

PERIL OF REJECTING THE HOLY SPIRIT

By J. F. Simpson

The work committed to the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Trinity, is to reveal and apply the provisions made possible by God the Father and Christ the Son. This Dispensation in which we live, beginning at Pentecost, has been committed to the Holy Ghost.

Someone has said that America's first line defense against Communism is a Holy Ghost revival. If this is true, then it places a great responsibility on the Church, the place where the revivals is to start. Mrs. Booth said, "God holds us responsible for ALL the good we might do IF we had this Holy Spirit Power.

"Do not deceive yourself. He will have the five talents with their increase. He will not have an excuse for ONE, and you will not dare to go to His throne and say, "Thou wast a hard Master." You knew where you could get the power. You knew the conditions. You could have had all the power you needed. Where are the souls you might have saved? Oh, friends, these are solemn and awful realities."

Our Lord, in seeking to impress upon the people of His day the importance of the Holy Ghost Who was to usher in the Dispensation of the Spirit, said, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him."—Matt. 12:31-32.

Deadly Deception

The message of this scripture is that sins committed against the Holy Ghost are more deadly, and difficult to secure forgiveness for than the hideous sins which men view as unpardonable. This makes the road to apostasy so deceptive that there is no alarm even when the foundation is giving way.

There are shades and degrees of sin against the Holy Ghost before one reaches the place of blasphemy. There can be a silence in our preaching and teaching which will reflect the place of honor that we give Him. Thus He can be grieved, quenched, insulted, and blasphemed by sinful silence and neglect.

If revivals come to our lives and the Church in this day when apostasy is swiftly bringing about the "Fulness of the Gentiles," when the door will be closed to those who have set aside God's Representative in this Dispensation, we will have to hasten and be sure that we have not set aside or failed to value the Holy Ghost who holds the KEY to this dark hour. He is the Power of God. He is the Executive of the Godhead in this Dispensation. — Wesleyan Methodist.

C. N. GOODSPEED

Passed away at his home in Fredericton on July 17th. He was in his eighty-second year. He had been sheriff of York County for many years until failing health prevented him from carrying on his work. The funeral service was held in Christ Church Cathedral, July 19th. He will be missed by a great many friends and relatives. He leaves two daughters, Miss Lois at home, and Miss Helen in Ottawa, also two sons, Edward in Montreal, and Herbert in Lebeck, Quebec. May God bless and comfort the mourning ones.

LIFE'S LESSON

I learn as the years roll onward
And I leave the past behind,
That much I had counted sorrow
But proves that God is kind;
That many a flower that I longed for
Had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that cover the sunshine,
They cannot banish the sun,
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light;
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the living strength of light.

The sweetest rest is at even,
After a wearisome day,
When the heavy burden of labor
Has been borne from our hearts away;
And those who have never known sorrow
Cannot know the infinite peace
That falls on the troubled spirit
When it sees at last release.

We must live through the dreary winter
If we would value the spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing.

The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and the gloom.

—Author Unknown

YOU CAN

TRIUMPH over hard circumstances as did Paul, whose "thorn in the flesh" became a reason for glorifying God.

CONQUER your weakness as Moses overcame his slowness of speech.

TURN past defeats into victories as Joshua did at Ai.

HELP those more talented than you are as Aquila and Priscilla helped Apollos to a knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

HAVE your sins forgiven. "Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

BE wholly sanctified. He will "stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God."

HAVE the assurance of God's favor. The Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God.

BE KEPT from backsliding. He will "keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory" at the last.

LEAD others to Jesus. Even as Philip found Nathaniel, and Andrew brought Peter. He will make you a "fisher of men."

SHARE His throne in glory. Even the lukewarm Loadiceans were told that "to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne."—Clipped.

MY CARE

It is His will that I should cast
My care on Him each day—
He who bids me not to cast
My confidence away.

But, oh, how foolishly I act,
When taken unaware—

I cast away my confidence

And carry all my care.

—Anon

THE POSITIVES OF PETER

J. B. Chapman

We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20).

Every schoolteacher is familiar with the statement, "Oh, I know it, but I just cannot tell it," and he knows it is the language of a languid pupil and the oozing of formless and indefinite thought. If you know a thing well, you can tell it. It may be the other will not understand, but you will understand, and your language will be intelligible to yourself. Definite ideas will produce a definite vocabulary.

But, what is more, if the knowledge you have is of interest to others, it becomes your obligation to make it known. A secret is a treasure only when its subject is of personal or restricted interest. The chemist who learns how to prepare a specific remedy for a certain disease is under moral obligation to give his knowledge to those who will be able and willing to apply it to the healing of the sick. The pedagogue who discovers a new psychological law or develops a new and better teaching method is obligated to share his knowledge with those to whom is committed the task of educating youth. Much more, then, than all these, one who has found the way of salvation and life in Christ Jesus is obligated to give the gospel to all others.

And, one thing more, there is an intuitive necessity for telling what you know, especially when the subject is of universal interest and your discovery is of major importance. All men feel this, and that gives rise to the temptation to say too much. But take the case of the Christian: men are dying in their sins, dying without hope, and the Christian knows where and how hope is to be had. Surely, such a one will be unworthy of the name Christian if he holds his peace.

Why, then, are we ever indifferent in seeking to encompass the salvation of those about us? Why does our evangelistic and missionary zeal ebb low? Why do we ever pass opportunities for testimony and personal work? There can be but one answer: We are remiss only when our own inner light is dim: only when our knowledge of God is less vital: only when our zeal and passion for our dying Saviour has somewhat waned. Let not the lines of demarcation between the new and the old, and between death and life become obtuse. Make bold to speak the things you know of God and salvation. Just as more cases are won in court by witnesses than by attorneys, so more souls are won by testimony than by logical argument.—Herald of Holiness.

HARRY LAWSON

Passed away after a lengthy illness on August 1st. He was sixty-one years old. He had been a railroad engineer until his retirement several years ago. Funeral services were conducted at the home on August 3rd by the writer with Bro. P. J. Trafton and Bro. F. A. Watson, former pastors, taking part. Bro. Lawson found the Lord several years ago and had the assurance he was a child of God. He leaves to mourn his passing besides his widow two daughters, Phyllis in Woodstock, and Evelyn in Marysville; one son Douglas, of Fredericton, besides several brothers and sisters and many friends. Our heart goes out to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

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