

"Prayer was made for the grace of boldness in speaking the word of the Gospel, and answer was given, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the Word with boldness." He who is filled with the Holy Ghost is lifted above the fear of man on the one hand, and on the other delivered from all merely human passion and pride; he will speak the pure truth as God gives it to him. His thoughts and feelings about sin, about redemption, about holiness, about the value of the human soul will be of the same character as those of God Himself, and in such condition of soul, and in no other, is any one a worthy spokesman for God to His creatures.

4. We see in the founding of the Church, as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles, the will of the Head of the Church in this matter. Although the Apostles had completed their studies under the oral teaching of Jesus on the fortieth day after the resurrection of Christ, yet He did not allow them to preach the Gospel of the completed work of the Messiah until the fiftieth day, the day of Pentecost, when, in company with others, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. This blessing was not more information concerning Christ, but that mysterious anointing, internal illumination, and holy heart impulse which comes from no other source whatever. And whether it is Peter or Philip or Stephen who appears on the scene as preacher in those days, he is filled with the Spirit to qualify him for his work. When Christ's people practically awake to this truth everywhere, the conquest of the world will not be far away.

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When I read the gospel of Christ, I do not note the sayings and doings of one who has passed away and is now in his grave, but I see a living man, born of the Spirit, moving about and quickening the souls of those about him. As I read, every figure breathes, every scene lives over again, every historic incident is re-enacted, and the recorded words of wisdom vibrate through the soul as the solemn whispers of living prophets.

SOME PLAIN WORDS TO MINISTERS WHO PROFESS THE BLESSING OF HOLINESS.

Dear brethren on the highway of holiness, permit us to discuss with you some of the *peculiar* circumstances surrounding you. We use the word *peculiar* as indicating those things which really or presumed are affected by the distinctive attitude you assume on the subject of holiness.

First, there is your appointment to circuits or stations in the gift of the Conferences. There is an idea very prevalent amongst a certain class of professors of holiness that definite work in propagating the experience of full salvation acts prejudicially on one's appointment.

Of course this thought is only spoken with bated breath, and with the understanding that it must never be so much as mentioned in public. Nevertheless, if it exists in the mind it will, in spite of all resolutions to the contrary, influence the conduct.

Now look at this thing squarely, and it will be found that it is simply one of Satan's phantoms to frighten timorous souls, and prevent them, if possible, from being true to their convictions concerning holiness.

It is true, scripturally true, that those who are filled with the Spirit, and who therefore work only on the lines of His appointing, will ever be misunderstood and antagonized by all who do not so walk in the Spirit, and it is also true that this antagonism may color and prompt many acts which, looked at from the human standpoint, might seem prejudicial to the parties concerned.

But from the standpoint of a holy life all this is changed. Holiness is imperial in its character. It appropriates all the promises of God as so much current coin. Therefore with such promises as, "All things work together for good," "No good thing will He withhold," "All things are yours," "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Christ and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added," etc., etc., to almost any extent, the man of faith who walks worthy of his profession of holiness can only have Christ's pity toward the parties themselves and utter con-