

Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign (Jesus. See vs. 10) for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gath together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.' (Isa. 11:11, 12).

The New Coat of Arms for Israel

To take a place among the heraldry of the nations, Israel has chosen a new coat of arms. The design is of the seven-branched candlestick, or candelabrum, between two olive branches.

The golden candlestick was a part of the furnishings of the Tabernacle. It had an upright stem, from which branched out three pairs of arms, each pair forming a semicircle and their tops coming to the same level as the top of the stem, so as to form supports for seven lamps. The lamps were directed to be kept burning perpetually. In the Tabernacle the golden candlestick symbolized the spiritual Light of Life. In Revelation we again have the seven lights of the sanctuary. They are identified with the seven spirits that are before the throne of God, the one perfect Spirit, whence comes the light, life, truth and holiness. and the seven branches of the candlestick are made to symbolize the seven churches, the representatives of the whole church on earth.

The olive tree is full of fatness, yielding rich oil. The congregation of the Jews is compared by Jeremiah to an Olive-tree (Jer. 11:16). In the New Testament, the Jews are likened to branches broken off from the fatness of the root of the olive tree and the Gentiles as wild olive branches grafted in (Romans 11:17-19).

In the 4th chapter of Zechariah we have golden candlesticks and two olive trees, which were revealed as "The two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." (Zech. 4:14). And in another end-time scene we have the olive trees and candlesticks, God's two witnesses (See Revelation, Chap. 11).

Thus Israel, wittingly or otherwise, adopts a symbolism laden with significance in the fulfillment of God's program, an end-time heraldry symbolizing the light and power of God's eternal Spirit, the heavenly adversary whom Anti-christ and all his followers must meet.

It was an olive branch, symbol of peace and grace, brought back to the Ark by a dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, which cheered Noah's heart with the knowledge that the days of the flood and judgment were past. The dark days of God's coming judgment against a modern, unbelieving world, will also have an end. Jesus shall reign in righteousness and peace.—Editor, "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate."

SOWING

Sow, for the hours are fleeting,
And the seed must fall today
And care not what hand shall reap it
Or if you shall have passed away
Before the waving corn fields
Shall gladden the sunny day.

Sow, and look onward and upward
Where the starry light appears,
Where in spite of the coward doubting,
Or your own heart's trembling fears
You shall reap in joy of harvest
You have sown today in tears.

—Anon

THE WAY IN—OR HOW TO GET SANCTIFIED

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lady came under deep conviction of her need of heart purity. She confessed that she was afraid to surrender her husband to the perfect will of God, in case the Lord would take him away from her through an early death.

Her natural affections were not crucified, and the very husband whom the Lord had given had become an idol. I tried to show her that the basis of utter consecration was confidence in a faithful God who was deeply concerned about the well-being of His children. She was not asked to commit herself unreservedly to a capricious tyrant, who wanted his "pound of flesh," but to One who had died for her on Calvary in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

To present her body a "living sacrifice unto God" was only her "reasonable service."

4. Faith (Acts 15:8, 9; 26:18; Galatians 3:14). Jesus Christ never rebuked anyone for having too much faith. But time and again He chided His disciples for their unbelief. In most of the recorded cases of healing and salvation in the New Testament, the emphasis is on faith. E. g.: "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee" (Luke 18:42). "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole" (Mark 5:34). "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36). "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). "His name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong" (Acts 3:16). "Paul, perceiving that he hath faith to be healed, said, Stand upright on thy feet" (Acts 14:10). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). "Who, through faith, subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises" (Hebrews 11:33).

It was unbelief which repeatedly held up the arm of Omnipotence: even Christ could do no mighty works in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. And so in the realm of spiritual health and soul cleansing there must be a laying hold of the promises of God and a simple trust in Him to fulfill His own Word.

The Lord means what He says when, through Paul, He declares that we can receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith (Gal. 3:14).

When Jesus tells us plainly that we are sanctified by faith in Him (Acts 26:18), He expects us to take Him at His word. So many come to the Lord for the blessing of entire sanctification, but go away disappointed simply because they cling to preconceived ideas as to how the blessing will come to them. They look for deep surges of emotion and certain outward physical manifestations; and, because these expected signs are not given to them, they often cast away their confidence and become chronic doubters. Or else they open themselves to counterfeit manifestations and the subtle workings of evil spirits.

It is true that in hundreds of cases Christians have been prostrated beneath the power and glory of God when they have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Some have even been rendered unconscious for a time; others have shouted aloud for very joy of heart. But thousands of people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost who have not received such

physical manifestations and ecstasies. Instead, there have come at the moment of sanctification a deep peace, an inward assurance of cleansing, and a rest of heart. And as they have testified to the work of grace in their souls, proof has been forthcoming in lives of victory, fruitfulness and power.

The day of Pentecost has fully come. No longer need we tarry ten days in order to receive the promise of the Father.

Heart preparation there must be; entire abandonment to God must take place; but these are only the prerequisites to a simple faith in the written Word. It is the hand of faith which takes the blessing from a willing God: it is the believing heart that cries out in triumph:

"In all the confidence of faith
I claim the blessing now."

There is not a single suggestion in the whole of Scripture or Christian testimony that God will withhold for a single moment the blessing of entire sanctification from the seeking soul who prays in real faith and out of an obedient heart.

The feelings of great joy and power may be withheld for quite a time after the blessing of holiness has come to the soul. But the blessing itself—or, better still, the Blessor Himself—is bound to come the very moment that soul believes.

Many Christians have prayed with Annie M. Potter:

"Loving Spirit, make me loving,
Melt my heart and cleanse from sin,
Satisfy my restless longings,
Make me fair and pure within."

But few in comparison come to the place where, in all the boldness of simple trust, they exclaim,

"Holy Ghost, I now receive Thee!
I accept Thy mighty power;
And by faith I claim Thy presence
In this solemn, sacred hour."

It is the believing minority who, like Caleb and Joshua of old, cross over Jordan into Canaan's fair land.

Seeking soul, believe and enter in just now!

LEAVE THE THREAD WITH GOD

SPIN cheerfully,
Not tearfully,
Though wearily you plod.
Spin carefully,
Spin prayerfully,
But leave the thread with God.

The shuttles of His purpose move
To carry out His own design.
Seek not too soon to disapprove
His work, nor yet assign
Dark motives when, with silent dread,
You view each somber fold;
For, lo, within each darker thread
There shines a thread of gold.

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