

## DID MR. WESLEY CHANGE HIS VIEWS?

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Did Mr. Wesley change his views as to the doctrine of entire sanctification?

It must be remembered that Mr. Wesley's views as to the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification are scattered throughout his sermons and letters and journals, covering a period of at least sixty years; and if one will take the trouble to examine his letters and journals covering the last years of his life, they will find—providing their minds are unbiased—that he remained true to the doctrine and experience as set forth in his sermons and his most valuable treatise on the subject: "Plain Account of Christian Perfection."

It was in the year 1742 that Mr. Wesley became firmly settled in his mind, that entire sanctification is an instantaneous work of grace received by faith, and following the experience of regeneration. In 1762 he wrote Bell and Owen: "You have over and over denied instantaneous sanctification to me, but I have known and taught it (and so has my brother, as our writings will show) above these twenty years."

In 1785 he wrote Mr. Garretson: "And it will be well as soon as any of them find peace with God, to exhort them to 'go on to perfection.' The more explicitly and strongly you press all believers to aspire after full sanctification, as attainable now, by simple faith, the more the whole work of God will prosper."

In his journal, February, 1789, we find these words "Keep that which is committed to thy trust, particularly the doctrine of Christian Perfection, which God has particularly entrusted to the Methodists."

In 1787 he wrote as follows to John King: "It requires a great degree of watchfulness to retain the perfect love of God; and one great means of retaining it, is to frankly declare what God has given you, and earnestly exhort all the believers you meet to follow after full salvation."

In 1790, just two years before his death, he wrote to Robert Brackenbury in these words: "I am glad to hear that Brother D—has more light with regard to full sanctification. This doctrine is the grand depositum which God has lodged with the people called Methodists;" (Emphasis mine.) "and for the sake of propagating this chiefly he appears to have raised us up."

In 1791 he writes to Mr. E. Lewby: "A man that is not a thorough friend to Christian Perfection will easily puzzle others, and thereby weaken, if not destroy, any select society."

In a letter written to Dr. Adam Clarke in 1790 he makes use of the following very pertinent language: "If we can prove that any of our local preachers or leaders, either directly or indirectly, speak against this, let him be a local preacher or leader no longer. I doubt whether he should continue in the society, because he that speaks thus is our congregations cannot be an honest man." Rather stringent, isn't it? But is a man honest who will deliberately oppose the truth that he vowed to defend when entering our annual conferences?

Now listen to what he wrote to Rev. John Booth only two months before he died, 1791: "Whenever you have opportunity of speaking to believers, urge them to go on to perfection. Spare no pains; and our God, our own God, will give you his blessing."

From the foregoing how can one take the ground that Mr. Wesley did change his views, when, upon the face of such statement, it looks

as if it is but a misrepresentation of the facts. But even if Mr. Wesley did change his views, would that change or altar the mind of God and his Word as to the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification? Not in the least. And if Mr. Wesley had have changed his views, which he did not; that would not prove that there is no such an experience for thank God, there are those of us who know personally that there is such a blessed experience. And what I know, I know that I do know it. Amen. —*Central Christian Advocate.*

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## DRIVING WITH OIL

I wanted to drive an iron bar through a piece of timber. I bored a hole of the right size, but the bar was rusty, and the hole was rough. I made slow progress, and was beginning to split the wood. Then I thought of the oil can. I oiled the bar; I poured oil into the hole; a few blows of the hammer sent the iron into its place. The oil had not diminished the size of the bar, or enlarged that of the hole. It had only relieved the friction. It had smoothed both surfaces. A few drops of oil were more effective than many blows of the hammer.

How slow some good people are to learn this simple lesson. They take hold of an important enterprise with great zeal. They are intensely earnest, and even morbidly conscientious. Everybody ought to see it just as they do, and whoever does not is hammered at without mercy. Such uncharitable zeal provokes opposition. It excites all the friction of the natural heart. Men will not appreciate the truth presented when they are repelled by the spirit in which it is presented. Let the reformer be careful to have plenty of oil. Let him speak the truth in love.—Dr. Babb.