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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 This book, featuring previously unpublished content from Smith Wigglesworth, is the invitation of God to “whosoever will.”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 Unctioner 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.

Everyone who is healed by the power of God—especially believers—will find their healing an incentive to make them purer and holier.

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 ministration, 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

the Holy Ghost comes and takes possession and just utters through you such things as are needed.

Some people say, “Do these things last?” Praise God, His truth never fails to last; it goes on lasting. I had a letter the other day from Albany, about seventy miles from Oregon. This person had never written to me since I was there. The letter ran like this: “You remember my taking you to my wife’s brother who had lost all power of reason and everything.” Drink and the power of the devil had laid hold on him. “My brother has been perfectly whole ever since, and has never tasted alcohol.”

“Ye shall have power.” Glory to God! I realize this—that if I will be still, God can work; if I will be sure that I pay the price and not come out of the divine order, God will surely work.

SECRETS TO SUSTAINING THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Let me say a word to your hearts. Most of us are diligently seeking God’s best. We feel that we would pay any price for His best. God knows my heart. I have not an atom of desire outside the perfect will of God, and God knows that. But Wigglesworth, like everybody else, occasionally has to come to this: “What is up with me? I do not feel the unction.” If there is anything to repent of, I get right down before God and get it out. You cannot cover sins over or cover faults over; they must be gotten to the bottom of. You cannot have the unction, and the Holy Ghost power, and the life of Christ, and the manifest glory—it cannot come excepting through self-abasement, complete renunciation of self with God only enthroned and Wigglesworth dead. It must be of God, and if ye will only examine the conditions and act upon them, I tell you things would come off wonderfully.

Interpretation of Tongues

The deliverances of the Lord are as high as the righteousness of heaven; the purity of His saints as white as the linen; and the divine principles of His gracious will can only flow out when He is enthroned within. Christ first, last, always Christ. Through Christ

and by the name of Jesus, whatever you shall ask in My name I will do.

I repeat, people sometimes say, “Do these things last; is this thing permanent?” The baptism of the Holy Ghost in my life is as a river flowing on.

Holiness, purity of heart, divine thoughts and revelations of God are far in advance of what they were even a short time ago. We are living in a divine place where the Lord is blessedly having His way. I want you to hear what I have got to say about one or two things. Some people can have things rubbed out, but I want God Almighty to do something now that cannot be rubbed out.

We are definitely told in the Word of God that if we ask of the Holy Spirit, He will give. We hear people give that out quite easily, but I find that many people who dwell upon that do not get it. I know when a man is baptized of the Holy Ghost. There is a kindred spirit with a person who is baptized of the Holy Ghost that there is not in any other person. The Holy Ghost is given to those who obey. Who obey what? What Jesus said.

What did Jesus say? “Tarry, till ye receive.” Is not that clear? That is Scripture. You need not have anything more scriptural than that.

Holiness, purity of heart, divine thoughts and revelations of God are far in advance of what they were even a short time ago. We are living in a divine place where the Lord is blessedly having His way.

Now the reason why God the Holy Ghost brings me into this place is because I love the Church of God. When I hear men and women who are saved as much as I am—when I hear them on a line that I know is not according to the Spirit of God—I know exactly what spirit they are of. God save us from building up on our own imagination. Let us build up on what the Word of God says. We shall never be strong except as we believe what God says. If God tells me that Paul was the chiefest of sinners, I say I will believe it, I will believe it forever. Whatever the Holy Ghost says through His Word, I believe it and keep to it, and I will not move from it. The Holy Ghost says I will have power after He comes upon me through Jesus.

Interpretation of Tongues

They that fear the Lord and they that keep His commandments shall have the goodness of the land; and they that will do His will shall know the doctrine, and God will declare unto their hearts the perfectness of His way. For there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the way of that is death; but the way of righteousness bringeth to pass that God's Word is true.

FIND YOUR UNIQUE PLACE IN THE SPIRIT

I am so pleased because there is a thought coming into my heart that you ought all to know. I believe there is a great need today of finding our place in the Holy Ghost. It would save us from such a lot of burdens and many things. I am going to give you a little illustration. There is a dear woman at our house who looks after my affairs. Everlastingly she becomes a real slave servant. I often think she does so much that is not needed. She is a slave servant; that is her disposition. There are many of them. We have a lot in our place whom God has been blessing and who have come out to speak for Him in different places. She thought she ought to do the same.

There were many invitations, and she took one of these invitations on. She looked timid and said she had to take this service. I got up with the needed boldness and set to work to strip away that which was causing this timidity.

With her heart full, she went out and got someone else, and instantly she found relief. She came back with her face beaming. "What's up?" I asked.

She said, "I've got relief." The burden was gone.

Some people, just because they have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, think they have to go and be preachers. It is a thousand pities that it is so. It is good that that desire is in your heart, but it may not be God's purpose for you. If you would get to know your place in the Holy Ghost, it would save you from struggles and burdens and relieve the whole situation. Get to know your place in the Holy Ghost and God will bless you.

There are hearts crushed because they are not able to sing like our Welsh brother. But it would not do for us all to be like him. We should be

breaking all the pots in the house if we were all like him. We have all to get to know our position in the Holy Ghost. God can work it so beautifully and harmonize it so that there will not be a thing out of order. God will put you in the place you are to occupy if you will ask and trust Him for it, and you will live in the Holy Ghost so that His glory shall be always upon you. If you miss it, say, like David—Lord, “restore unto me the joy of thy salvation” (Ps. 51:12). If you feel out of touch with God, get back with Calvary, keep near the cross, let the God of glory glorify Himself in you.

God will put you in the place you are to occupy if you will ask and trust Him for it, and you will live in the Holy Ghost so that His glory shall be always upon you.

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE GIFTS

It is marvelous how all the gifts of the Spirit may be manifested in some people. Everybody acquainted with me knows that I was short of speech and slow at everything and all out of order. My wife used to preach, and I carried the babies and the boots and everything. Then there came a time when my wife could not be there and I was forced to roll in somehow, and I rolled in and was very glad to roll out many a time. But it is marvelous now. As a vocation God has allowed every one of the nine gifts to be ministered through me. There is not a single gift but what has been ministered through me. What I mean is this. You won't hear me say that I have got these gifts, but living in the Holy Ghost you are in a place in which God can manifest anything at any needed moment. You may live in that glorious attitude, and then it is heaven to live, it is heaven to eat, it is heaven to sleep, it is heaven all the time; and when heaven comes it will never be a breaking of the casket, but only more fullness, for already the kingdom of heaven is within.

God has helped me to go into different places and bring about revivals. Over and over again, revivals begin with people who are baptized, and God does great things. Last night there was in one of these rooms a preacher. There he was. He knelt down. He was as stiff as a board. You want to have discernment to see whether there is reality. He was frightened to let go. I said, “Come, brother, receive the Holy Ghost.”

“I cannot.”

“You are not in earnest, you are not real; there is no business about you; you must begin to move. Receive the Holy Ghost.” Then with a knowledge that he was being really stirred up, according to God’s divine order, I put my hands on him and said, “Receive the Holy Ghost,” and God the Holy Ghost shook him from top to bottom, inside out, and what a wonderful baptism he had!

RECEIVE AND RELEASE THE SPIRIT

Brothers and sisters, do you want the Holy Ghost? Some hymns are sung about the breath of the Holy Ghost. We read that “Jesus breathed upon them,” and they received the unction in the breathing. As people breathe in the Holy Ghost they become so possessed with the power of God that they have no possessions in themselves; they simply fall into God, and God takes possession of everything—hands and feet and body and tongue for the glory of God. My heart yearns for you to be so filled with the divine power of the Holy Ghost that you will go back from those meetings into your own meetings and assemblies in the order of God—not taking notice of your fullness, but having the fact remaining in you that you have power and letting the Word of God so act upon the power that God will let it flow through you to others. By what? His way. You cannot baptize people, but His way can do it. How? Receive ye the Holy Ghost; let Him have His way.

Living in the Holy Ghost, you are in a place in which God can manifest anything at any needed moment.

CHAPTER 11

AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE POWER

I want to share of the power given by God. Oh the power of the Holy Ghost! The power that quickens, the revealing power, the travailing power! The power that lives and moves! The power that brings about exactly what Jesus said, “when you receive...ye shall have power.”

“YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER”

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you... (Acts 1:8).

I love to think that Jesus wanted all His people to have power, that He wanted all men to be overcomers. It is the joy God brings within a human life that transforms it by His Word and brings it into the place where it knows it is above all and brings to naught the things that are, because God is in the Word. Nothing but this power will do it. Power over sin, power over sickness, power over the devil, power over all the powers of the devil!

I know that Jesus revealed by His Word these truths—“after that ye shall have power.” I think there is nothing more beautiful to look at than to look at the Jordan in our experiences. The moment that Jesus was baptized in the Holy Ghost there was a manifestation that never appeared in the world before or since. Right there by the Jordan was the Son of God;

directly on the Son was the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove; and in the heavens above was the voice of God. It is beautiful to think of how the Trinity is interested in humanity.

THE PURPOSE OF HOLY SPIRIT POWER

Why have we power when the Holy Ghost comes? Because the Holy Ghost reveals Jesus; and Jesus, being the Word of God, in that Word there is all power. In order to understand what it means to have all power there are two things necessary—one is to have ears to hear and the other is to have hearts to receive it.

I am sure that everyone should know this truth that God sent the devil out of heaven because he was weak; if he had been strong He would not have sent him out. You never find anything that is impure get purer, but always viler, and Satan when he was cast out became weaker, viler, and more impure. Every born saint of God filled with the Spirit has a real revelation of that truth, “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4). I say this with as much audacity as I please. I know evil spirits are in abundance and in multitudes; Jesus cast them out as legion. Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven, and it seems to me that he had power to make evil spirits, but these are never as strong as Satan himself.

Because of purity, holiness, and righteousness, they that are strong shall become more and more righteous, and equally so Satan and his emissaries become viler and viler. But the believer, because of the Spirit that is in him, has the power to cast out the evil spirits. It must be so; God wants us to have this power in us; we must be able to destroy Satan’s power wherever we go.

When I received the Holy Ghost all the people thought that I had gone wrong, but we have to live to prove things. It is a strange fact, but the people of this world seem to be in a dilemma and don’t know what to do.

One day as I came into the house my wife said, “Which way did you come?” I answered that I had come in by the back way. “Oh,” she said, “if you had come in by the front you would have seen a man there in a terrible

state. There is a crowd of people around him and he is in terrible straits.” Then the doorbell rang and she said, “There he is again. What will we do?”

We ought to be in the place where we will always be able to understand the mind of the Spirit amidst all the other voices in the world.

I said, “Just be quiet and still.”

I rushed to the door and just as I was opening it the Spirit said, “This is what I baptized you for.”

I was very careful then in opening the door, and then I heard the man crying outside, “Oh I have committed the unpardonable sin, I am lost, I am lost.” I asked him to come in and when he got inside he said again in awful distress, “I am lost, I am lost.” Then the Spirit came upon me and I commanded the lying spirit to come out of the man in the name of Jesus. Suddenly he lifted up his arms and said, “I never did it.” The moment that the lying spirit was out he was able to speak the truth.

I then realized the power in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was the Spirit that said, “This is what I baptized you for,” and I believe we ought to be in the place where we will always be able to understand the mind of the Spirit amidst all the other voices in the world. After the Holy Ghost has come upon you, you have power.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT POWER

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 1:8).

I believe a great mistake is made in these days by people tarrying and tarrying after they have received. After you have received it is, “Go ye.” Not “sit still,” but “go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel.” We shall make serious havoc of the whole thing if we turn back again and crawl

into a corner seeking something we already have. I want you to see that God depends upon us in these last days. There is no room for anyone to boast, and the man who goes about saying, “Look at me for I am somebody,” is of no value whatever. God is done with that man altogether. He will have a people to glorify Him. He is doing what He can with that which He has, but we are so unwilling to move in the plan of God that He has to grind us many times to get us where He can use us.

Jesus was so filled with the Holy Ghost that He stood in the place where He was always ready. He was always in the attitude where He brought victory out of every opportunity. The power of the Holy Spirit is within us, but it can be manifested only as we go in obedience to that opportunity which we have before us. I believe if you wait until you think you have power after you have received the Holy Ghost, you will never know you have it. Don’t you know that the child of God who is in possession of the baptism is inhabited by the power of the Spirit?

You will remember one time when they tried to throw Jesus from the brow of the hill, that He pressed through the midst of them and as soon as He got through He healed the man with the blind eyes. Pressing through the crowd that was trying to kill Him, He showed forth His power. Some people might think that Jesus should have run away altogether, but He stopped to heal. This thought has comforted me over and over again.

The power of the Holy Spirit is within us, but it can be manifested only as we go in obedience to that opportunity which we have before us.

One day as I was waiting for a car I stepped into a shoemaker’s shop. I had not been there long when I saw a man with a green shade over his eyes, crying pitifully and in great agony. It was heartrending, and the shoemaker told me that the inflammation was burning out his eyes. I jumped up and went to the man and said, “You devil, come out of this man in the name of Jesus.”

Instantly the man said, “It is all gone; I can see now.” That is the only scriptural way—to begin to work at once and preach afterward. You will find as the days go by that the miracles and healings will be manifested. Because the Master was touched with the feeling of the infirmities of the

multitudes, they instantly gathered around Him to hear what He had to say concerning the Word of God. However, I would rather see one man saved than ten thousand people healed. If you ask me why, I would call to your attention the Word which says, "There was a rich man and he fared sumptuously every day." Now we don't hear of this man having any diseases, but it says, "In hell he lifted up his eyes." We also read that there was a poor man full of sores and "he lifted up his eyes in heaven," so we see that a man can die practically in good health but be lost, and a man can die in disease and be saved; so it is more important to be saved than anything else (see Luke 16:19–23).

Jesus was sent to bear the infirmities and the afflictions of the people and to destroy the works of the devil. He said that the thief (which is the devil) cometh to steal and to kill and to destroy, but "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). I maintain that God wishes all His people to have the life more abundant; that if we understood sin as we ought to understand it and realized that there is no sickness without disobedience, we Pentecostal people would never say we were sick because then others would know we had been sinning. You will say that is rather strong, but we have the remedy in the Word of God! Jesus paid the full price and the full redemption for every need, and where sin abounded, grace can come in and much more abound and dispel all the sickness.

When I was traveling from England to Australia, on January 6 I witnessed for Jesus, and it was not long before I had plenty of room to myself. If you want a whole seat to yourself just begin to preach Jesus. However, some people listened and began to be much affected. One of the young men said to me, "I have never heard these truths before. You have so moved me that I must have a good conversation with you."

The young man told me that his wife was a great believer in Christian Science but was very sick now and although she had tried everything she had been unable to get relief, so she was having a doctor. But the doctor gave her no hope whatever, and in her dilemma and facing the realities of death she asked that she might have an appointment with the man in second class who was preaching, because, she said, "the things he says make us feel he is real."

So they made an appointment, and when I got to her I felt it would be unwise to say anything about Christian Science, so I just said, “You are in bad shape.”

She said, “Yes, they give me no hope.”

I said, “I will not speak to you about anything but will just lay my hands upon you in the Name of Jesus, and when I do you will be healed.” That woke her up and she began to think seriously. For three days she was lamenting over the things she might have to give up.

“Will I have to give up the cigarettes?”

“No,” I said.

“Will I have to give up the dance?”

Again I replied “No.”

“Well, we have a little drinking sometimes and then we play cards also; will I have to give—?”

“No,” I said, “you will not have to give up anything. Only let us see Jesus.” And right then she got such a vision of her crucified Savior and Jesus was made so real to her that she at once told her friends that she could not play cards anymore, could not drink or dance anymore, and she said she would have to go back to England to preach against this awful thing, Christian Science.

Oh, what a revelation Jesus gave her! Now if I had refused to go when called for, saying that I first had to go to my cabin and pray about it, the Lord might have let that opportunity slip by. After you have received the Holy Ghost you have power; you don’t have to wait.

The other day we were going through a very thickly populated part of San Francisco when we noticed a large crowd gathered. I saw it from the window of the car and said I had to get out, which I did. There in the midst was a boy in the agonies of death. As I threw my arms around the boy I asked what the trouble was and he answered that he had cramps. In the name of Jesus I commanded the devils to come out of him and at once he jumped up and, not even taking time to thank me, ran off perfectly healed.

In order to make yourself realize what you have in your possession you will have to try it, and I can assure you it will work all right.

We are God's own children, quickened by His Spirit, and He has given us power over all the powers of darkness; Christ in us the open evidence of eternal glory; Christ in us the Life, the Truth, and the Way.

AWAKENING TO THE GREATNESS OF THE POWER WITHIN

We have a wonderful salvation that fits everybody. I believe that a baptized person has no conception of the power God has given him until he uses that which he has. I maintain that Peter and John had no idea of the greatness of the power they had, but they began to speculate. They said, "Well, as far as money goes, we have none of that, but we do have something; we don't exactly know what it is, but we will try it on you—in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk," and it worked.

In order to make yourself realize what you have in your possession you will have to try it, and I can assure you it will work all right. I said one time to a man that the Acts of the Apostles would never have been written if the apostles had not acted, and the Holy Spirit is still continuing His acts through us. May God help us to have some acts. There is nothing like Pentecost, and if you have never been baptized you are making a big mistake by waiting. Don't you know that the only purpose for which God saved you was that you might be a savior of others? For you to think that you have to remain stationary and just get to heaven is a great mistake. The baptism is to make you a witness for Jesus.

Thank God the hardest way is the best way; you never hear anything about the person who is always having an easy time. The preachers always tell of how Moses crossed the Red Sea when he was at wits' end. I cannot find the record of anyone in the Scriptures whom God used who was not first tried. So if you never have any trials it is because you are not worth them.

God wants us to have power. When I was traveling in Sweden, at a certain station early in the morning a little lady and her daughter got into the train.

I saw at once that the lady was in dreadful agony and asked my interpreter to inquire as to the trouble. With tears running down her face she

told how her daughter was taking her to the hospital to have her legs amputated.

Everything that was possible had been done for her. I told her Jesus could heal. Just then the train stopped and a crowd of people entered until there was hardly standing room, but friends, we never get into a place that is too awkward for God, though it seemed to me that the devil had sent these people in at that time to hinder. However, when the train began to move along I got down, although it was terribly crowded, and putting my hands upon the woman's leg I prayed for her in the name of Jesus. At once she said to her daughter, "I am healed. It is all different now; I felt the power go down my leg," and she began to walk about. Then the train stopped at the next station and this woman got out and walked up and down the platform, saying, "I am healed. I am healed."

I believe any person who thinks there is a stop between Calvary and the glory has made a big mistake.

Jesus was the first fruits, and God has chosen us in Christ and has revealed His Son in us that we might manifest Him in power. God gives us power over the devil, and when we say the devil we mean everything that is wicked and not of God. Some people say we can afford to do without the baptism of the Spirit but I say we cannot. I believe any person who thinks there is a stop between Calvary and the glory has made a big mistake.

CHAPTER 12

THE MOVING BREATH OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan...
(Luke 4:1).

What did it really mean when He said, “Be filled with the Holy Ghost”? Oh, the difference when we understand Acts 2 and know the flow of the life of the Spirit, and we leap for joy beyond all that had gone before, and the holy laughter. Bringing out of the shadow the reality of the substance—that which had been promised had come. He, our glorious Lord who could speak as no other, had come to help the oppressed. The King unfolds His will covering His child, flooding the soul with open vision, untiring zeal. Fire! Fire! Fire! Burning intensity in the human soul until he becomes an expression of the King.

THE PROMISE HAD COME

I know the Lord laid His hand on me. He filled me with the Holy Ghost. I know the Lord laid His hand on me. This Jesus, this wonder-working Jesus. He came to be King! Is He King? He must reign—oh, so to yield that He always has the first place. Glory be to God. He has come to abide

forever, flooding our souls. For Jesus said, “When I go, I will send Him unto You.”

Has He come to you?

Has He come to you?

Has the Comforter come to you?

The Lord will reprove the world of sin when the Comforter comes to you.

In Him God has given us an enrichment, a perfection of revelation. He came to fill the Body and to bring forth that which all the prophets had spoken of—taking of the things of Jesus and showing them unto us.

The woman (in John chapter 4) had a well, but after the Holy Ghost had come it was a river; rivers of living water grow life from birth, prophetic utterance—a divine incoming, filled into all the fullness of God. Like a flash of lightning opening up divine revelation that we can dance and sing in the Spirit enjoying sweeter music, rarity of character—Christ in you, the hope of glory.

God has given us an enrichment, a perfection of revelation.

A vision of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. This the baptism of the Holy Spirit brings to us, “Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost...” (Luke 4:1). He is the Spirit of truth unveiling, making manifest, breathing through in such a way, burning, quickening, until men cry out, “What must we do to be saved?”

The breath of life burning with intensity until the world feels the warmth and cries, “What must we do?” Oh, the joy of being filled with the Holy Ghost, with the divine purpose! Activity! In season and out of season with the sense of the divine approval.

As the apostles were in their day, we are to be in our day. *Filled*—filled into all the fullness of God. This same Holy Ghost. This same warmth. This same life, this same heaven in the soul.

The Holy Ghost brings heaven to us as He reveals Jesus, who is the King of heaven. Oh, the perfection of belonging to Him, a preparation for

every need. He has us in the divine moments. No need to groan, cry, travail, or sigh. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. The sense of the Holy Ghost.

Experience the wonder of His breath lifting the Word, making all new, meeting the present need. These are the last days. Very wonderful are they and blessed with signs. The breath of the Spirit unfolding, helping.

REVEALED PRESENCE

I believe in the Holy Ghost. God gave us the Holy Ghost for true Son-likeness, Son-expressiveness, with enforcement of expression. In Sweden in a park a large platform was erected for meetings on the condition that the Englishman did not put his hands on the people. I said, “Lord, You know all about this. You can work.” There the Lord revealed His presence and healed and saved the people. I said, “Who here is in need? Put your hands up.” Hands went up all over. I saw a large woman. I said, “Tell your trouble!” She said pains were all over her body. She was in terrible distress. I said, “Lift up your hands in Jesus’ Name!” (He came to heal the sick, to unbind, to set free—He said greater works than these shall we do. He that believeth on me.) I said, “In the Name of Jesus, I set you free in His Name. Are you free?”

She replied, “Yes, perfectly free!”

God put His hands on the people. God, His wonderful ways of meeting the need. I believe to see the glory of God setting free from all weakness.

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to make disciples of all nations” (see Luke 4:18).

In New Zealand when I first preached this glorious truth, I saw hundreds baptized. In Sweden the church was not pleased—a woman in the king’s household was healed, but I had to leave the country. On one occasion there, I stayed in a side street. I arrived at 9:30—the meeting was at 4:30—so I went to the coast for a few hours’ rest. When I came up, the street was full from end to end with wheelchairs and cars filled with the helpless and needy. The conveners said, “What shall we do?”

I believe to see the glory of God setting free from all weakness.

I said, “The Holy Ghost came to abide, to reign in supreme royal dignity. Live in unction, freedom, inspiration. Like a river flowing. Nothing less. That God may be glorified.”

God loosed the people and brought deliverance to the captives. Was that all? No! Only the beginning! The house was packed too! Oh, the joy of being ready. God must set us all on fire—there is much land to be possessed. The fields are white unto harvest.

Oh, the cry of the people—talk about weeping—oh, the joy of weeping. Awful place when you cannot weep with the breath of God upon you.

I went on helping the people. Oh, the breath of the Spirit. Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” God spoke to me as clearly as possible, “Ask Me! I will give you all in the place.” (I thought it was too big.) He whispered again, “Ask, I will give you all in the house.”

I said, “Oh my God, say it again.”

“Ask of Me—I will give you all in the house.”

I said, “I ask! I ask in faith! I believe it.” The breath of heaven filled the place—the people continued to fall down, weeping, crying, repenting. *There is something wonderful in this breath.*

CHAPTER 13

PENTECOSTAL POWER

When I think about Pentecost I am astonished from day to day because of its mightiness, its wonderfulness, and how the glory overshadows it. I think sometimes about these things, and they make me feel we have only just touched it. Truly it is so, but we must thank God that we have touched it.

We must not give in because we have only touched. Whatever God has done in the past, His name is still the same. When hearts are burdened and they come face to face with the need of the day, they look into God's Word and it brings in a propeller of power or an anointing that makes you know He has truly visited. It was a wonderful day when Jesus left the glory. I can imagine all the angels and God the Father and all heaven so wonderfully stirred that day when the angels were sent to tell that wonderful story: "Peace on earth and good will to men." It was a glorious day when they beheld the Babe for the first time and God was looking on. What happened after that day and until He was thirty years old I suppose it would take a big book to put it all in. It was a working up to a great climax.

DON'T STOP SHORT OF THE FULL LIFE OF PENTECOST

I know that Pentecost in my life is a working up to a climax; it is not all done in a day. There are many waters and all kinds of times until we get to the real summit of everything. The power of God is here to prevail. God is

with us. The mother of Jesus hid a lot of things in her heart. The time came when it was made manifest at Jordan that Jesus was the Son of God. Oh, how beautifully it was made known! It had to be made known first to one who was full of the vision of God. The vision comes to those who are full.

We cannot have too much of God.

Did it ever strike you we cannot be too full for a vision, we cannot have too much of God? The more of God, then the visions begin. When God has you in His own plan, what a change, how things operate. You wonder, you see things in a new light and how God is being glorified as you yield from day to day. The Spirit seems to lay hold of you and bring you on. Yes, it is pressing on, and then He gives us touches of His wonderful power, manifestations of the glory of these things and indications of great things to follow, and these days which we are living in now speak of better days. How wonderful!

Where should we have been today if we had stopped short, if we had not fulfilled the vision that God gave us? I am thinking about that time when Christ sent the Spirit, and Paul did not know much about that; his heart was stirred, his eyes were dim, he was going to put the whole thing to an end in a short time, and Jesus was looking on. We can scarcely understand the whole process—only as God seems to show us when He gets us into His plan and works with us little by little.

We are all amazed that we are amongst the “tongues people”; it is altogether out of order according to the natural. Some of us would have never been in this Pentecostal movement had we not been drawn, but God has a wonderful way of drawing us. Paul never intended to be among the disciples, Paul never intended to have anything to do with this Man called Jesus, but God was working. God has been working with us and has brought us to this place. It is marvelous! Oh! The vision of God, the wonderful manifestation God has for Israel.

**THE ONLY WAY TO RELEASE GOD’S
POWER**

I have one purpose in my heart, and it is surely God's plan for me, that I want you to see that Jesus Christ is the greatest manifestation in all the world and His power is unequalled, but there is only one way to minister it.

I want you to notice that these people, after they had seen Paul working wonders by this power (in Acts chapter 19), began on a natural line. I see it is necessary for me if I want to do anything for God—I must get the knowledge of God, I must get the vision of God, I cannot work on my own. It must be a divine revelation of the Son of God. It must be that. I can see as clearly as anything that Paul in his mad pursuit had to be stopped in the way, and after he was stopped in the way and had the vision from heaven and that light from heaven, instantly he realized that he had been working the wrong way.

As soon as ever the power of the Holy Ghost fell upon him, he began in the way in which God wanted him to go. It was wonderful how he had to suffer to come into the way. It is broken spirits, it is tried lives, and it is being driven into a corner as if some strange thing had happened—that is surely the way to get to know the way of God.

Paul had not any power to use the name of Jesus as he did use it, only as he had to go through the privations and the difficulties. Even when all things seemed as though shipwrecked, God stood by him and made him know that there was something behind all the time that was with him and able to carry him through and bring out that for which his heart was all the time longing. Unconsciously he seemed to be so filled with the Holy Ghost that all that was needed was just the bringing of the aprons and the handkerchiefs and sending them forth. I can imagine these people looking on and seeing him and saying, "But it is all in the name, don't you notice that when he sends the handkerchiefs and the aprons he says, 'In the name of the Lord Jesus I command that evil to come out'?"

It is broken spirits, it is tried lives, and it is being driven into a corner as if some strange thing had happened—that is surely the way to get to know the way of God.

These people had been looking round and watching, and they thought, "It is only the name, that is all that is needed." And so these men said, "We will do the same." These vagabond Jews, those seven sons of Sceva, were

determined to make this thing answer, and they came to the place where that man had been for years possessed with an evil power, and as they entered in they said, “We adjure thee in the name of Jesus to come out.” The demons said, “Jesus we know, and Paul we know, but who are ye?” and this evil power leaped upon them and tore their things off their backs, and they went out naked and wounded (see Acts 19:13–17). It was the name, only they did not understand it. Oh, that God should help us to understand the name! It is the name, oh, it is still the name. But you must understand there is the ministry of the name, there is something in the name that makes the whole world charmed. It is the Holy Spirit back of the ministry, it is the knowledge of Him, it is the ministry of the knowledge of Him, and I can understand it is only that.

THE MINISTRY OF THE KNOWLEDGE

I want to speak about the ministry of the knowledge; it is important. God, help us to see. I am satisfied with two things; one is this—I am satisfied it is the knowledge of the blood of Jesus Christ today and the knowledge of His perfect holiness. I am perfectly cleansed from all sin and made holy in the knowledge of His holiness. I am satisfied today that as I know Him, the knowledge of His power, the Christ that is manifested, and the power that worketh in me to minister as I am ministering only in the knowledge of it, it is effective. It brings out the very thing that the Word of God says it will do, in the ministry of which, as I know it, it has power over all evil powers by its effectual working in that way. I minister today in the power of the knowledge of the ministry of it, and beyond that there is a certain sense that I overcome the world according to my faith in Him, and I am more than a conqueror over everything just in the knowledge that I have of Him being over everything, as crowned by the Father to bring everything into subjection. Shouting won’t do it, but there is a lubrication about it that is gloriously felt within and brings it into perfect harmony with the will of God. It is not in the shout, and yet we cannot help but shout, but it is in the ministry of the knowledge that He is Lord over all demons, all powers of wickedness.

Interpretation of Tongues

The Holy One which anointed Jesus is so abiding by the Spirit in the one that is clothed upon to use the name till the glory is manifested and the demons flee, they cannot stand the glory of the manifestation of the Spirit which is manifest.

So I am realizing that Paul went about clothed in the Spirit. This was wonderful—His body was full of virtue? No! He sent forth handkerchiefs from his body and aprons from his body, and when they touched the needy, they were healed and demons were cast out. Virtue in his body? No! Virtue in Jesus, by the ministry of faith in the name of Jesus through the power of the unction of the Holy Ghost in Paul.

Interpretation of Tongues

The liberty of the Spirit bringeth the office.

It is an office, it is a position, it is a place of rest, of faith. Sometimes the demon powers are dealt with very differently, not all the same way; but the ministry of the Spirit by which it is ministered by the power of the word “Jesus” never fails to accomplish the purpose for which the one in charge has wisdom or discernment to see, because along with the Spirit of ministry there comes the revelation of the need of the needy one who is bound.

THE UNIQUE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT

So differently the Spirit ministers the name of Jesus. I see it continually happening. I see those things answer and all the time the Lord is building up a structure of His own power by a living faith in the knowledge of the sovereignty of the name of Jesus. If I turn to John’s gospel I get the whole thing practically in a nutshell. To know Thee, O God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, is eternal life. We must have the knowledge and power of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God, to be clothed upon with God, God in human flesh. I see there are those who have come into line. They are possessed with the blessed Christ and the power of the baptism that is the revelation of the Christ of God within, and

it is so evidently in the person who is baptized and the Christ is so plainly abiding that the moment he is confronted with evil, instantly he is sensitive of the position of this confronting and he is able to deal accordingly.

The power of the word “Jesus” never fails to accomplish the purpose for which the one in charge has wisdom or discernment to see.

The difference between the sons of Sceva and Paul is this: They said, “It is only using the word.” How many people only use the word, how many times people are defeated because they think it is just the word, how many people have been brokenhearted because it did not answer when they used the word? If I read into my text, “He that believeth shall speak in tongues, he that believeth shall cast out devils, he that believeth shall lay hands on the sick,” on the surface of it, it seems exactly easy, but you must understand this—there are volumes to be applied to the word *believe*. To believe is to believe in the need of the majesty of the glory of the power, which is all power, which brings all other powers into subjection.

What is belief? Sum it up in a few sentences. To believe is to have the knowledge of Him in whom you believe, it is not to believe in the word “Jesus,” but to believe in the nature, to believe in the vision, for all power is given unto Him, and greater is He that is within thee in the revelation of faith than he that is in the world. So I say to you, do not be discouraged if every demon has not gone out. The very moment you have gone, do not think there is an end of it. What we have to do is to see this, that if it had only been using the name, those evil powers would have gone out in that name by the sons of Sceva. It is not that. It is the virtue of the power of the Holy Ghost with the revelation of the deity of our Christ of glory, where all power is given unto Him, and in the knowledge of Christ, in the faith of what He is, demons must surrender, demons must go out. I say it reverently—these bodies of ours are so constructed by God that we may be filled with that divine revelation of the Son of God till it is manifest to the devils you go to and they have to go. The Master is in, they see the Master.

Jesus I know, and Paul I know. The ministry of the Master! How we need to get to know Him till within us we are full of the manifestation of the King over all demons.

A PENTECOSTAL PEOPLE: EXCHANGING OUR “SELVES” FOR THE SPIRIT

Brothers and sisters, my heart is full. The depths of my yearnings are for the Pentecostal people. My cry is that we will not miss the opportunity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that Christ may be manifested in the human till every power of evil will be subject to the Christ which is manifested in you.

The devils know.

Two important things are before me. To master the situation of myself. You are not going to meet devils if you cannot master yourself, because you soon find the devil bigger than yourself. It is only when you are subdued that Christ is enthroned and the embodiment of the Spirit is so gloriously covering the human life that Jesus is glorified to the full. So first it is the losing of ourselves and then it is the incoming of Another; it is the glorifying of Him which is to fulfill all things, and when He gets lives He can do it. When He gets lives that will so yield themselves to God, God will be delighted to allow the Christ to be so manifested in you that it will be no difficulty for the devil to know who you are.

It is only when you are subdued that Christ is enthroned and the embodiment of the Spirit is so gloriously covering the human life that Jesus is glorified to the full.

I am satisfied that Pentecost is to reestablish God in human flesh. Do I need to say it again? The power of the Holy Ghost has to come to be enthroned in the human life, so it does not matter what state we are in. Christ is manifested in the place where devils are, the place where religious devils are, the place where a false religion and unbelief are, the place where a formal religion has taken the place of holiness and righteousness. You have need to have holiness, the righteousness and Spirit of the Master, so that in every walk of life everything that is not like our Lord Jesus will have to depart and that is what is needed today. I ask you in the Holy Ghost to

seek the place where He is in power. “Jesus I know, Paul I know; but who are ye?”

May God stamp it upon us, for the devil is not afraid of you. May the Holy Ghost make us today terrors of evildoers, for the Holy Ghost came into us to judge the world of sin, of unbelief, of righteousness, and that is the purpose of the Holy Ghost. The devils will know us, and Jesus will know us.

CHAPTER 14

WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVES IN OUR MIDST

The most important thing, the one thing that counts, is to see that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, filled to overflowing. Anything less than this is displeasing to God. We are commanded by God to be filled with the Spirit, and in the measure you fail of this, you are that far short of the plan of God.

The Lord would have us moving on from faith to faith, from glory to glory, from fullness to overflowing. It is not good for us to be ever thinking of the past tense, but we should be moving on to the place where we dare believe God. He has declared that after the Holy Ghost is come upon us we shall have power. I believe there is an avalanche of power from God to be apprehended if we will but catch the vision.

GOD EXPECTS THE SUPERNATURAL OPERATING IN HIS PEOPLE

Paul wrote at one time, “I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord” (2 Cor. 12:1). God has put us in a place where He expects us to have His latest revelation—the revelation of that marvelous fact, *Christ in us*, and what this really means. We can apprehend Christ fully only as we are filled and overflowing with the Spirit of God. Our only safeguard from dropping back into our natural mind, from which we can never get

anything, is to be filled and yet filled again with the Spirit of God and to be taken on to visions and revelations on a new line. The reason why I emphasize the importance of the fullness of the Holy Ghost is that I want to get you beyond all human plans and thoughts into the fullness of vision, into the full revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you want rest? It is in Jesus. Do you want to be saved from everything the devil is bringing up in these last times? Receive and continue in the fullness of the Holy Ghost, and He will be ever revealing to you that all you need for all times is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

We can apprehend Christ fully only as we are filled and overflowing with the Spirit of God.

Manifestation of the Spirit in the Assembly

There is another side to this. God would have the assembly as free as possible, and you must not put your hand upon the working of the Spirit or it will surely bring trouble. You must be prepared to allow a certain amount of extravagance in young and newly baptized souls. You must remember that when you were brought into this life of the Spirit you had as many extravagances as anybody, but you have now become somewhat sobered down. It is a pity that some do get sobered down, for they are not where they were in the early days. We have to look to God for wisdom that we do not interfere or dampen the Spirit or quench the power of God when He is manifested in our meetings. If you want to have an assembly full of life you must have an assembly full of manifestation. Nobody will come if there is no manifestation. We need to look to God for special grace that we do not move back to looking at things from a natural viewpoint.

I desire to emphasize the importance of the Spirit's ministration and of the manifestation of the Spirit, which is given to every man to profit withal. As you yield to the Spirit of the Lord He has power over your intellect, over your heart, and over your voice. The Holy Spirit has power to unveil Christ and to project the vision of Christ upon the canvas of your mind, and then He uses your tongue to glorify and magnify Him in a way that you could never do apart from the Spirit's power.

Managing Your Responses to the Spirit

Never say that when you are filled with the Holy Ghost you are “obliged” to do this or that. When people say that they are “obliged” to do this or that, I know it is not the Spirit of God but their own spirit moving them on to do that which is unseemly and unprofitable. Lots of people spoil meetings because they scream. If you want to do that kind of thing you had better get into some cellar. That is not to edification. I believe that when the Spirit of God is upon you and moving you to speak as He gives utterance, it will always be to edification. Don’t spoil the prayer meeting because when you ought to stop you go on. Who spoils the prayer meeting? The man who starts in the Spirit and finishes in the flesh. Nothing is more lovely than prayer, but a prayer meeting is killed if you will go on and on in your own spirit when the Spirit of God is through with you. You say as you come from some meetings. “That was a lovely message if the preacher only had stopped half an hour before he did.” Learn to cease immediately when the unction of the Spirit lifts. The Holy Ghost is jealous. Your body is the temple, the office of the Holy Ghost, but He does not fill the temple for human glorification, but only for the glory of God. You have no license to continue beyond a “Thus saith the Lord.”

The Unction of the Spirit

The preacher, after he loses his unction, should inwardly repent and get right with God and get the unction back. We are no good without the unction of the Spirit of God. If you are filled with the grace of God you will not be judging everybody in the assembly, you will rather be trusting everybody; you will not be frightened at what is being done, you will have a heart to believe all things and to believe that though there may be some extravagances, the Spirit of God will take control of things and will see that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is exalted, glorified, and revealed to hungry hearts that desire to know Him. The Lord would have us wise unto that which is good and simple concerning evil, free from distrust, entering into a divine likeness to Jesus that dares believe that God Almighty will surely watch over all. Hallelujah!

If you want to have an assembly full of life you must have an assembly full of manifestation.

The Holy Ghost is the One who magnifies the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who gives illumination of Him. If you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it is impossible to keep your tongue still. Talk about a dumb baptized soul! It is not to be found in the Scriptures or outside of the Scriptures. We are filled with the Spirit in order that we may magnify the Lord, and there should be no meeting in which the saints do not glorify, magnify, praise, and worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

A WORD OF CAUTION

I would like to give one word of caution, for failure often comes through our not recognizing the fact that we are always in the body. We will need our bodies as long as we live, but our body is to be used and controlled by the Spirit of God. We are to present our bodies holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Every member of our body must be so sanctified that it works in harmony with the Spirit of God. Our very eyes must be sanctified. God hates the winking of the eye. From the day that I read in the Proverbs what God had to say about the winking of the eye, I have never winked (see Prov. 6:13; 10:10). I desire that my eyes may be so sanctified that they can always be used for the Lord. The Spirit of God will bring within us a compassion for souls that will be seen in our very eyes.

There should be no meeting in which the saints do not glorify, magnify, praise, and worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

God has never changed the order of things—first there comes the natural and then the spiritual. For instance, when it is on your heart to pray, you begin in the natural and your second word will probably be under the power of the Spirit. You begin and God will end.

It is the same in giving forth utterances under the Spirit's power. You feel the moving of the Spirit within and you begin to speak and the Spirit of God will give forth utterance. Thousands have missed wonderful blessings because they have not had faith to move out and begin in the natural, in faith that the Lord would take them into the realm of the supernatural.

When you receive the Holy Ghost you receive God's gift, in whom are all the gifts of the Spirit.

Paul counseled Timothy to stir up the gift that was within. You have power to stir up God's executive within you. The way you stir up the gift within you is by beginning in faith, and then He gives forth what is needed for the occasion. You would never begin unless you were full of God. When we yield to timidity and fear, we simply yield to Satan. Satan whispers, "It is all self." He is a liar. I have learned this—if the Spirit of God is stirring me up, I have no hesitation in beginning to speak in tongues, and the Spirit of God gives me utterance and gives me the interpretation. I find that every time I yield to the Lord on this line I get a divine touch, I get a leading thought from the Spirit of God, and the meeting is moved up on the line of faith.

You attend a meeting in faith, believing that the Lord is going to meet you there. But perhaps the evangelist is not in harmony with God. The people in the assembly are not getting what God wants. The Lord knows it. He knows His people are hungry. What happens? He will take perhaps the smallest vessel and put His power upon them. As they yield to the Spirit they break forth in a tongue. Another yields to the Spirit and there comes forth the interpretation. The Lord's Church has to be fed, and the Lord will take this means of speaking to His people. Pentecostal people cannot be satisfied with the natural message. They are in touch with heavenly things and cannot be satisfied with anything less. They feel when there is something lacking in a meeting, and they look to God and He supplies that which is lacking. When a man is filled with the Spirit, he has no conception of what he has.

We are so limited in our conception of what we have received. The only way we can know the power that has been given is through the ministration and manifestation of the Spirit of God. Do you think that Peter and John knew what they had when they went up to the temple to pray? They were limited in thought and limited in their expression. The nearer we get to God the more conscious we are of the poverty of the human and we cry with Isaiah, "I am undone, I am unclean." But the Lord will bring the precious blood and the flaming coals for cleansing and refining and send us out to labor for Him empowered by His Spirit.

When a man is filled with the Spirit, he has no conception of what he has.

God has sent forth this outpouring that we may all be brought into a revelation of our sonship—that we are sons of God, men of power, that we are to be like the Lord Jesus Christ, that we are to have the powers of sonship, the power to lay hold of that which is weak and to quicken it. The baptism of the Spirit is to make us sons of God with power. We will be conscious of our human limits, but we will not limit the Holy One who has come to dwell within. We must believe that as the Holy Ghost has come upon us, we are indeed sons of God with power. Never say that “you can’t.” All things are possible to them that believe. Launch out into the deep and believe that God has His all for you and that you can do all things through Him who strengthens you.

Peter and John knew that they had been in the upper room, they had felt the glory, they had been given divine utterances. They had seen conviction on the people. They knew that they had come into a wonderful thing. They knew that what they had would be ever increasing and that it would be ever needful to cry, “Enlarge the vessel that the Holy Ghost may have more room within.” They knew that all the old things were moved away and they had entered into an increasing and ever-increasing knowledge of God, and that it was their Master’s wish that they should be filled with the Spirit of God and with power every day and every hour. The secret of power is the unveiling of Christ, the all-powerful One within, the revelation of God who comes to abide within us. As they looked upon the crippled man at the beautiful gate, they were filled with compassion. They were prompted by the Spirit to stop and speak with him. They said to the lame man, “Look on us.” It was God’s plan that the man should open his eyes with expectation.

Peter said, “Of silver and gold we have none. But we have something and we will give it to you. We don’t know what it is, but we give it to you. It is all in the name of Jesus” (see John 3:2-6). Then began the ministry of God. You begin in faith and you see what will happen.

It is hidden from us at the beginning, but as we have faith in God He will come forth. The coming forth of the power is not of us but of God. There is no limit to what He will do. It is all in a nutshell as you believe

God. Thus Peter said, “Such as I have I give to thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” And the man who had been in that way for forty years stood up and began to leap and entered into the temple walking and leaping and praising God.

“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom...” (1 Cor. 12:8). I want you to keep in mind the importance of never expecting the gifts of the Spirit apart from the power of the Spirit. In coveting the best gifts, covet to be so full of God and His glory that the gifts in manifestation will always glorify Him. We do not know all and we cannot know all that can be brought forth in the manifestation of the word of wisdom. One word of wisdom from God, one flashlight on the Word of God, is sufficient to save us from a thousand pitfalls. People have built without a word from God, they have bought things without a word from God, and they have been ensnared. They have lacked that word of wisdom that will bring them into God’s plan for their lives. I have been in many places where I have needed a word of wisdom from God and this has been vouchsafed.

I will give you one instance. There is one thing I am very grateful to the Lord for and that is that He has given me grace not to have a desire for money. The love of money is a great hindrance to many, and many a man is crippled in his ministry because he lets his heart run after financial matters.

I was walking out one day when I met a godly man who lived opposite me and he said, “My wife and I have been talking together about selling our house and we feel constrained to sell it to you.” As we talked together he persuaded me to buy his place, and before we said goodbye I told him that I would take it. We always make big mistakes when we are in a hurry.

When a fellow gets out of divine order it seems that the last person he goes to is God.

I told my wife what I had promised, and she said, “How will you manage it?” I told her that I had managed things so far, but I did not know how I was going to get through this. I somehow knew that I was out of divine order. But when a fellow gets out of divine order it seems that the last person he goes to is God.

I was relying on an architect to help me, but that scheme fell through. I turned to my relations and I certainly had a wet shirt as one after another turned me down. I tried my friends and managed no better. My wife said to me, "Thou hast never been to God yet."

What could I do? I have a certain place in our house where I go to pray. I have been there very often. As I went I said, "Lord, if You will get me out of this scrape, I will never trouble Thee on this line again." As I waited on the Lord, He just gave me one word. It seemed a ridiculous thing, but it was the wisest counsel.

There is divine wisdom in every word He speaks. I came down to my wife, saying, "What do you think? The Lord has told me to go to Brother Webster." I said, "It seems very ridiculous, for he is one of the poorest men I know." He was the poorest man I knew, but he was also the richest man I knew, for he knew God.

My wife said, "Do what God says, and it will be right."

I went off at once to see him, and he said as he greeted me, "Smith, what brings you so early?"

I answered, "The word of God." I said to him, "About three weeks ago I promised to buy a house of a man, and I am short 100 pounds (\$500). I have tried to get this money, but somehow I seem to have missed God."

"How is it," he asked, "that you have come to me only now?"

I answered, "Because I went to the Lord about it only last night."

"Well," he said, "it is a strange thing; three weeks ago I had 100 pounds. For years I have been putting money into a cooperative system, and three weeks ago I had to go and draw 100 pounds out. I hid it under the mattress. Come with me and *you* shall have it. Take it. I hope it will bring as great a blessing to you as it has been a trouble to me."

I had had a word from God, and all my troubles were ended. This has been multiplied in a hundred ways since that time. If I had been walking along filled with the Holy Ghost, I would not have bought that house and would not have had all that strain. I believe the Lord wants to loose us from things of earth. But I am ever grateful for that word from God. There have been times in my life when I have been in a great crisis and under a great weight of intercession. I have gone to the meeting without the knowledge of what I would say, but somehow or other God would vouchsafe the coming

forth under the power of the Spirit of some word of wisdom—just what some souls in that meeting needed. As we look to God His mind will be made known, and His revelation and His word of wisdom will be forthcoming.

CHAPTER 15

INTRODUCING THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church (1 Corinthians 14:12).

This is the Word of God, and it is most important that when we read it we do so with purpose of heart to obey its every precept. We have no right to open the Word of God carelessly or indifferently. I have no right to come to you with any message unless it is absolutely in the perfect order of God. I believe we are in order to consider further the subject so necessary to be informed about in these days when so many people are receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost and then do not know which way to go.

We have a great need today. It is that we may be supplied with revelation according to the mind of the Lord, that we may be instructed by the mind of the Spirit, that we may be able rightly to divide the Word of truth, that we may not be novices, seeing that the Spirit of the Lord has come to us in revelation. We ought to be alert to every touch of divine, spiritual illumination.

We should carefully consider what the apostle said to us, “grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption” (Eph. 4:30). The sealing of the Spirit is very remarkable, and I pray God that not one person may lose the divine inheritance that God has chosen for you, greater than you could choose if you had your mind ten times more largely

exercised. God's mind is greater than yours. His thought is higher than the heavens over you, so that you need not be afraid.

I have great love for my boys in England, great love for my daughter here, but it is nothing in comparison to God's love toward us. God's love is desirous that we should walk up and down the earth as His son, clothed, filled, radiant, with fire beaming forth from the countenance, setting forth the power of the Spirit, so that the people jump into liberty.

There is deplorable ignorance among those who have gifts. It is not right for you to think that because you have a gift you are to wave it before the people and try to get their minds upon that, because if you do you will be out of the will of God. Gifts and callings may be in the body without repentance, but remember that God calls you to account for the gift being properly administered in a spiritual way after you have received it. It is not given to adorn you, but to sustain, build, edify, and bless the Church. When the Church receives this edification and God ministers through that member, then all the members will rejoice together. God moves upon us as His offspring, as His choice and fruit of the earth. He wants us to be decked in wonderful raiment, even as our Master.

His operations upon us may be painful, but the wise saint will remember that among those whom God chastens it is he who is exercised by that chastening to whom "it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11). Therefore let Him do with you what seemeth Him good, for He has His hand upon you and He will not willingly take it off till He has performed the thing He knows you need. So if He comes with a fan, be ready for the fan. If He comes with chastisement, be ready for chastisement. If He comes with correction, be ready for correction. Whatever He wills to do, let Him do it and He will bring you to the land of plenty. Oh, it is worth the world to be under the power of the Holy Ghost!

God's mind is greater than yours. His thought is higher than the heavens over you, so that you need not be afraid.

If He chastens you not, if you sail placidly along without incident, without crosses, without persecutions, without trials, remember that "if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Heb. 12:8). Therefore, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in

the faith” (2 Cor. 13:5). Never forget that Jesus said this word: “They that hear My voice follow Me” (see John 10:27). Jesus wants you all to follow, wants you to have a clear ring in your testimony.

You are eternally saved by the power of God. Do not be led astray by anything, do not take your feelings for your salvation, do not take anybody’s word for your salvation. Believe that God’s Word is true. What does it say?

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36).

When your will becomes entirely the will of God, then you are clearly in the place where the Holy Ghost can make Jesus Lord in your life, Lord over your purchases, Lord over your selling, Lord over your eating and your drinking, your clothing and your choice of companionship.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

The variation of humanity is tremendous. Faces are different; so is physique. Your whole body may be so tempered that one particular gift would not suit you at all, while it would suit another person. So the Word of God deals here with varieties of gifts, meaning that these gifts perfectly meet the condition of people in this place. That is God’s plan.

Not one person, it may be, would be led out to claim all gifts. Nevertheless, do not be afraid; the Scriptures are definite. Paul said that you need not come behind in any gift. God has for you wonderful things beyond what you have ever known. The Holy Ghost is so full of prophetic operation of divine power that it is marvelous what may happen after the Holy Ghost comes.

How He loosed me! I am no good without the Holy Ghost. The power of the Holy Ghost loosed my language. I was like my mother. She had no language. If she began to tell a story, she couldn’t go through. My father

would say, “Mother, you will have to begin again.” I was like that. I couldn’t tell a story. I was bound. Plenty of thought, but no language. But oh, after the Holy Ghost came!

When He came I had a great desire after gifts. So the Lord caused me to see that it is possible for every believer to live in such holy unction, such divine communion, such pressed-in measure by the power of the Spirit that every gift can be his.

The Holy Ghost is so full of prophetic operation of divine power that it is marvelous what may happen after the Holy Ghost comes.

But is there not a vast and appalling unconcern about possessing the gifts?

Ask of a score of saints chosen at random from almost any assembly, “Have you any of the gifts of the Spirit?” and the answer will be, “No,” and given in a tone and with a manner that conveys the thought that the saint is not surprised at not having the gifts, that he doesn’t expect to have any of them, and does not expect to seek for them. Isn’t this terrible when this living Word exhorts us specifically to “covet earnestly the best gifts”?

So in order that the gift might be everything and in evidence, we have to see that we cease to live excepting for His glory. He works with us, we work with Him, cooperative, working together. This is divine. Surely this is God’s plan.

God has brought you to the banquet and He wants to send you away full. We are in a place where God wants to give us visions. We are in a place where His great love is being bent over us with kisses. Oh, how lovely the kiss of Jesus, the expression of His love! Oh come, let us seek Him for the best gifts, and let us strive to be wise and rightly divide the Word of truth, giving it forth in power that the Church may be edified and sinners may be saved.

CHAPTER 16

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT'S POWER

It is necessary that we have a great desire for spiritual gifts—God must bring us into a place where we thirst after them. Gifts are necessary; important, then, we may by the grace of God see the importance of gifts in person, that we may be used for God's glory. Here is an emphasis on prophecy. If you are here saved today it is because of some person inspired and moved upon by the Spirit of Jesus to let the light of this glorious Gospel come to you.

Sometimes I think we miss what God has for us in the gospels. I want you to see a word God has for us, which is a pure gospel truth.

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:9-10).

THREE CLASSES OF PROPHETIC UTTERANCE

The Lord help us to see that above all, whatever we do, we seek the gift of the spirit of prophecy. Now there are three classes of prophecy I want to speak about.

Bubbling Up

There is a prophetic utterance which you will find very often when I am speaking. Often when I am speaking I am not using my own mind, but the Holy Ghost speaks through in a flow of language. This is prophetic utterance, which every baptized believer ought to have. Holy Ghost ministry, Holy Ghost language, and Holy Ghost thought—standing there clothed upon with prophetic utterances, always coinciding with God's will.

Testimony

The other kind of prophecy is this *testimony*. If you people in this town hall will come to the meeting filled with the Holy Ghost and there is a chance to give your testimony it will be a Holy Ghost utterance, people will feel that it is the Holy Ghost, and it will be different from any human testimony. *You* can give your testimony till it is as barren as possible. Look at Revelation 19:10: "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." He said His words are spirit and life.

In the Assembly

The last kind of prophecy is the prophetic utterance in the assembly when everybody knows it is from the Lord. It will not be denunciation.

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3).

Three things. That is prophecy. God wants you to have this prophecy. You would rise up as if you had risen up out of death into life. You would be uttering divine revelation and consolation. That should come in every meeting. On the line of prophetic utterances, it might be on the coming of the Lord, it may be revelation after atoning of the blood, it may be about the Spirit's moving in our midst, but it will be to comfort, consolation, and edification.

OTHER GIFTS AND MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT

Speaking in an Unknown Tongue

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 (1 Corinthians 14:2).

Now let us understand it. People have something to pass through very trying times in business maybe, like a brother who came home last night, but this verse is a wonderful verse for anyone who has had a weary day. You get before the Lord on this line and you will find that God by His Spirit will lift you, move you. It has not to be interpreted; it is to God by the Spirit, it is a strengthening of the nature where God is moving in the body. It may seem to some people very strange. I have seen people down and out on these lines and have come into a meeting and the power of God has come upon them with laughter.

Laughter in the Holy Ghost

Now laughter in the Holy Ghost is one of those great things that moves the whole body and brings you out of everything. It is a thing you cannot create, but the Holy Ghost laughs through. I shall never forget. I only had it once. You laugh from inside, and the whole body is so full of the spirit of life from above that you are altogether new. Oh, for God to come into a needy soul and laugh in the soul; it is very wonderful.

When God the Holy Ghost takes you He can, through one pure heart, bring revival in spite of every power in the world.

Now we come again to another wonderful word, which is important. We must all understand that we are, as it were, at the footstool of grace, and God the Holy Ghost is our teacher, so we must listen to see what the Lord has to say to us at this time. Some people think there is only one kind of prayer that brings down the blessing, but you will find when God the Holy

Ghost takes you He can, through one pure heart, bring revival in spite of every power in the world.

This second verse is an unknown scripture except to those who have received the Holy Ghost, it is unknown to anyone who has not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Now then, who is speaking? The Spirit. To whom? To God. Where shall we find a verse to make clear revelation? In Romans 8:26-27:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Here it is again—it is not *you*, remember, but it is the Spirit in you, that is, the Holy Ghost. Jesus is the advocate who hears the Spirit pray.

The Advocate is Jesus.

The Father is the answerer.

The Holy Spirit is the prayer.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

It is he that searcheth the hearts—Trinity, if you wish—right in the heart God is searching by the light of the Spirit. Here it is, and when God is in the heart moving, the Holy Spirit begins to pray that God should be satisfied. The Holy Spirit is that which taketh hold of the body and prays through and prays according to the will of God and brings down the blessing.

Interpretation of Tongues

The Lord Himself, it is He which hath opened into our heart His great fullness and now through the power of Himself is bringing out the great cry of the soul, mingled with the Spirit's cry, till heaven bends down and grants.

I believe it would be helpful to you for me to tell you about Burton and Salter, who are the chief missionaries in Africa. You must understand Burton has a great big head, working in a great place amongst the heathen, a mighty man of God. He took fever and went down into death. They said, “He has preached his last; what shall we do?” All their hopes seemed to be blighted, and there they stood with broken hearts wondering what was going to take place. They left him for dead, and in a moment without any signal, he stood right in the midst of them—they could not understand it. The revelation he gave was this, that when he came to himself he realized a warmth going through his body, right through, and there was not an atom wrong with him. How did it come about? It was a mystery till he went to London and was telling the people how he was left for dead and how he was raised up. A lady came up to him and asked for a private conversation with him; they arranged a time. She asked, “Do you keep a diary?”

He answered “Yes.”

“I am going to tell you what happened on a certain day. I went to pray and as soon as I knelt down I had you on my mind. The Spirit of the Lord took hold of me and prayed through me in an unknown tongue. A vision came, and I saw you laid out helpless; I cried out in the tongue till I saw you risen up and go out of that room.”

God wants you to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and everything about you shall be changed with the dynamite of heaven.

He turned to his diary and found it was exactly the date he was risen up.

Now I want you to see that to be filled with the Holy Ghost has great capabilities in your own bedroom. There may be difficulties in the counting house, but the Holy Ghost can give you liberty; the Holy Ghost is wisdom, the Spirit of prophecy, the Spirit of revelation, and remember that God wants you to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and everything about you shall be changed with the dynamite of heaven. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifieth the Church.

There is one thing that needs to be importantly dealt with this morning—may God give us a revelation on it. I want you to see in the first place

that he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself. The Holy Ghost has full charge of wisdom, so he comes to us on wisdom lines. We must be edified before we can edify the Church. Now in what revelation, capability, or capacity will the Holy Ghost edify us if we are ready? I am here before you as one of the biggest conundrums in the world in many ways, and yet as real as I am.

God wants every one of you to be baptized.

Before, there was never a weaker man on a platform. Language? None. Inability—full of it. All things about my life exactly opposite to standing on this platform, only the Holy Ghost came and brought edification of the Spirit. I had been reading this Word all my life, as well as I could, but the Holy Ghost came and took hold of it, for the Holy Ghost is the breath of it, and illumined it to edify me so that I might edify the Church. He gave me language that cannot speak fast enough; it comes too fast—it is there because God has given it. When the Comforter is come, He shall teach you all things.

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things (1 John 2:20).

Now I want you to couple that with verse 27 of the same chapter:

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).

I am not leaving out the people who are not baptized in the Holy Ghost, but I am putting you as one because I believe God wants every one of you to be baptized, and I believe you will go on until you are. After you are baptized you may say, “I seem so dry; I don’t know where I am.” The Word says you have an unction. Thank God you have got an anointing. Now, beloved, there is a tremendous helpfulness in this verse. I want you to see that the Holy Ghost is wisdom, language, the Holy Ghost is all revelation.

The Holy Ghost says He will teach you all things because of the anointing that abideth and because of the Holy One who is in you. These are great and definite positions for us.

I want you to think over this. In the Psalms you often see “selah,” which means stop and think—consider. If the Holy Ghost wants to do anything it is to stir up your faith this morning to believe that this Word is God’s truth. If you allow yourself to rise up this morning, you will edify yourself because of what God’s Word says. Let everything about you be a lie, but let God’s Word be true. The devil will say you are the driest person, you will never do anything, but you believe God’s Word.

*Oh, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven’s tableland,
A higher plane than I have found, Lord,
plant my feet on higher ground.*

CHAPTER 17

CLOTHED WITH THE SPIRIT FOR THE WORLD'S NEEDS

Only believe! Only believe! God will not fail you, beloved. It is impossible for God to fail. Believe God; rest in Him. God's rest is an undisturbed place, a place where heaven bends to meet you. The Bible is the most important book, but some people have to be pressed in before they can be pressed on.

Oh! This glorious inheritance of joy and holy faith, this glorious baptism in the Holy Ghost—a perfected place. All things are new, for ye are Christ's and Christ is God.

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 1:8).

God means us to be in this royal way—when God opens a door, no man can shut it. John made a royal way and Jesus went in and left it for us to let Him bring forth through us the greater works. Jesus left His disciples with a revelation which meant much to them and much more to be added, something lasting until God receives us in that day. When we receive power we must stir up ourselves to the truth that we are responsible for the need around us. God will supply all our need that the need of the needy may be

met through us—a great indwelling force of power. If we do not step into our privileges, it is a tragedy.

Interpretation of Tongues

God who ravishes thee brings forth within the heart new revelation, never the same again, changed by the Spirit from vision to vision, from light to light, from glory to glory.

POWER AND ACTION

There is no standing still in this blessed life. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Oh, that blessed concession of God to fill us with the Holy Ghost. He will lead us into all truth and show us things to come. As He is, so are we in this world. The offspring of God with impulse divine. We must get into line. The life of the Son of God to make the whole body a flame of fire. After ye have received ye shall have power. God has given me a blessed ministry to help to stir others up—our gatherings must be for increase. I am jealous to come into the divine plan. If I wait further for power I have mistaken the position. If I could only feel the power! Ah! We have been too much on that line. When the Holy Ghost came He came to abide—what are you waiting for? God is waiting for you to act. Jesus was perfect activity. He began to do and to teach. He lived in the realm of divine appointment making the act come forth. God never separates power from holiness—the pure in heart see God. The Holy Ghost reveals Him. He who believes that Jesus is the Christ overcomes the world. He is the source of revelation. The fullness of God dwells in Him.

There is no standing still in this blessed life.

*Christ liveth in me,
Christ liveth in me.
Oh, what a salvation this
That Christ dwelleth in me.*

After the Holy Ghost came, with the revelation of the purity of Jesus we saw things that were unseen before. The Holy Ghost came in as the breath of the moving of the mighty wind. Is the Holy Spirit a person? Yes! Wind! Breath! Fire! Our God is a consuming fire.

You never know what you have until you begin. God wants you to begin on the authority of the Word; as you stand upon the Word of God you will be amazed at the outcome.

Going along in a car I saw a crowd of people 'round a boy. I asked the driver to stop. I said, "Boy, what is it?"

"Cramp."

I said, "In the name of Jesus, come out!"

The boy got up free. Faith in the operation of God. Wind! Fire! Breath! Life—a ministry of life. Gripping death with life.

The word was in. I laid hold "for the Word is nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thine heart." Thus the boy, by the operation of God, was free. We are baptized into one Spirit. We are tomorrow what we design to be today. This is a rising tide—a changing.

Interpretation of Tongues

God, who is the wealth of our inheritance, hath for us greater things. After ye have received, ye shall believe.

POWER AND PROGRESS

This is the confidence we have in Him. If we ask anything according to His will He heareth us—and we have the petition we have desired of Him; when the Holy Ghost comes in it is to crown Jesus King. We must dare and press on to that place where God will come forth with mighty power. Men of faith always have a good report. God has given us a large open door and will bless the people as we dare to believe His Word. The opportunity is all around. The needy are everywhere—begin. Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you. The stones will cry out against us if we do

not press on. May God give us the hearing of faith that the power may come down like a cloud.

The opportunity is all around. The needy are everywhere—begin.

Once I saw it mighty at Stavanger in Norway—it was a great crowded place. God said to me: “Ask! And I will give you every soul.” It seemed too much. The voice came again. “Ask! And I will give you every soul.” I dared to ask. The power of God swept the meeting like a mighty wind. I had never seen anything like it up to that time. We look for this in London. Go—speak all the words of this life. Begin from today. Press on until Jesus is glorified and multitudes gathered in. Let us all stand and offer ourselves unto God.

Receive! Receive! Receive! Ye shall receive power.

CHAPTER 18

A LIFE ON FIRE

I know that only God can satisfy my thirst. I know this—that the man who is to be possessed with a zeal of God's work can only possess it as he is thirsty after God. Jesus had a great longing—a great passion. It was the zeal of the house of God. I believe this morning God wants to bring us to a place where we shall realize there is revolution coming in our lives.

Oh, beloved, it seems to me that we shall never be anywhere for God until there has been a perfect revolution in our whole being.

It was a tremendous thought for me to know that I had received the Holy Ghost, but I am coming to a great wonderment of splendor to know that the Holy Ghost has at last got me! The revolution has had such an effect upon my life that everything is of a new order—a reviving process—a divine mark right within the inner heart. It is certainly an incision without a mark, but God puts His stamp into the hidden desires and cravings, and the whole thing is a great plan of a divine creation—the thirst of God after the image of the one He first created. It was forfeited, but it is now being brought back to its beginning. It may only be in its infancy, but oh! The development since last year of God's incarnation in my whole soul. Nothing less will please the Lord, only a constant, full burnt offering for God, where He is in absolute and utter authority over my whole being until I am living, thinking, acting in the power of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

It is worthy of thought today to allow God to bring a powerful might to so burst upon all our natural desires and longings that we may at last come on to a plane of the divine plan where God breathes His own breath and

makes His own food and eats and drinks with us and lives within us—an overflowing measure that shall never be taken away.

There is something in this Pentecostal work for God that it seems a continual decreasing with an increasing measure that seems to press you beyond measure to take over the measureless measure! I am satisfied in my heart that the hand of God is upon us. If we could only believe—if we could only believe to see the glory of the salvation that God has got for us in the person of Jesus!

A FLAME OF FIRE

Shall we read the first chapter of Hebrews? It is full of holy vision. The word that I have for you is in the seventh verse.

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire (Hebrews 1:7).

His ministers are to be flames of fire! This means so much for us this morning. It seems to me that no man with a vision, especially a vision by the Spirit's power, can read that wonderful verse—that divine truth—without being kindled to such a flame of fire for his Lord that it seems as if it would burn up everything that would interfere with his progress. A flame of fire! A perpetual fire, a constant fire, a constant burning, a holy inward flame, which is exactly that which God's Son was in the world manifesting for us all. I can see this—that God has nothing less for us than to be flames!

If Pentecost is to rise and be effective it must have a living faith, personated and changed into life, until we live, increasingly live, so in His great might and power flows through us.

It seems to me that if Pentecost is to rise and be effective it must have a living faith, personated and changed into life, until we live, increasingly live, so in His great might and power flows through us until the life becomes energized, moved, and causes us to be aflame for God.

Interpretation of Tongues

Interpretation of Tongues

It is the flame of God's love flashing through the human nature, changing it until the place shall know it no more forever. It shall see the face of God and die and never live again. Only love—a wave of His life to send forth till others shall feel His love and be kindled into a flame of grace!

The import of our message is that the Holy Ghost has come to make Jesus King. It seems to me that the seed, which is an eternal seed—that life which was given to us when we believed—was of such a nature of resurrection power that I see a new creation rising with a kingly position, and I see that when the Holy Ghost comes He comes to crown Jesus King. So, beloved, it is not only the King within, but all the glories of the kingly manifestations that are brought forth. So I see this—even that alone would cause you to feel a burning after Jesus, a longing, a passion after Him. Oh, for Him to so work in us, melting us until a new order rises, moved with compassion!

There is something about the message that I want you to catch. It does not seem to me that God can in any way ever make us to be anything, but I do see that we can so come into a place in the order of God that He sets us up where the vision becomes so much brighter and where the Lord is in His glory with all His beatitudes and gifts and all His glory seems to fill the soul who is absolutely dead and alive to Him. There is so much talk about death, but I do see that there is a death that is so deep in God that out of that death God brings the splendor of His life and all His glory.

ON FIRE—ALWAYS

A remarkable evidence of being a flame of fire for God came when I was traveling from Egypt to Italy. It is quite true when I tell you on the ship and everywhere God has been with me. A man on the ship suddenly collapsed; his wife was in a terrible state and everybody else seemed to be. Some said that it had come to the end, but oh, to be a flame—to be indwelt by the living Christ! We are a back number if we have to pray for power, if we have to wait until we feel a sense of His presence. The baptism of the

Holy Ghost should empower you for any emergency. “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). Within you there is a greater power than there is in the world. Oh, to be awakened out of our unbelief into a place of daring for God! On the authority of the blessed Book! So in the Name of Jesus I rebuked the devil, and to the astonishment of the man’s wife and himself, he was able to stand. He said, “What is this? It is going all over me. I have never felt anything like this before.” For from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet the power of God shook him.

“In season and out of season.” God has for us an authority over the powers of the devil—over all the power of the enemy. Oh, that we may live in the place where the glory excelleth! I would that we could all see Him today. God says to us through this lovely word in Hebrews 1:3, “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

It would make anyone a flame of fire. Praise God, it is a fact! Jesus is in our body, and He is the express image of God, and He has come to our human weaknesses to change them and us into a divine substance so that by the power of His might we may not only overcome but rejoice in the fact that we are more than overcomers. God wants you to have the last part—more than overcomers! Beloved, all I speak today is burning in my soul. The baptism of the Spirit has come for nothing less than to eat the whole of my life. It set up Jesus as King, and nothing can stand in His holy presence when He is made King. Everything will wither before Him. I am realizing this.

The baptism of the Spirit has come for nothing less than to eat the whole of my life.

I feel I come to a convention like this to stir you up and to help you to know that this inheritance of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Praise the Lord! In the Holy Ghost order, we have to come behind with no gift, but I love the thought that all the gifts are of no qualification or service to us if the Giver does not work the gift. If He is working the gift, and it is there in operation, and you are there only as an instrument or a

voice or a temple, He fills the bill! Oh, it is lovely! He dwells inside! He lives; He moves; He reveals. He causes us to forget our sorrow and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. “The brightness of His glory and the express image of God.”

We must not forget that we must make this a personal thing. When God made the angels, He made them sing. All that were in the heavens did obedience to this wonderful royal King, and, beloved, we must see that this word is a personal experience. I look at the Scriptures, and I say, “Oh, Lord, it must be mine if You give it to me. You must make it mine.” This is how I talk to Him, so He knows my language well! I am the thirstiest man in the world, and He has a reservoir specially for me and for us all. We sometimes get to a place where we say, “Lord, it is no good, nothing You have shown me yet has moved me sufficiently. You will have to do something that will make the people marvel.”

“I will yet do things that ye may marvel.” This same Jesus has come for one purpose—that He might so be made manifest in us that the world shall see Him, and we must be burning and shining lights to reflect such a holy Jesus. We cannot do it with cold, indifferent experiences, and we never shall. I come across those people at times who always “have a good report,” but oh for a Pentecostal ring in our hearts all the time! Oh, what have you got, brother-sister?

A FLAME OF FIRE—NOW

Oh, there is so much difference between these things and the past times. There was a good deal of looking through the lattice, but now—within the veil! This is a “now” experience. A taking now. I must be filled with the might of the Spirit. John was a burning and a shining light, and I come to you this morning, and I see that the angels are to be ministering spirits, but His servants are to be flames—the very essence of the Word, the life of Jesus. Jesus is life and the Holy Ghost is the breath, and He breathes through us the life of the Son of God, and we give it to others and it giveth life everywhere.

We have to launch out. The Word of God says you shall not drown if you pass through the waters, and you shall not burn if you pass through the

fire. You should have been with me in Ceylon! It was in a Wesleyan chapel. You have to be ready for anything—a good bather does not wait, he goes right out into the water. God wants us to be unhinged and yet bound together. Unloosed for anything and tightened up for everything! That's good! In this Wesleyan chapel they said, "You know, four days is not much to give us."

Jesus is life and the Holy Ghost is the breath, and He breathes through us the life of the Son of God, and we give it to others and it giveth life everywhere.

"No," I said, "but it is a good share!"

They said, "We have never seen anything like this. What are we going to do because we are not touching the people at all?"

I said, "Can you have a meeting early in the morning—at eight o'clock?" They said they would, so I said, "We will tell all the mothers who want their babies to be healed to come, and all the old people over seventy to come, and then after that we will have an address to the people to make them ready for the Holy Ghost."

Oh, it would have done you all good to see 400 mothers with their babies! It was fine! And then to see 150 black people with their white hair come to be healed. I believe you need to have something more than smoke to touch people. You need to be a burning light for that. His ministers must be flames of fire. There were thousands outside to hear the Word of God.

There were about 3,000 people crying for mercy at once. I tell you it was a sight. From then the meetings rose to such an extent that every night 5,000 to 6,000 gathered there after you had preached in a temperature of 110 degrees.

Then you had to minister to these people. But I tell you, a flame of fire can do anything! Things change in the fire. It was an experience of the people in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. This is Pentecost! It must go up. If ever it goes down it will never go up again. The prospects are so wonderful up there that you will say, "Lord, higher!" What about your feet? Never mind them, get your head in the right place! Whatever you do, don't let your heart get in the wrong place, for it is there where all the

illumination comes and you are made a flame by the igniting of His power inside.

It will come, as sure as anything. But what moved me more than anything was this—and I say it today with thought and with a broken spirit because I would not like to mislead anything—there were hundreds who tried to touch me, they were so impressed with the power of God that was present, and they testified everywhere that with a touch they were healed. It was not the virtue of Wigglesworth—it was the same faith in the Son of God that was with those at Jerusalem when they said that Peter’s shadow would heal them.

Interpretation of Tongues

God, who is beginning to breathe, will not stop breathing until the breath touches all into glory, for it is the Holy Ghost that came like a rushing mighty wind. It will increase till a nation shall be born in a day and the latter rain will increase, and God is now sending the latter rain.

Praise the Lord. Brothers and sisters, you say “Wigglesworth, I want it. I am longing for it.” Do you know I am never satisfied with what comes to me, and Jesus is coming to us all in greater fullness. Only you must stop your earnest cry. You must believe that God the Holy Ghost is touching you. For this is not your own human desire—it is a divine inclination, a heavenly call, that has caused you to begin to crave after God, and He will never cease until He has accomplished every purpose of His in your heart.

It is His purpose to take you into the promised land. What an inward burning—what an inward craving God can give! It is a taste of the heavenlies! And we want more! More of these wonderful joys, until God has absolutely put His stamp upon everyone by the power of His presence.

Now, beloved, my time is coming to a close, but you can have something in three minutes that you can carry with you into the glory. What do you want? Is anything too hard for God? God can meet you now. God sees you inwardly, He knows all about you, nothing is hidden from Him, and He can satisfy the soul and give you a spring of eternal blessing that

will carry you right through. My soul is so thirsty—I am the thirstiest person here!

There are two things that you must have in a Pentecostal meeting. You must have an offering—never be ashamed to take an offering, even if you have three meetings a day—and you must have a broken spirit. The nearer I get to God the more broken I am in spirit.

God sees you inwardly, He knows all about you, nothing is hidden from Him, and He can satisfy the soul and give you a spring of eternal blessing that will carry you right through.

How many want more of God? Offer yourselves to Him and reach heaven.

CHAPTER 19

NOT DRUNK, BUT FILLED

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:18–20).

I must see to it that I am filled with the Holy Spirit's power and be careful not to rest in any gift. We have here the contrary spectacle in a man drunk with wine. What are the special characteristics of a man so possessed? He is not careful, he is under the control of another spirit managing him and believes. We must be careful not to choose but to let God's Holy Spirit manage our lives, not to smooth down and explain away but to stir up the gift and allow God's Spirit to disturb us and disturb us and disturb us until we yield and yield and yield and the possibility in God's mind for us becomes an established fact in our lives, with evidence meeting the need of a dying world. The drunken man is not careful what people think or who sees him or what language he utters—he is under the control of another. So let us be careful not to take control.

God's Spirit that is upon me, filling me, is better than my best and will press me on to a zeal for God as was manifested in my Lord. His disciples remembered it was written, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" (Ps. 69:9).

Oh! To be pressed on thus. Unreserved for God, to use my mouth, my brain, my all! To be filled with the Holy Ghost. Is it for me? Oh, yes! “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 2:39). One passion must possess me—to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Are we so thoughtful? Thoughtless! For God to have us all to Himself. “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). A drunken man has his thoughts, his mouth, his body under the control of another. So my thoughts, my mouth, my body must be under the control of God’s Holy Spirit. Is it not lovely? Spiritual songs—the tongue of the learned; we cannot rest until we are quite full.

My thoughts, my mouth, my body must be under the control of God’s Holy Spirit.

What has the Holy Ghost come to do? To reprove the world of sin. “When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin” (John 16:8). Now! Through His indwelling pressure in the hearts of His children. “Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost...therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19-20). We cannot reprove the world of sin unless we keep in the place where He can rest in His love and joy over us with singing. “He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love” (Song of Sol. 2:4). “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20).

If we are filled with the Spirit in the hard place where the test comes like the three Hebrew children, our testimony is, “we are not careful to answer thee in this matter...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us” (Dan. 3:16-17). You cannot give thanks under such circumstances unless you are filled with the Spirit. Ye are not your own.

Mother! Mother! Mother! My brother has broken the basin upstairs—all the house in a tumult! You can quieten them in the Spirit and still give thanks. Paul said, “I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound” (Phil. 4:12). “As having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:10). He had no need to draw on the bank when he had something, but to have nothing is a rich place; it is a wonderful process! It only comes to

drunken people. Here is a drunken man singing, muttering, talking. What is it? It is another spirit. So the spiritual man can rest in the Holy Ghost and give thanks.

Oh! Beloved, to have nothing and yet to possess all things. Poor, yet when I feel so, it turns me on to the resources of God—to make many rich! What a condition to be in, to grow in. You know a man at first takes one glass, then twenty glasses, but when seasoned with the grace of God—taking in, taking in, until we can rejoice in the hard corner, grace increasing in us from the boundless, endless source—it's wonderful! Only those can give thanks whom God has in control. He abideth a quickening spirit, an increasing power when once the Lord has laid hold of us, bringing us to a place of rest in Him. Let us rejoice, giving thanks all the time—this is the will of God. What is God's will toward me? When He gave me Jesus He gave me all. Lay me down a law where it will always work! Continue to believe Jesus is the Son of God. Can you make yourself drunk? We can believe! Simplicity will do it, yieldedness will do it, faith will assist it. The man drunk with wine says everybody is drunk but him. May God the Holy Ghost make me so unconscious of my condition in the Spirit, so hungry, so thirsty that I see everyone has more than me. God can do it; it means much. Jesus says, "I give you My life, it is to become in you a production of what I am." "Be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

CHAPTER 20

THE GLORY IN MANIFESTATION

Go into the Temple and speak unto them all the words of this life. This life from the dead, to quicken us into new life, to put away the rudiments of sin. Living by the vision of God with resurrection touch, inspiration wafting us into the eternal glory, the express image of the Master. Mortality swallowed up of life, until this life is in manifestation through us for others.

This life. It is the only life. Until this came in all were dead in trespasses and sins. God does not count any life but eternal life, life everlasting. The first breath into clay was His life. “Let Us make man in Our image after Our likeness” (Gen. 1:26). May the Spirit of the Lord so breathe peace into us, the life of Another within. The life of God is from above. There are great things tonight for us in the grace of God. We have a great God with great things for us on great lines, especially when we give Him place in us to press through a manifestation of Himself. We all must take a new stand on the line of faith, greater and mightier for God to flow through.

A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession and kept back part of the price. (See Acts 5.) What they missed. What they might have had! In Luke 7 we read of Jesus in the house of Simon. He could have had anything he wanted. He invited Jesus, but because of his judgment on the poor woman, she got all the blessing from Jesus. He said to her, “Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace” (Luke 7:50). Paul said, “Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Tim. 4:10). Many are spoiled by the clamor of human approval. It was easy for Ananias to sell the land; it was after it was sold the devil came along. “You are not

obliged to give it to them. There may come a bad time; preserve some of it, say you sold it for so much.” They agreed together.

We all must take a new stand on the line of faith, greater and mightier for God to flow through.

Satanic whispers, terribly trying, overbalancing. God unveils the truth after the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I often wondered why God baptized me in the Holy Ghost until one day, coming into the house the back way, a crowd was at the front, a man crying out, “I’m lost! I’m lost!”

As I went along the passage to the front door, God said, “This is what I baptized you for.”

Then I was careful. I opened the door; there was the man with this awful cry, “I’m lost! I’ve committed the unpardonable sin.”

I said, “Come out, you lying spirit, in Jesus’ name,” and the man was free. I always know there is victory and power to deliver on the authority of God’s Word. Ananias and Sapphira had to declare their position before Peter. Great fear came upon all the Church. I am just as holy as my faith is in the Lord. Moved with fear, Noah built an Ark, and by it condemned the world. Filial fear.

Draw me nearer, blessed Lord, to the Cross where Thou hast died.

By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people, and of the rest durst no man join himself unto them.

ALWAYS FILLED

I see a difference between having a gift and being filled with the Holy Ghost. God’s Word says “Covet earnestly the best gifts.” I would rather see a church filled with the Holy Ghost than seeking gifts—filled with God, then any gift can come into operation. May God awaken us that signs and wonders may be wrought among us again as in Acts 6. Here the whole Church had a revival; great grace was upon them all. We cannot conceive

what God is doing in these days among us. Brethren, pray for me that I may be kept broken, yielded, weeping under the power and presence of God, enlightened, keen in perception, tender of conscience, disturbed at the least thing, seeing God all the time. Of the rest none dare join, but believers were added to the Lord, multitudes, inasmuch that they brought the sick into the streets that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk and those who were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed every one. Here is the standard of the divine plan of a Church filled with God. Many came to Peter because he was filled with the divine presence, and today it is latter rain and must be intensified.

Don't miss the high tide of God's divine order. Believe, and the living flowing begins; the divine tide arises. Stir up, be on fire, open wide the door, expect—it's now. I am perceiving God has a plan to get us into a place where His glory is seen. In Oakland I had been preaching ten days; they kept asking, "When are you going to have an altar call?"

I said, "It will come in its own order." On a particular night the people crowded in, bringing sick; sinners crowded in. Many had waited long for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That night the power of God came mightily. It was an altar call, but an inroad upon all. In a quarter of an hour all were healed and a multitude saved, and not one unfilled with the Holy Ghost. Back numbers too. After 2,000 years God is again visiting the earth in a mighty way. That's the ideal salvation, healing, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost for multitudes. God will bring them in, and He will baptize with the Holy Ghost.

Let us wake up; we must wake up and keep in a waking place.

Let us wake up; we must wake up and keep in a waking place. Disappointed unless we see God's glory in manifestation; slacking not our speed, hasting unto the coming of the Lord. Filled with God. Floods upon the dry ground, overflowing rivers of living water, flowing, flowing, until multitudes are again brought in and healed every one. Amen.

CONCLUSION

CHRIST MANIFESTS THROUGH MAN

For a short time I want especially to speak to those in this meeting who are saved. God wants them to be holy. He wants them to be filled with the power that will keep them 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. Look at this first verse; it is full of matter.

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 today 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, if you follow the definite leadings of the Spirit of Christ, have any fellowship with the world; and I want you to see that the Spirit of the Lord would reveal unto us this fact. If you love the world, you cannot love God, and the love of God cannot be in you; so God wants a straight cut because if you are in Christ Jesus, you are of a new creation order; you are in Him and, therefore, you walk in the Spirit and are free from condemnation.

Interpretation of Tongues

It is the Spirit alone who, by revelation, brings the whole truth, visiting Christ in your hearts and revealing unto you the capabilities of sonship that are in you after you are created after the image of Him.

NO CONDEMNATION

So the Spirit of the Lord would bring you into revelation. He wants you without condemnation. What will that mean? Much every way, because God wants all His people to be targets. More than that. He wants them to be salted, to be lights, to be like cities set on a hill that cannot be hid, 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. Sin will have no dominion over you. You will have no desire to sin, and it will be as true of you as it was of Jesus when He said,

“Satan cometh, but findeth nothing in Me.” He cannot condemn, he cannot draw, he has no power. His power is destroyed:

The body is dead because of sin [judged]; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness [abounding] (Romans 8:10).

To be filled with God means that you are free! Filled with joy, peace, blessing, endowment, strength of character in God, and transformed by His mighty power.

Notice there are 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; the same flesh, only it is dead; you are just the same, only quickened into spiritual life; you are in a new creation, a new creature, created in God afresh after the image of Christ! Now, beloved, some people who come into line with this do not understand their inheritance, and they go down. Instead of making you weak and inclined to go under, you have to rise triumphantly over it. You say, “Show us this law!” I will, God helping me.

Sin will have no dominion over you. You will have no desire to sin.

REIGNING IN LIFE

Romans 7:25 reads: “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.” God wants to show you that there is a place where we can live in the Spirit and not be subject to the flesh. Live in the Spirit till sin has no dominion; till we reign in life and see the clothing of God over us in the Spirit. Sin reigned unto death, but Christ reigned over sin and death, and so we reign with Him in life.

There is not a sick person here who could be said to be reigning in life—satanic power reigns there, and God wants you to know that you have to reign. God made you like Himself, and Jesus bought back for you in the Garden of Gethsemane everything that was lost in the Garden of Eden, through that agony He suffered. He bought that blessed redemption.

When I think of redemption! People say, “Could anything be greater than the fellowship which prevailed in the Garden of Eden, when God walked and talked and had fellowship with men?” Yes, redemption is greater.

Nothing but that which was local was in the garden, but the moment a man is born again he is free from the world and lives in heavenly places. He has no destination except “in the glory.” Redemption is, therefore, greater than the Garden, and God wants you to know that you may come into this glorious redemption not for salvation only, but also for your bodies—to know they are redeemed from the curse of the law, to know you have been made free, and to know that all praise and glory are due to the Son of God.

Hallelujah! No more Egypt places! No more sandy deserts! Praise the Lord! Free from the law of sin and death. How was it accomplished? The third verse tells us. It is the master verse:

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 was 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 unto, a blessed resemblance of Christ, of “God in you” that shall not fail if you believe the Word of God.

Interpretation of Tongues

The living Word is sufficient for thee. Eat it. Devour it. It is the Word of God.

FILLED WITH GOD

Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. God was manifested in Him; the fullness of God came into Jesus, and He walked about filled with God. Is it to be mine? May I be filled with God? Yes. How can I be so filled with God that all my movements, all my desires, my mind and will are so moved upon by a new power that “I am not,” for God has taken me?

Praise the Lord! Certainly it can be so. Did you ever examine the condition of your new birth unto righteousness? Did you ever investigate it? Did you ever try to see what there was in it? Were you ever able to fathom the fullness of that redemption plan that came through believing in Jesus?

In the first place, He was “of God.” He was called “the Word.” In the second place, He and God became so one in their operation that they said He was God, and then the cooperation of oneness, the deity, the strength of power! You have to see that before the foundation of the world this redemption was all completed and set in order before the fall, and then notice that this redemption had to be so mighty and had to redeem us all so perfectly that there should be no lack in the whole of redemption! Let us see how it comes about. He became flesh! Then, He was filled with the Holy Ghost. Then, He became the “operation” or “voice” and the operation of the

Word, by the power of God through the Holy Ghost, became “the Authority.” Now, let me go further with you.

You are born of an incorruptible power of God—born of the Word who has the personality, the nature of God. You were begotten of God, and you are not your own. You have passed from death unto life and have become an heir of God and a joint heir of Christ in the measure in which you believe His Word. The natural flesh, the first order, has been changed into a new order, for the first order was Adam, the natural, and the last order was Christ, the heavenly; and now you become changed by a heavenly power existing in an earthly body. I want you to see that you are born of a power and have existing 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 you free from the law of sin and death.

You are born of an incorruptible power of God—born of the Word who has the personality, the nature of God.

Now, let us look at the law without the Spirit—the law of sin and death. Here is a man who has never come into the new law. He is still in the law of Adam, never having been regenerated, never having been born again. He is led captive by the devil at his will. There’s no power that can convert a man except the power of the blood of Jesus. Brother, the carnal life is not subject to the will of God; neither, indeed, can it be. Carnality is selfishness and uncleanness. It cannot be subject to God; it interferes with you; it binds and keeps you in bondage; but, beloved, God destroys carnality by a new life, which is so much better and fills you with joy unspeakable and full of glory. The half can never be told. Everything that God does is too big to tell. His grace, His love, His mercy, His salvation are all too big to understand.

Do you not know that ours is an abundant God, who is able to do for us far exceeding and abundantly above all that we can ask or think? We are illuminated and quickened by the Spirit, looking forward to a day of rapture when we will be caught up and lifted into the presence of God. God’s lines are magnitude—wonderful and glorious!

Now, let me touch another important point. Can you think about Jesus being dead in the grave? Do you think that God could do anything for us if Jesus was still there? After His crucifixion and until He was laid in the

grave, everything had to be done for Him, and I want you to see that a dead Christ can do nothing for you. He carried the cross—so don't you carry it. The cross covered everything, and the resurrection brought everything to life. When He was in the grave, the Word of God says that He was raised from the grave by the operation of God through the Spirit, and this Jesus was quickened by the Spirit in the grave, and this same Spirit dwells in 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).

We are illuminated and quickened by the Spirit, looking forward to a day of rapture when we will be caught up and lifted into the presence of God. God's lines are magnitude—wonderful and glorious!

If you will allow Jesus to have charge of your bodies you will find that this Spirit will quicken you, will loose you. Talk about divine healing! You cannot get it out of the Scriptures. They are full of it. You will find, also, that all who are healed by the power of God—especially believers—will find their healing an incentive to make them purer and holier. If divine healing as merely to make the body whole, it would be worth very little. Divine healing is the divine act of the providence of God coming into your mortal bodies, and after being touched by Almightyness, can you ever remain the same? No, you will come out to worship and serve God.

APPENDIX A

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Q: After being baptized in water, if one goes back in sin and then repents is it necessary to be baptized again?

A: There has to come into your life a real knowledge that after you have had hands laid upon you, you have not to expect hands to be laid upon you again. After you have received the baptism, you are not to expect to be baptized again, neither in water nor anywhere else. The Word of God is very clear—as you go on to perfection you are leaving the first principles, you are leaving them behind because God says, “Come on!” Don’t repeat anything that is passed on. Believe it is finished.

Q: Can anyone receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost in his own room?

A: Yes. I believe after hands have been laid upon you to receive the Holy Ghost, you can go away believing that you will certainly receive, whether it is in your bed or anywhere. I laid my hands on a very remarkable man in London—we considered him one of the finest men we had. He went home and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in his bed.

Remember that no person is a baptizer. Jesus is the only baptizer, and you never get away from His presence. He is with you in your bedrooms;

He is with you in your counting rooms; He is with you everywhere. “Lo, I am with you always.”

Q: When any man has been clearly born of God, does not the Holy Spirit come in at that time to help him to seek the whole baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire?

A: When you are born again the Christ Spirit—not the Holy Spirit, but the Christ Spirit—comes and quickens your human spirit and becomes a new generating power in you, and you are born into a new order by the Spirit of Christ. The Holy Ghost’s part in this is the revealer of sin—not the cleanser, but the revealer of all unforgiven things. The Holy Spirit is still there, not inside but outside, revealing all the things of Christ till you come to a great desire for purification, heart cleansing, which is important to take you on to a body absolutely ready for the incoming of the Holy Ghost.

Spirit of Christ will quicken your mortal spirit till you live not, but another mightier than you controls you, your carnalities dethroned, all your willpower forever put to death, and Christ begins to reign.

“The Holy Ghost is with you, but He shall be in you.” What is that? The Holy Spirit; not the Spirit of Jesus, but the Holy Spirit. The greatest difficulty that people are fighting with today is a human spirit never perfectly submitted to the Spirit of Christ, and they have no harmony and no power. The Spirit of Christ has prophecy and all these wonderful things. But remember, if you do not die absolutely till Christ becomes so formed in you that you’re dead indeed—Christ manifested in you over every carnal, evil, human spirit—you will always be in trouble. But if you allow yourself to die, the Spirit of Christ will quicken your mortal spirit till you live not, but another mightier than you controls you, your carnalities dethroned, all your willpower forever put to death, and Christ begins to reign.

Then when the Holy Ghost comes and the Christ of God is in the body, what has happened? Rivers of life, powers of faith, wonders of grace, rising into newness of life, living so that you are ready. Ready! Are you ready? If not, be ye ready.

Q: Is it possible for a Christian to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and still retain his afflictions in the body?

A: Paul says these light afflictions are working out for us a far exceeding and eternal weight of glory. If you try to save yourself through the afflictions, it means to say you are not ready for going. We have to come to a place—it is a higher standard, perhaps, than many people have looked into—but we are coming to it. If you knew you could stop a day longer in the earth by lifting your finger, you would not do it. We are coming to a place of knowledge of the spiritual quickening of these divine orders of Christ; we are coming to a place that if we knew there was a pill lying there, and we knew that pill would save us from death, we would refrain from taking it, knowing it was far better to go. If we ever wake up—and thank God we are waking—to the fact that it is better to go than to stop, we will never save ourselves, because we will be so glad to go.

Q: The Holy Ghost through John said, “We shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.” Is it necessary that I shall receive the baptism of fire, and can I receive the Holy Ghost till I receive the baptism of fire?

A: It is one and the selfsame thing. It is only one Holy Ghost, only one baptism, and only one reception. When He comes in, He comes to abide. We can't always give all the figurative positions of the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost fire is more than figurative. It is assimilation. The Holy Ghost is a great assimilation to the whole body. When He comes in you will feel fire going through the body. You feel a burning of all inward corruption.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is essential to bring into you a divine, holy fire which burns up all dross and quickens all purity, making you ablaze for perfect love to continue. The baptism of the Holy Ghost and the baptism of fire are one and the same. The baptism is the divine Third Person of the Trinity.

Q: On the Day of Pentecost the fire fell upon them as tongues of fire, and afterward the Holy Ghost came. Will you explain that?

A: First there was the rushing mighty wind. Why did the Holy Ghost have to come? Simply because when Jesus was here, He was local. He was a person, but He was a person of ideal perfection, the Father presenting all fullness in Him. Yet when all fullness came, it was necessary for Jesus to receive the flow of breath to formulate the Word, and the Spirit breathed

and Jesus said the words, “I speak not, but Him that dwelleth in Me”—the Breath, the Power which was making language.

In the wind they were not baptized. In the fire they were not baptized. When were they baptized? When the fire and the wind got inside and caused eruption.

The Holy Spirit could fill people in England, in America, in China, in Africa, in the islands of the sea, everywhere, all over the world. When He came, the Breath, the Power could fill the whole universe, because it was the breath of the mighty power of God personally.

Also, He was a flame. Tongue of fire. What could be more inspiring? Flames of fire, tongues of fire, burning up that which was inflammable within. And they saw it. It has been seen many times since then. But in the wind they were not baptized. In the fire they were not baptized. When were they baptized? When the fire and the wind got inside and caused eruption.

Q: Is the baptism of the Holy Ghost a personality?

A: Yes it is. It is not an “it,” not an influence; but it is a presence, a power, a person, the Third Person of the Trinity. That is the reason why the Lord said, “When He comes.”

Q: Can a person receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost before being sanctified?

A: Do you know what it is to be saved? Yes. As you go on with God you are being saved, and the more you go on with God the more sanguine you are that you are saved. It was an accomplished fact that you were saved, but you are being saved as you walk in the light to a greater depth of knowledge of salvation. You were sanctified, but you are being sanctified according to light, and you are not what you were yesterday.

Light! Light! Light! When you received the Holy Ghost it is certain the Lord is pleased with where you got to, but it is not where you are going to. Every man is sanctified, but no man in this place has received sanctification who has not an increased sanctification. There is no man being saved today who has not to have an increased salvation, line upon line, truth upon truth,

know he is ripe for heaven, but he is going on to perfection. He is from glory to glory. The process is wonderful—being saved, being sanctified, being made ready every day!

Q: Is sanctification a definite work of grace?

A: Yes, and salvation also. And the next day you will find out as light comes you will be like Isaiah in the presence of God. You will find you need another cleaning. Light makes cleansing needy.

Q: I have been tarrying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit for a long time and have been told if I would say “Glory!” or “Hallelujah!” till I have lost myself, I would receive, but so far I have not received.

A: You have had a great deal of things in your mind as to what ought to bring it, and you are forgetting what will bring it, and that is Jesus. Jesus is the Baptizer. As soon as you are ready, He will fill you.

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At the heart of his message was faith—faith in God, faith in God’s Word, faith in God’s promises. He never claimed to be specially gifted or supernaturally endowed—he simply learned to take God at His word and to become an obedient servant.

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