

world. Jesus had given the promise to his disciples before he went away that they would be able to do greater works than he had done. These words of Jesus were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when three thousand were converted in a single day. These remarkable results came through one hundred and twenty persons who had the inner cleansing and power which come only through the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

The Camp Meeting

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The campmeeting has become an established institution in America. Many of the great camps have a fixed date usually covering a period of ten days. The preachers and other workers are engaged years in advance. The campmeeting board plans the entire program around the preaching service. The message of the gospel is given first place; all other services such as the young people's meeting, the prayer and praise service, and the ring meeting, are made auxiliary to the main service of preaching. The campmeeting of today is the product of the brush-arbor and open-air meetings of the early days of the holiness movement. In those days the meetings were often prolonged preaching services consisting of as many as five or more sermons daily. It was the preaching that brought the crowds. People came from great distances just to hear a certain man preach.

It is my opinion that so long as the first place is given to the ministry of the Word in the campmeeting it will survive the times. There is no competition from the world in this field; the world has nothing like it to offer. If the campmeeting degenerates into a place for entertainment, even if that entertainment is on a high moral plane, it will die for want of patronage and support. When the preaching service is given over to a lecture, or to a musical program, the camp ceases to exist as a spiritual force in the community. The established camps that have survived through the years owe their existence to the preachers who have sounded out the Word of the Lord from their platforms. The people gladly come to hear the message of the gospel; they will sleep in tents, on cots and straw piles, and give their money to support the work if they can hear the man of God pour out the good news of redeeming grace.

The truth preached in the campmeetings conforms to the pattern of the message of full salvation from all sin through the blood of Christ. There are certain phases of this truth that receive special emphasis. The truth of the new birth, the witness of the Spirit, the evidence of spiritual life as shown in the Word, entire sanctification, the second coming of the Lord, are some of the truths that receive special emphasis in the camp-meeting of today. The men who preach on these cardinal truths present them in all their beauty and glory. However it has been my conviction that these great truths should be more clearly defined to the people that they may have a better understanding of them. We are not to assume because it is a campmeeting crowd that every one fully understands the truths presented. Many have heard so much of a social gospel that they do not know the meaning of the saving gospel.

The truth of entire sanctification should

receive major emphasis in all the holiness campmeetings. Some clear preaching on this doctrine is much needed, and is never out of place in any service of the day. It is needful to make clear distinctions between deliverance and development, and between consecration and cleansing. Since holiness of heart is the central fact of the gospel it should be proclaimed as the grand objective of every believing soul. Every truth of the Scriptures is closely related to the experience of purity. This being true, it is necessary that the preaching include such important truths as Perfect Love, the life of faith, the Lordship of Jesus, the conformity to the image of God, the Abiding Life, the Indwelling Christ, and many other helpful truths found in the Word.

There are other great themes that have their place in the campmeeting sermon. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost, the Fullness of the Spirit, the Abiding Comforter, and the Coming of the Lord, are some of the inspiring messages we hear.

The type of message is as varied as the calling of the ministry, some plant, others water, but it is God that gives the increase. It may be said that the types of messages we hear in the campmeeting are classified as expositions, exhortations, and evangelistic. The expositional sermon is very necessary because it imparts instruction and inspiration to the saints. It feeds the flock of God on the Bread of Life, and sustains and strengthens the believers. In this type of message the word of truth is rightly divided and the necessary distinctions are made clear to the hearer. Such a message is often heard in the morning service which is a choice time to receive the teaching ministry.

The exhortation and evangelistic type of message is often combined in the gift of the Spirit. This is to say that some men are great evangelists and exhorters combined. The exhortation is evidenced in their altar calls when the people are moved to seek the Lord. Messages of this type are suited to any service of the day, but very much in demand for the evangelistic service at night. In the evening service we hear such themes as Judgment, Repentance, Grieving the Spirit, Sin unto Death, the Great Salvation, the Promise of the Father, the Crucifixion of the 'Old Man,' and 'Eternal Punishment.' This type of message should not be wanting in any church or camp meeting. It is evident that God has called some men to do the work of the evangelist, and endowed him with the wisdom of winning souls. These men have an earnestness that appeals to the conscience and produces great conviction. They have the joy of seeing the fruits of their labors in the response to the call to the altar.

The growing campmeeting is the one that employs the diversified ministry. Paul speaks of "warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Let us esteem every man very highly for his work's sake, because we need the gospel of love and the gospel of law in order to live.—Herald of Holiness.

No impulse is too splendid for the simplest task; no task is too simple for the most splendid impulse.—Phillips Brooks.

A bumble bee sting is quite a stimulant but not very nourishing.

THE PILLARS AND THE LILY WORK (Continued from Page 1)

tate it, substituting for spiritual glow a carnal grin, but nobody was deceived by it.

God's method of lily work tracing is twofold:

a. It is inward—by the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit.

Only He can work within the nature, but once in complete possession it is His grand prerogative to bring us in ever deepening conformity to the image of Christ.

b. It is outward—by the mallet and chisel of circumstances.

Take, by way of example, the experience of Joseph. In Potaphar's house, he was a pillar, standing upright, erect, unmovable and unbending. Answering the subtle temptation he disdainfully replied, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God." In the dungeon days which followed, he was acquiring lily work, the mallet hitting hard and the chisel going deep.

That lily work tracing is as active as ever. No yielded soul can miss it, and surely none want to, severe though the process may be.

Some have been sorely tempted during the chiseling process and for want of enlightened instruction have wondered why?

Difficulties have multiplied. Sicknesses have taken their toll. Employment has become scarce and avenues of supply have not been plentiful. Friends have failed and enemies have done their worst. What then? That is the time of terrific temptation. The most natural thing is to question, "Why?" There are two kinds of questioning, one is the question of the unbelieving heart expressing its doubt, the other is the inquiry of a perplexed mind asking for light.

Hold steady, storm-tossed soul, God is doing far more both for you and in you than you have ever imagined. What is happening? The tracer is at work!

Painful though it may be, upon your spiritual nature is being wrought that divinely designed pattern of outstanding beauty which only a suffering fellowship with your Lord can accomplish. God is putting on the lily work. Be still and let Him have his way.

II. The Finished Product—an anticipatory view.

"So was the work of the pillars finished." The moment will arrive when the hewing of wood, the preparing of stone, the making of pillars and the tracing of lily work, will cease.

One greater than Solomon is soon to give the command, and suddenly, every prepared part will fall into its place and the spiritual temple will be complete.

"And He shall bring forth the headstone with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. The hands of (our heavenly) Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of the house; and his hands shall finish it" (Zech. 4:7-9).

And now, a glimpse into the future. The citizens of the eternal world are viewing that finished temple of redeemed humanity. The angels of God stand in awe. What architecture! What beauty! What marvelous finish!

See that pillar! Look at that lily work! What marvelous tracing! What magnificent design! But how did it come?

It was all done down on the earth plane. It came through years of trial, tribulation and testing, but the soul held still, maintained an attitude of yieldedness and confidence.

So was the work of the pillar finished.

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