from all unrighteousness!

Finally, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it," (I Cor. 10:13). This promise gives us assurance. It is a salve, for sore hearts. It reminds us that we can rely upon God to shield us from becoming overloaded with burdens. He will not allow us to be taken past the breaking point of endurance. His grace will always be sufficient.

You can always count on God's help in any time of trouble or temptation. Difficulties are often opportunities to prove and learn the faithfulness of God. He will not permit the storms of life to break

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