

the nature of water. To open the eyes of the understanding is a diviner act than to open the eyes of the body. To quicken a soul dead in trespasses and sins is a nobler work than to raise Lazarus from the grave. There was more of the supernatural among men during the ministry of the Apostles than during Jesus' personal ministry: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." "You will do supernatural works in the world of spirits; God will pour of His own energy into your souls; He will pour of that energy into the souls of My servants to the end of time; preachers of the Gospel are to be the constant repositories of the supernatural in an evil and godless world." That, I believe, is the idea of the text, and I believe that there are Divine forces still working in the world. Eternity continues to pour in fresh supplies, and it will continue to pour in till humanity is flooded with the Divine. The triumphs of Christianity are the victories of the supernatural. "He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost;" the Divine life will come down in torrents, and submerge the natural; or, better still, the human will be steeped in the supernatural, that, in the words of Paul, "ye may be filled with all the fulness of God." Now, this is the power promised to the disciples—this is the only power that can save men. The maker of the instrument only can repair it.

3. What was the effect of this Divine baptism on the disciples? The effect upon them was to make them pre-eminently *spiritual*. It deepened the Divine