

The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 40:3-8.

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BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

"He Shall Baptize You With the Holy Ghost
and With Fire."—Matt. 3:11.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the need of every regenerated soul. John was teaching his disciples that the One coming after him was mightier than he, and that He would impart this baptism of the Holy Spirit. No doubt if the preachers of today were as faithful as John, who had his raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle and dined on locusts and wild honey, in telling the people that a greater blessing is in store for them after they got converted, no doubt hundreds would go on until perfection, whereas under present-day preaching, they draw back unto perdition, and lose the first work of grace instead of obtaining the second.

While this is true on the one hand, on the other hand there are those who have gone overboard and have been swamped in foaming billows of fanaticism, and are teaching that after you receive the Holy Ghost, then you are to receive another baptism of fire. Surely they are mistaken in this.

The first to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost were the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Nowhere do we find the slightest intimation that they were to receive another experience (work of grace) after that. Indeed, they were more than conquerors and needed nothing else. The facts are, the passage could be translated even fire instead of and with fire, and we would perhaps more readily see the import of it. Fire is symbolical and very aptly represents the cleansing power of the Holy Ghost, as well as the destructive power on the old man of sin or the carnal nature. When a person receives the Holy Ghost, he will not be seeking after another experience unless he loses the Blessing. He is a satisfying portion. **If you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you will not be seeking the Gift of tongues as an evidence, neither will you be seeking for a fire baptism to equip you for service.**

That there should be no mistake in regard to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." And we read

that on the day of Pentecost. "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Thus they received the Holy Spirit as Jesus had indicated to them when He breathed on them, and the tongues of fire accompanied this coming of the Holy Ghost showing clearly and unmistakably that they received it at one and the same time. **Hence, whoever separates or makes a separate experience, does so without a vestige of Scripture foundation.**

It is plain that the disciples thus understood the passage clearly or in some of the Epistles or the Acts of the Apostles mention would have been made concerning a baptism of fire. What men and women need today is the old-time or Bible experience of entire sanctification. That blessing that will preserve our whole spirit, soul and body blameless until Jesus comes.

There is both a positive and a negative side to this question. We are cleansed from all sin, the old man is destroyed, the carnal nature is eradicated, on the one hand, while on the other we receive power to go forth in the service of the Lord, having power within to do anything God wants us to do. We should not limit Pentecost to purity, but holiness means purity and power.

If you do not have boldness to go forth in His service, preaching the Gospel, or to do anything else that you know He wants you to do, get sanctified. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Stephen, the protomartyr, demonstrated this power when he prayed for his enemies while they were stoning him to death. Beloved, it puts boldness within us so that we can face a frowning world and stand true to God even though it means death. Peter and John were as bold as lions. Paul was

undaunted, and could not be swerved from the path of duty nor turned aside from the truth.

Well, bless God "this is that" standing grace that enables us to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Brother, when you get the Holy Ghost, you get the refining fire of glory turned in on your soul, and the chaff, the dross, all the impurities will be burned out; and the Holy Ghost, which is the Comforter, will take up his abode in your heart to abide with you forever if you will be obedient and do not grieve Him away. If you are converted and have not received the Holy Ghost, it is God's will that you receive Him at once as your sanctifier. Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Jesus came to baptize you with the Holy Spirit. This is that without which no man shall see the Lord.—R. L. K. in Church Herald.

HOLINESS.

Holiness is a definite second blessing experience provided for through grace and promised to all God's children. John Wesley writing of that faith by which we are made holy says this: "But what is that faith whereby we are sanctified, saved from sin, and perfected in love? This faith is a divine evidence or conviction—

"1. That God hath promised this sanctification in the Holy Scriptures.

"2. It is a divine evidence or conviction that what God hath promised He is able to perform.

"3. It is a divine evidence or conviction that He is able and willing to do it now.

"4. To this confidence that God is able and willing to sanctify us now, there needs to be added one thing more—a divine evidence or conviction that He doth it." (NOW).

"A woman told Billy Sunday that she had a bad temper, but that it was over in a minute. "So is a shot gun, but it blows everything to pieces," was the reply.