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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT

Much has been spoken and written from time to time with regard to the Holy Spirit and his work. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is by no means difficult to study or grasp. But, it is no easy task to possess a right relationship to Him under every circumstance and condition. However, with grit, determination, and devotion on the part of the individual, assisted by the power of the Holy Spirit the task becomes easy.

It is regrettable to state that denominations, churches, and individuals have made shipwreck. If a denomination, church, or an individual is to make headway in their mission, it must come through entire submission to the Holy Spirit. He alone can make a denomination prosper, a church successful, and an individual useful. If this truth is permitted to be inscribed on the memory of every individual who loves Christ, His Kingdom, and its extension, it will enable them to realize their helplessness and nothingness without the Holy Spirit.

A denomination, church, or an individual without the Holy Spirit will never succeed, accomplish for Jesus, or help perishing humanity.

The Holy Spirit is the Minister of every blessing; the Dispenser of all gifts; the Applier of all truth; the Giver of all grace; the Sustainer of all spiritual life; the Maker of every Christian; the Consoler in every sorrow; the Guide in every phase of life; the Source of all strength; the Teacher of every saint; the Agent in salvation; the Comforter in every adversity; the Joy of every Christian; the Producer of every pure desire; the Satisfier of every soul; and the Helper of every follower of Christ. Without the Holy Spirit we are useless, helpless, hopeless, powerless and fruitless. Without Him we can do nothing, and with Him we can do all things. In a word He is our All in all. Praise His Holy, adorable, and precious name!

Many people know the Holy Spirit in a theoretical way, but not in a practical way. One ounce of practise is better than one ton of theory. If every Christian had a living, personal, and vital contact with the Holy Spirit, the work of God would advance by leaps and bounds. The cause of Christ would be near and dear to their hearts, sacrifice would be sweet, service would be loving, giving would be delightful, joy would fill the heart, peace would occupy the mind, love would reign supreme, praise would burst forth spontaneously, and unbroken fellowship with the Triune God would never cease. The secret of success, the way to accomplish, the way to

get every blessing under the sun, is to have the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

No denomination, church, or individual can fail if they have the Holy Spirit in all His fullness. The Holy Spirit cannot fail, He never failed, and never will fail. He is success, the Author and Giver of it. Where He controls, reigns, and is given free course, success is always the outcome. Where He is hindered, rejected, and ignored, failure is the result. The Holy Spirit is making tremendous efforts to get His own way, but His efforts are thwarted, His plans refused, and His counsel set at naught. He is sorely grieved at such treatment. He beseeches, intreats, and strives to get His own way, and even His own refuse Him.

Despite the great, important, and precious truths with regard to the necessity of the Holy Spirit, many labour without asking His help, seeking His advice, and committing their work to His care. This is a sad tragedy, and must be remedied at all costs. To do such a thing is a waste of time, energy and effort. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God had to give the increase. We must submit to the Spirit for His plans, to discover His mind, and to obtain His blessing and guidance. Unless we do this all our labour is in vain. Unless we have an inward consciousness that the Holy Spirit is working in us, through us, and by us, we need never expect God's blessing upon our souls, or His benediction upon our labour. If we are obedient, fully yielded, and in constant fellowship with the Spirit, He will always give to us an internal witness that His blessing is accompanying all our labour.

Has the Spirit ceased to work? This question is often asked. He will never cease to work while His people give Him permission. The Holy Spirit is waiting patiently for yielded lives and clean hearts in order to do His work. If He can get free and unfettered use of personality, then He can do a mighty work. The Spirit is as dependent upon us as we are upon Him. He is making stupendous efforts to save precious souls through lives that are entirely yielded. We need the Holy Spirit, and He needs us, therefore we should surrender our vessel that it might be filled to overflowing. It is our overflow that reaches, blesses, and rescues others. If we fail to overflow, we fail in our mission, we fail in our duty, we fail our Saviour, and we fail precious souls.

The absence of the Holy Spirit in many services is a source of very great regret. When He is not present, worship is void of

the Spirit, believers receive no help, conviction is absent, every exercise of the service is lifeless, the Gospel becomes unattractive, and dryness and deadness becomes manifestly evident. As a result of this, unrest makes its appearance, complaints begin to flow, discord strikes its jarring note, dissatisfaction becomes evident, and the church instead of helping men to heaven, prepare them for hell. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in every service is a remedy for every evil, a solution to every problem, and a pathway to blessing and success.

A church that possesses the Holy Spirit in all His fullness will have bright, helpful, uplifting and inspiring services. Through such services, her members will be kept alive, the truth will be brought to sinners, God's name will be glorified, the saints will be edified, church membership will increase and the work of God will prosper. If churches and people would obey God and walk in the light, He would send the Holy Spirit in fulfilment of His promise.

When the gospel is preached without the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit it becomes offensive, and drives souls from the Saviour. When it is preached with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, it disturbs the conscience, arrests the mind, grips the heart, awakens all the faculties of the soul, arouses souls to their need of saving grace, makes Christ attractive, and none can evade its magnetic power. The gospel is nothing without the Holy Spirit preaching it, as they are inseparable.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the church will make her efficient in her commission, keep her active, and minister to every needy heart. The Gospel will save the world, and the Holy Spirit is to be the preacher of it. The Holy Spirit will save the church from disaster when the seas of trouble are raging wildly. A church may be having an uphill fight, facing opposition from every quarter, suffering severely from the weapons of persecution and evil speaking, but if the Holy Spirit is given absolute control, He will set everything in order. He can bring order out of chaos, good out of evil, blessing out of persecution, and so establish His cause that no weapon or force formed against it can prosper. The Holy Spirit doeth all things well. The one great lack, and the one great need in the church, is submission to the Holy Spirit in everything that pertains to Christ's Kingdom.

Has the gospel failed? This question is en-

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