

highminded but have a godly fear. We say, "Oh God, if I were to trust in my own strength the devil would defeat me, the world would allure me, and my own weak soma or body, would go under. But I trust in Thee. All my Springs are in Thee; all my help from Thee I bring; Thy strength is made perfect in my weakness, but I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Yea, in all these things I am more than conqueror through Him that loved me and gave himself for me. "For I am crucified with Christ nevertheless, I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by FAITH of the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

It is a battle all the way. But the battle is the Lord's. And we are kept in perfect peace as our minds are stayed on Jesus.

Beloved, is it only a camp meeting experience with you that soon evaporates in the hustle and the bustle of life? or is it a walk with God all through the days? Oh, when you are blessed of God how much more work you can do, either in the home, the shop or the field! How we are saved from the monotony and the drudgery of life! It is more than preaching in a holiness pulpit, belonging to a holiness church and having an official position there. We may be a dead one and doubly dead in any of these relations and be living in the memory of better days. Let us ask ourselves the question, "How long since I have had a real anointing from the skies, when it seemed as though I have never had a trial or testing in life?" Beloved the best is yet to come if we are willing to pay the price. Amen.

P. S. I expect to leave for New Brunswick next Tuesday, May 3rd and may be down for a few weeks. Hope to take in the Convention at Millville and the dedication of the new church at Bloomfield. My soul followeth hard after God.

THE EXPULSIVE POWER OF SANCTIFICATION

By Rev. Maynard James

From "The Flame"

It was the famous Dr. Chalmers, I believe, who coined the phrase, "the expulsive power of a new affection." Doubtless he was referring to the amazing change which had taken place in the hearts of all who were truly born again of the Holy Spirit. Old things had passed away, and all things had become new. The love of God in the young convert had expelled desires and passions which once held empire over the soul.

In seeking a title for this article, I cannot think of a better caption than the one already announced. By the term "expulsive power of sanctification" is meant something more than is implied by Dr. Chalmers' statement. It refers to the positive side of holiness.

It must never be forgotten that the experience of entire sanctification is not only a second blessing, "properly so-called"; it is also a twofold work of grace. It has a positive, as well as a negative, aspect. Not only is the heart instantaneously cleansed from indwelling sin in entire sanctification; it is also filled with the Holy Ghost and thus contains a power which cannot be confined and cabined within a theological definition. Those persons who advocate a third blessing, which they term the baptism of the Holy Ghost, do so on the grounds of a wrong conception of sanctification. A well-known preacher, who had

taught this error, confessed to me some years ago that he had always believed in sanctification merely as an act of separation or consecration to God. He had failed to realize the glorious positive aspect of sanctification—that of being filled with the love of God. Hence his theory of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a third experience.

The apostle Paul strikingly sums up the blessing of holiness in his immortal phrase, "love out of a pure heart" (1 Tim. 1:5). This, and this alone, is scriptural holiness. Every man who is entirely sanctified is baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. In other words, he is not only pure in heart, but is also filled with an all-consuming love for God and souls. This fullness of love is so expulsive that it breaks through all barriers of color, caste and creed, and cries with Wesley, "The whole world is my parish."

Its constant prayer is:

"I would the precious time redeem,

And longer live for this alone,

To spend, and to be spent, for them

Who have not yet my Saviour known:

Fully on these my mission prove,

And only breathe to breathe Thy love."

We dare not underemphasize the negative side of sanctification—that of taking away the dross of inbred sin. Rather would we stress afresh the need of a clear-cut proclamation of the second blessing as a sin-destroying baptism of fire. But a right emphasis on purity does not warrant a belittlement of the "power" side of holiness.

Entire sanctification is not a mere shibboleth or glib formula which we have been taught to proclaim; it is a vital, glorious, and positive experience in the soul.

Several years ago I met a brother in Christ who was certainly unlettered. I never imagined for one moment that a man so handicapped and limited in certain natural resources could ever rise to the heights of Christian leadership and unique missionary enterprise. Yet that brother today is the director of a foreign mission, and his exploits for God in the realm of faith have endeared his name to thousands of people.

I ask myself the secret of such a marvelous translation from the depths of debauchery, brutality and ignorance to the kingdom of sanctified discipline and holy enterprise.

The answer surely is this: The receiving and maintaining of a New Testament experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The reception of the blessing has been followed by an untiring cultivation of the implanted graces of the Spirit.

Two great perils confront the so-called holiness people to-day. First, there is the snare of a mere mental acceptance of the blessing of sanctification. There is no thorough crucifixion of the nature and no abandonment of the whole being to all the will of God. The result is that hundreds of Christians who profess sanctification do not know the A. B. C. of real Holy Ghost living, loving and praying. They still live very much on the surface; they know not the thrill of dwelling deeply in the heart of God. There are no daring exploits for God; there is no flaming passion for the salvation of the lost; there are no strong cryings and tears in the secret place of prayer; there are no peals of heavenly laughter nor shouts of holy triumph as the Jericho walls come crashing to earth. Such souls may know the theory of sanctification, but they are strangers to that vital, throbbing, victorious experience

which the Holy Ghost calls "perfect love."

The second peril, more subtle and dangerous than the first, is that of losing in part or in whole the glorious experience of holiness.

So few of those who actually obtain the "Second Blessing" maintain the heavenly glow and the intense devotion for the person of Christ which possessed them when they first entered the Canaan of perfect love. Lukewarmness, that deadly enemy of deep spirituality, seems to invade the saintliest precincts. It steals over the unwary soul like chloroform, and often drugs the outstanding saint into a state of spiritual coma. In fact, it seems, in these latter days of the dispensation, when the spirit of Antichrist is stalking through Christendom, that lukewarmness is the favorite weapon of Satan against the holiness people. His great aim is to rob them of the expulsive power of holiness—that white-hot love for God and souls which alone can satisfy the Lord and accomplish His purposes through human channels.

What is the secret of maintaining the freshness, fragrance and fruitfulness of a truly sanctified life? It is an open one, and is crystal clear to all who are determined to obey God at any cost.

No person will lose the fervor and glow of holiness who will keep the morning watch before the Lord; who will daily read much of the Scriptures; and who will testify at every opportunity to the saving and sanctifying power of Jesus Christ.

All decays in spiritual power begin in the secret place: the day's battle is often won or lost in the first hour of the morning. Then we must, at all costs, maintain our life of secret prayer and open testimony. This is the grand secret.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest" (John 4:35).

"Lift up your eyes!" The Master speaks.

From heaven He came the world to save;
But millions yet have never heard

That Christ His life a ransom gave.

In early years, the Christian church

Obedyed her Lord—the Word proclaimed—

Full soon she slept and lost her love;

Low burned the light that once enflamed.

"Lift up your eyes," O hear the cry

Ascending loud from heathen lands;

And haste ye o'er the waters wide,

And help them soon with willing hands!

Still from the workers in the field,

Who long have borne the burdening day,

Re-echoes oft the urgent cry—

"Ye Christian come, or aid, or pray!"

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OBITUARY

Once again the village of North Head has witnessed the passing away of one of its older residents.

Mrs. Bertha Bryant, wife of Mr. Newton Bryant, died after a short illness on March 15th.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Owens, from their home. The Reformed Baptist Choir rendered two selections. The floral tributes were beautiful. To the bereaved husband and loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.