

BEULAH ON THE SAINT JOHN

By I. M. K.

We feel sure that all are agreed that Beulah Camp Ground has lost none of its beauty. We have enjoyed the same heavenly atmosphere, the fellowship with the saints from all parts of the country, which comes through spiritual relationship produced by salvation from sin, that gives peace to the soul and unspeakable joy.

Then the natural beauty is always a delight to all who are privileged to come. To me this camp meeting has been the best for years, judging from the altar services. I do not know of one barren service. One outstanding feature was the hunger on the hearts of God's people for heart-purity. Scores prayed through to victory and left with shining faces and a determination to live and shine for Jesus in the coming days. Praise the Lord. We believe this was in answer to the earnest prayers of faith that have been ascending the throne during the past months. Then many were saved or reclaimed from backsliding.

The evangelist, Brother MacBride, preached well and definite so that all understood the double cure for sin, and were blessed each day by his messages from God. The ladies' prayer meetings were seasons of great blessing as well as the services held for the young people and children.

But I want especially to write of our missionary work. The public missionary meeting Saturday night was wonderful. After the reports were given our returned missionary, Faith Sanders, brought greetings from Africa, showed some curios which the native Christians had sent, and spoke of the workers and work in general, which touched all hearts. Then Miss Archibald, returned missionary from India, gave a splendid address, which all appreciated greatly. The last Sunday evening Sister Sanders was again given the privilege of speaking of our work in Africa, which was a real inspiration to that great congregation, and we believe that many will be more interested in missions than ever before, and will pray and give more in the days to come.

She spoke of the revivals that had come in answer to prevailing prayers of the missionaries and people in the home land, how many had been wholly sanctified and are now living real consecrated lives—and a great hunger has been created in the heathen heart for salvation. The Devil was working overtime, doing his best by demon possessions to destroy souls and wreck the faith of those newly awakened—but the Lord was working and souls were getting through from heathen superstitions and gross sins, and finding the Lord mighty to save. We praise the Lord that although existing conditions are practically the same as when we were in Africa, yet the glad light has penetrated darkened intellects and found lodging places in darker hearts.

We were very glad to hear of the comparative health of our missionaries. The Sterritt Sisters have kraal meetings, teach school and nurse the sick, and we know they are doing good work and being a blessing to many darkened souls together

with our other dear missionaries.

Sister Faith plans to remain at Beulah during July and August while resting and convalescing from her physical breakdown.

May the Lord bless her in body and soul.

FAITH FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Rev. Joseph H. Smith

This requires and involves dismissal of all preconceptions and preferences as to manifestations, sensations of demonstrations. Because the bestowal of the Spirit upon the Day of Pentecost was signalized or symbolized by the appearance as of cloven tongues of fire, it is not right to demand or to claim or to expect such manifestation of His coming in all cases; for there was no such appearance as of fire when he rested upon Jesus as a dove. Nor was there either the appearance as of a dove or as fire when he fell upon Cornelius and his household, or when he was ministered unto Saul at the hands of Ananias. And the same is true with regard to their demonstrations upon receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost. For when in the 2nd of Acts when they were filled they seemed to some as men intoxicated, yet in the 4th of Acts when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" no such hilarity is in evidence; but rather "They spake the word with boldness," and "great grace was upon them all." And what is true as to outward manifestations and demonstrations is true also of the "spiritual gifts." Because now when filled with the Holy Ghost, Stephen has a vision and sees Jesus at the right hand of God, gives me no right and lays upon me no necessity to claim a vision as proof that the Spirit is come to fill me. For Stephen himself was at other times filled with the Holy Ghost, though without any such vision. And many truly baptized with the Holy Ghost have lived and died without ever having seen anything of this kind of their lifetime. So with gifts of healing and gift of prophecy and gift of tongues Jesus received the Spirit without measure and never spake with tongues. We have no record of any instance where the Apostle Paul ever spake with tongues; and it is certain no mention is made of any such phenomena in his case, when under Ananias merely he received the Gift of the Holy Spirit, while he himself declares that "speaking words easy to be understood," and exercising of "the gift of prophecy" was far more fitting, and much more to the service of the Spirit both in the edification of the church and the conversion of sinners than speaking with tongues. So, too, as to that greater and more worthy gift of prophecy, which it was plainly foretold of this Holy Ghost dispensation that the Spirit of prophecy would be outpoured upon both servants and hand-maidens, and sons and daughters, so that this is to be a general characteristic of the entire dispensation, yet it was never meant that all and every one baptized with the Spirit should thus prophesy.

For many who are truly the cleansed temples of God, and filled with the Holy Ghost have never (beyond their simple testimony in the spirit to the cleansing

blood) been able to teach or to herald the gospel they loved so dearly.

Faith for the Holy Ghost in the next place involves and requires a simple but fervent desire for the fullness of righteousness as its end and object. It matters not whether this is voiced by a groaning for full redemption from all sin; or by a clamoring for all the mind of Christ—whether the soul's cry is "Break off the yoke of inbred sin;" or "like as the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after thee." The end in either case is to be so filled with all righteousness, as that we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. Love is the fulfilling of the law. And in desiring and seeking the Gift of the Holy Ghost it is that the love of God may be so shed abroad in our hearts as to banish all unrighteousness and to have fulfilled in our lives the promise of God that "I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye will keep my judgments to them." Thus Faith for the Holy Ghost must involve faith for the fullness of righteousness.

Likewise, Faith for the Holy Spirit must include Confidence in His presence in our lives and in His power in our work. Both of these may be without observation. They are subject of pure reckoning. They belong to the realm of the invisible. At first the faith that secures and holds them may call for effort and repeated successive acts. But these issue in a fixed habit and confidence of our Lord's existence than of his presence with us. We face a problem, an obligation, a combat, with no more of a dependence upon our own feet to stand upon, our own brains for thinking or our own mouth for utterance, than we do with confidence in His presence, fellowship, guidance, enablement, and blessing.

Then, too, we are to believe for the Holy Ghost's effects in them to whom we minister, those we speak to, and those we are living before. Thus the operation of the Spirit in us, and by us, and through us, are all conditioned upon and sustained by Faith in the Holy Ghost.

"THINK OF THESE THINGS."

"M son, remember that though it is a good thing to be a great man, it is a great thing to be a good man," was the parting counsel of a good mother to an ambitious boy on his leaving home to commence his career in the business world.

Morning is at hand. The Day Star is nearing the rising. We are not many miles from home, what matter then the ill entertainment in the smoky inns of this worthless world.—Samuel Rutherford.

Someone has suggested that Satan's hate is primarily against God, and that he seeks the ruin of men because this offers an opportunity for him to strike at the heart of God who loves the children of men and would bring them into eternal glory.—Herald of Holiness.

"The darker the cloud, the more penetrating the faith of the Christian."