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## EDITORIALS

### UNITY AND VICTORY

A most significant statement in the historical account of Pentecost is, "they were all with one accord in one place." According to Adam Clarke this word accord signifies "that all their minds, affections, desires, and wishes were concerted in one object, every man having the same end in view; and having but one desire, they had but one prayer to God, and every heart uttered it. There was no person uninterested, none unconcerned, none lukewarm, all were in earnest; and the Spirit of God came down to meet their united faith and prayer. When any assembly of God's people meet in the same spirit, they may expect every blessing they need."

Unity of spirit, purpose, and effort is essential to victory in the work of God. Discord and division will defeat us every time. "With one accord in one place" is the order of preparation for the Spirit's outpouring. When this blessed condition prevails among the people of God, power from on high will be supplied.

It is tragic that we allow our petty ideas, our personal prejudices, our critical attitudes, to destroy the spirit of unity. The work of God locally, denominationally, and universally is seriously weakened through the lack of that oneness which Christ prayed for in John 17:21. In scores of churches, representative of as many denominations, those who profess to know and love God sing "we are not divided, all one body we..." while a divisive spirit breeds intolerance and harshness between the peoples of different groups. Even the holiness groups, claiming special loyalty to doctrine and experience which are supposed to unite those of like precious faith, find it impossible to get together in an organized effort for the extension of the Kingdom.

It is this writer's conviction that the time has come for all peoples who love God and the souls of men to unite in every possible way for an all-out effort for the salvation of men. Those who insist on magnifying minor issues to the point of division, should be left with their prejudices. We profess to believe that the time of opportunity for those who would reach the lost is rapidly running out, and there seems abundant evidence to support that belief. If we are aroused by the conviction that "the time is short," we will be responsive to an appeal that the people of God get together,

stand together, and work together, that perishing souls be rescued e'er the wrath of God breaks forth upon the ungodly.

Unity is strength, unity brings victory. An earnest, unselfish effort to bring together the people who seek to promote the work of full salvation, could result in revivals similar to those of the John Wesley era.

### "... AND FASTING"

In his comment of Matthew 6:16, Dr. Adam Clark points out that reference to fasting, in the Greek language, meant "a total abstinence from food" from na, not, and esthein, to eat.

Fasting, or abstaining from food for a specified period of time, that we may give ourselves to prayer, is scriptural. Christ and the apostles commended fasting as a means of gaining spiritual help and blessing, and the devoted Christians of the early church observed the custom condoned by the Lord and His disciples both by precept and example.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ indicated that He expected His followers to fast by saying: "When thou fastest..." When the Pharisees asked Him why His disciples fasted not, He replied: "As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast..." When the disciples inquired of the Lord concerning the cause of their embarrassing failure in respect to the healing of the boy possessed with an evil spirit, Jesus said: "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." AND fasting.

We cannot bring prayer and fasting onto the same level in respect to importance. Prayer is commanded, fasting commended. Prayer is essential to Christian living, fasting is useful in Christian service. But scripture and experience confirm the idea that fasting lends greater impetus to prayer, and makes possible triumphs and blessings through prayer that are not forthcoming when it is prayer minus fasting rather than prayer plus fasting.

Perhaps the deadlock between the forces of darkness and the children of light would be broken if we should sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, and have a time of weeping between the porch and the altar, the priests the ministers of the Lord, leading in fervent prayer to God for a visitation of the Holy Ghost.

I fear that we have been infected by the selfish, ease-loving spirit of this age. We rest in smug self-complacency while multitudes are being hastened down the slippery steep of moral degradation toward a horrible destiny. We may reason out of our lives all that calls for self-sacrifice, but not without painful loss.

"This kind goeth not out but by prayer and..." Have you tried it? If not, will you at least experiment with this prayer AND fasting method of seeking Divine blessing?

### HE GIVETH MORE

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and give again.

—Annie Johnson Flint

## THE FOUNTAIN FOR CLEANSING

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ning "Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole." It will now take on new meaning. That hymn is used so often in meetings for the unsaved. Really it is a prayer for believers only, when Christians are seeking the blessing of heart purity, the Spirit's baptism and fullness.

Take the Old Testament story of Naaman, or, any of the lepers of the New Testament who were cleansed by the Lord Jesus. Leprosy is a disease, an inner disease, and constitutes a perfect type or picture of the inner sinful nature. Being cleansed from moral and spiritual leprosy contains a message for the believer, and it is the "gospel of sanctification."

Naaman and the New Testament lepers were all cleansed instantaneously, on the spot. "Immediately his leprosy was cleansed" is the way it is recorded in Matthew 8:2, 3.

It is described in what the Greek of New Testament times would call the aorist tense. There is nothing quite like it in modern language. But when the New Testament speaks of this cleansing from the leprosy of inbred sin, it is always this aorist tense that is used. For example, in I John 1:9 we have the promise that we can be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

Having been made whiter than the snow, the heart must be kept whiter than the snow. A present continuous tense promise is demanded. It is given in I John 1:7, for if we walk in the pathway of obedience, or, "in the light," the blood of Jesus keeps on cleansing us, moment by moment, from all sin!

The blessing is for you. Enter in today, The fountain is opened for sin and for unthen walk daily in the light of God's word. The fountain is opened for sin and for uncleanness. Plunge in today!

### WHAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST DOES

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In the third place, the Bible teaches us that fire consumes. In Ezekiel 24:11-13, we are told of the consuming power of fire, the fire of judgment that will consume the filth and dross of Jerusalem. And the baptism of fire consumes, in fact it cleanses by consuming; it burns up all dross, all vanity, all self-righteousness, all personal ambition, all ungovernable temper.

In the next place, fire illuminates. Oftentimes when in Chicago, I look off towards the northwest of the city, suddenly I see the heavens light up and then grow dark again, then they are illuminated once more and then darkened. The great foundry doors had been opened and shut, and opened and shut and this light in the heavens was the glow from the furnaces. Fire illuminates, but no fire illuminates like "the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire." When a man is baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, truth that was dark to him before becomes as bright as day: passages in the Bible that he could not understand before become as simple as ABC and every page of God's Holy Word glows with heavenly light.

How many an untaught or half-taught man has so wonderful an acquaintance with the truth of God that men who are scholars sit at his feet with profound astonishment, because he has been illuminated with the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire!