

THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dr. Torrey Preaches Powerful Sermon in the Personality of the Holy Spirit, Showing that the Suggestions of Impersonality Render Many Passages of Scripture Meaningless.

Another very excellent meeting took place at the rink last night. The attendance was not large, but the interest was profound and a large number responded to the invitation of Dr. Torrey.

A number of ministers, who are in the city attending the special service held this morning in the Methodist church, occupied seats on the platform and others were in the audience. Among those were Dr. Hutchinson, of St. John, Rev. Harry Walker Jackson, of Nashwaak, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, of Doaktown, and Rev. Thomas D. Bell, of Nasonworth.

At the meeting this afternoon Dr. Torrey delivered the first of his sermons on the personality of the Holy Spirit, from which the following extracts are taken.

Ministers and others who come in to the city to attend the meetings speak in grateful terms of their appreciation of the reports of the campaign services which have appeared from day to day in the Fredericton papers. By means of these reports the work of the revival has been widely circulated.

There are at least four distinct lines of proof in the Bible that the Holy Spirit is a person.

1. All the distinctive characteristics of personality are ascribed to the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

What are the distinctive characteristics, or marks, of personality? Knowledge, feeling or emotion, and will. Any entity that thinks and feels and wills is a person. We are clearly taught that the Holy Spirit is not merely an influence that illuminates our minds to comprehend the truth but a Being who Himself

KNOWS THE TRUTH.

In 1 Cor. xii. 11, we read, "But all these worketh as one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." Here will is ascribed to the Spirit and we are taught that the Holy Spirit is not a power that we get hold of and use according to our will but a

PERSON OF SOVEREIGN MAJESTY,

who uses us according to His will. This distinction is of fundamental importance in our getting into right relations with the Holy Spirit. It is at this very point that many honest seekers after power and efficiency in service go astray. They are reaching out after and struggling to get possession of some mysterious and mighty power that they can make use of in their work according to their own will.

They will never get possession of the power they seek until they come to recognize that there is not some divine power for them to get hold of and use in their blindness and ignorance but that there is a Person, infinitely wise, as well as infinitely mighty, who is willing to take possession of them and use them according to His own perfect will.

When we stop to think of it, we must rejoice that there is no divine power that beings so ignorant as we are, so liable to err, to get hold of and use. How appalling might be the results if there were. But what

A HOLY JOY

must come into our hearts when we grasp the thought that there is a Divine Person, One who never errs, who is willing to take possession of us and to impart to us such gifts as He sees best and to use us according to His wise and loving will.

We read in Rom. viii. 27, "And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is"

THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT,

because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." In this passage mind is ascribed to the Holy Spirit. The Greek word translated "mind" is a comprehensive word, including the ideas of thought, feeling and purpose. It is the same that is used in Rom. viii. 7, where we read that "the carnal mind is in enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." So then in this passage we have all the distinctive marks of personality ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

We find the personality of the Holy Spirit brought out in a most

TOUCHING AND SUGGESTIVE

way in Rom. xv. 30, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit that ye strive together with me in your prayer to God for me."

Here we have "love" ascribed to the Holy Spirit. You would do well to stop and ponder those five words,

"THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT."

We dwell often upon the love of God the Father. It is the subject of our daily and constant thought. We dwell often upon the love of Jesus Christ the Son.

Who would think of calling himself a Christian who passed a day without meditating on the love of his Savior, but how often have we meditated upon "the love of the Spirit?"

But if it had not been for the love of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, in answer to the prayer of the Son (John xiv. 16) leading Him to seek me out in my utter blindness and ruin and to follow me day after day, week after week, year after year, when I persistently turned a deaf ear to His pleadings, following me through paths of sin where it must have been agony for that Holy One to go, until

AT LAST I LISTENED

and He opened my eyes to see my utter ruin and then revealed Jesus to me as just the Savior that would meet my every need and then enabled me to receive this Jesus as my own Savior; if it had not been for this patient, long-suffering, never-tiring, infinitely tender love of the Holy Spirit, I

WOULD HAVE BEEN IN HELL TODAY.

There is perhaps no message in the entire Bible in which the personality of the Holy Spirit comes out more

TENDERLY AND TOUCHINGLY than in Eph. iv. 30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Here grief is ascribed to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a blind, impersonal influence or power that comes into our lives to illuminate, sanctify and empower them.

No, He is immeasurably more than that. He is a holy Person who comes to dwell in our hearts, One who sees clearly every act we perform, every word we speak, every thought we entertain, even the most fleeting fancy that is allowed to pass through our minds; and if there is anything in act, or word or deed that is impure, unholly, unkind, selfish, mean, petty or untrue, this infinitely holy One is deeply grieved by it.

2. Many acts that only a person can perform are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

If we deny the personality of the Holy Spirit many passages of Scripture become meaningless and absurd. For example, we read in 1 Cor. ii. 10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." This passage sets before us the Holy Spirit, not merely as an illumination whereby we are enabled to grasp the deep things of God, but a Person who Himself searches the deep things of God and then reveals to us the precious discoveries which He has made.

We read in Rev. ii. 7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Here the Holy Spirit is set before us, not merely as an impersonal enlightenment that comes to our mind but a Person who speaks and out of the depths of His own wisdom whispers into the ear of His listening servant the precious truth of God.

The Holy Spirit is also represented in the Scripture as one who prays. We read in Rom. viii. 26, R.V. "And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity; for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." It is plain from this passage that the Holy Spirit is not merely an influence that moves us to pray, not merely an illumination that teaches us how to pray, but a Person who Himself prays in and through us, There is

WONDROUS COMFORT

in the thought that every true believer has two Divine Persons praying for him, Jesus Christ, the Son who was once upon this earth, who knows all about our temptations, who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities and who is now ascended to the right hand of the Father and in that place of authority and power ever lives to make intercession for us (Heb. vii. 25; 1 John ii. 1); and another Person, just as Divine as He, who walks by our side each day, yes, who dwells in the innermost depths of our being and

KNOW OUR NEEDS,

even as we do not know them ourselves, and from these depths makes intercession to the Father for us. The position of the believer is indeed one of perfect security with these two Divine Persons praying for him.

The Holy Spirit is also represented as a Person who has authority to command men in their service of Jesus Christ. We read of the Apostle Paul and his companions in Acts xvi. 6, 7, "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not." Hence it is a Person who takes the direction of the conduct of Paul and his companions and a Person whose authority they recognized and to whom they instantly submit.

Further still than this the Holy Spirit is represented as the One who is the

SUPREME AUTHORITY

in the church who calls men to work and appoints them to office. We read in Acts xiii, 2, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said Separate Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them." And in Acts xx. 28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." There can be no doubt to a candid seeker after truth that it is a Person, and a person of Divine majesty and sovereignty who is here set before us.

From all the passages here quoted it is evident that many acts that only a person can perform are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

3. An office is predicted of the Holy Spirit that can only be predicted of a person.

Our Savior says in John xiv. 16, 17, "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

Our Lord has announced to the disciples that He was about to leave them. An awful sense of desolation took possession of them. Sorrow filled their hearts (John xvi. 6) at the contemplation of their loneliness and absolute helplessness when Jesus should thus leave them alone.

To comfort them the Lord tells them that they shall not be left alone, that in leaving them He was going to the Father and that He would pray the Father and He would give them another Comforter to take the place of Himself during His absence.

4. A treatment is predicated to the Holy Spirit that could only be predicated of a Person.

We read in Isa lxiii. 10, R. V., "But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them." Here we are told that the Holy Spirit is rebelled against and grieved (cf. Eph. iv. 30) Only a person can be rebelled against and only a person of authority. Only a person can be grieved. You can not grieve a mere influence or power. In Heb. x. 29, we read, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Here we are told that the Holy Spirit is "done despite unto" ("treated with contumely"—Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament). There is but one kind of enmity in the universe that can be treated with contumely (or insulted) and that is a person. It is absurd to think of treating an influence or a power or any kind of being except a person with contumely. We read again in Acts v. 3 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the price of the land?" Here we have the Holy Spirit represented as one who can be lied to. One cannot lie to anything but a person.

In Matt. vii. 31, 32, we read "Wherefore I say unto you, 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 not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Here we are told that the Holy Spirit is blasphemed against. It is impossible to blaspheme anything but a person.

If the Holy Spirit is not a person, it certainly cannot be a more serious and decisive sin to blaspheme Him than it is to blaspheme the Son of man, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Himself.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Every week in your life you hear the apostolic benediction "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all." (2 Cor. xiii. 14), but while you hear it, do you take in the significance of it? Do you know the communion of the

CLOSING EXERCISES AT MOUNT ALLISON

The Institution is Making Great Strides, the Attendance Last Year Being Larger than Ever Before.

Sackville, N.B., May 31.—The anniversary exercises of Mount Allison Ladies College were held tonight in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall. The hall was filled to the doors. Rev. W. F. Donkins Parrsboro, conducted devotional services.

In his report Dr. Borden the president said that the year just closing has marked another important advance in the student attendance and in the material development of our Ladies' College. We have had a total registration for the year of 388. Of these 182 have been in residence and 206 have been day pupils. Library department, 207; oratory 83; H.S.C. 91; fine arts 95, and music 225. The largest attendance in the history of the college was reached this term when we had 175 in residence at one time. Concurrent with this exceptional attendance we have been able to enlarge our borders in time to meet this increased demand. Through the late Jairus Hart, of Halifax, by which \$60,000 became available during the year for building purposes we have been able to erect the beautiful new college building which now decorates the classic mount. Thus the dreams of years is now being realized. The first stage in the transformation of our Ladies' College from wood to stone has been passed and we will have a little nest egg left of the \$60,000 from which with careful guarding some future principal may hatch a complete new stone building.

Now that we have ample room for carrying on our work, our next ambition is to establish a reputation for our school as the leading ladies' college in Canada.

Another most important step in advance has been made this year in the erection of this delightful building in which we are assembled. This beautiful building, so commodious artistic, constitutes a most appropriate memorial to one of the most successful business men in eastern Canada. Those who knew the late Charles Fawcett most intimately were aware that he had during the latter years of his life often expressed a desire to do something generous for Mount Allison. His children Mrs. Ryan and Charles Fawcett, in accordance with the announcement they commissioned me to make a year ago have in erecting this beautiful building, given tangible form and expression to this desire.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times if the public-spirited way in which wealthy people are recognizing their obligations to society. When men like Carnegie and Rockefeller and scores of others are devoting their fortunes to the public good we have conditions which will do more than anything else to disarm the Socialists who would level down all the inequalities of wealth. The town of Sackville and the Mount Allison institutions heartily appreciate having in their midst people like Mrs. Ryan and Charles Fawcett, who are willing to give generously not only of their means but of their time and business ability to the public good.

RECORD YEAR FOR ACADEMY

At the anniversary exercises of the academy in the afternoon Principal Palmer stated that the past year at the academy was, in point of attendance, a record breaker, twenty more students being enrolled than in any previous year in the academy's history. The total enrollment was 169, of whom 73 were in residence. The number matriculating to the university was greater than ever before. Mr. Palmer referred to the pressing needs of the academy in the way of accommodation, both residential and class room. An athletic field for boys was also necessary.

Wilfred Lawson, of Sackville, won the alumni mathematical and classical scholarship. Dr. Inch presented the diplomas to the graduates.

A man is always finding fault with the weather or his wife's actions. Candor is one of the principal ingredients in the trouble-maker's composition.

Holy Ghost? The fellowship of the Holy Ghost? The partnership of the Holy Ghost? The comradeship of the Holy Ghost? The intimate personal friendship of the Holy Ghost?

Herein lies the whole secret of a real Christian life, a life of liberty and joy and power and fullness. To have as one's ever-present Friend, and to be conscious that one has as his ever-present Friend, the Holy Spirit and to surrender one's life in all its departments entirely to His control, this is true Christian living.

The doctrine of the Personality of the Holy Spirit is as distinctive of the religion that Jesus taught as the doctrines of the Deity and the atonement of Jesus Christ Himself.

But it is not enough to believe the doctrine—one must know the Holy Spirit Himself. The whole purpose of this sermon (God help me to say it reverently) is to introduce you to my Friend, the Holy Spirit.

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No. 317—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 6.15.
No. 321—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 11.15.
No. 323—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 16.20.
No. 301—Express for Loggieville, Chatham, Campbellton, Quebec, Montreal, etc., 18.30.
No. 327—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 18.40.
No. 329—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 21.20.

ARRIVALS.

No. 306—Suburban from Marysville 8.15.
No. 302—Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction, 13.20.
No. 308—Suburban from Marysville 13.30.
No. 304—Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 18.50.
No. 310—Suburban from Marysville 19.15.
No. 316—Suburban from Marysville 21.55.

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DEPARTURES.

6.20 a. m.—Express for St. John, Portland, Boston, Woodstock, etc.
7.30 a. m.—Mixed for Woodstock and points North. Leaves St. Marys at 8.10.
9.45 a. m.—Express for St. John and points east.
4.25 p. m.—Mixed for Woodstock, via Gibson branch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
5.45 p. m.—Express for Montreal, and Boston, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.
9.00 p. m.—Express for St. John and points east.

ARRIVALS.

9.10 a. m.—Express from St. John and points east.
11.40 a. m.—Mixed from Woodstock via Gibson branch, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
11.50 a. m.—Express from Montreal, Boston, etc.
7.50 p. m.—Express from St. John and points east.
9.10 p. m.—Mixed from Woodstock and points North.
10.40 p. m.—Express from Boston, Portland, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.

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FARMER IS CRUSHED UNDER BIG ROLLER

Smith's Falls, May 28—Andrew Mc. Kane, a farmer, had an experience he would not care to repeat. He was rolling a field when something went wrong with the roller and he got off to adjust it. While he was working at it the horses backed up and the roller knocked him down. The lines got under the machine and tightened on the horses, causing them to back up. Before Mr. McKane could get clear the massive roller was on his leg, crushing it horribly and the horses were gradually being pulled back, until they were within a few inches of his body. He did not lose his presence of mind, however, and commanded the horses to go forward. This they did and the man was released. He crawled on his hands and knees to the barn and succeeded in hitching a horse to a buggy and getting into it drove to town for medical attendance. It was thought at first the leg would have to be amputated at the ankle, but the physicians are making every effort to save it.

Johnny's aunt gave him a bright and shiny dollar watch for his birthday, and the boy's satisfaction was unbounded. A couple of weeks later says Lippincott's Magazine, he remarked very dolefully that the watch wasn't keeping good time.

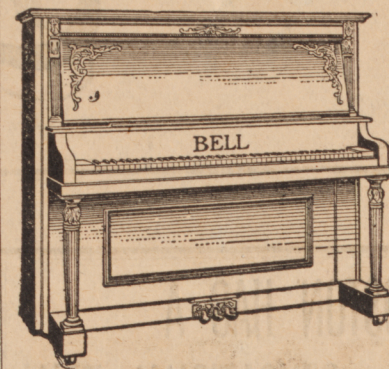
"It must be wound very carefully every night before you go to bed," his aunt told him.

"Oh, I never knew that," said the boy. "Now I s'pose I've just gone and ruined it."

"Why, when have you been winding it?"

"The first thing every morning, answered the boy, sorrowfully.

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JOHN KILBURN, President.

Fredericton, May 30th, 1910

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