

But this work of the Holy Ghost is not confined to any particular persons as far as sanctifying grace is in it, for it is a free gift, but to be inspired of God to listen so attentively to the voice of the Divine spirit, as moment by moment to so catch the sounds of his voice, as to fully understand the meaning God intended to convey to me, the unworthiest of all his servants, for during a period of twenty years' profession I brought forth no fruit to his glory; and had not God condescended to visit me in this particular way, I would have gone down to my grave crying: "Alas, lost time, lost opportunity, lost privilege, lost souls through my negligence, lost, lost forever." By-gone privilege. Let this sanctification, as it is bible doctrine, be ever preached by a faithful ministry. Brethren of all classes and Churches, try to get it in possession, and then it will be easy to work, to live and preach it, and, above all, it will be easy to talk about it, and while you talk, the fire will burn, and you will have to say at the close of each day: "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way," but to thus walk and talk with God, we must be fully and entirely the Lord's, consecrated to his service, to be willing, to be anything or nothing, so that God can work in us of his own good pleasure. It pleased God to enable me to be his faithful servant, in not only a few things, but I dare not turn to the right hand or to the left, for one straw-breadth out of the Lord's way, or the least turn of the words the Lord gave me to speak, would bring condemnation and darkness to my own soul. Hence, the reason I had to do so many strange things, and as will be noticed, always had to go to the person's own home, or to their immediate presence, or to some of their friends, in order that they would hear it. Let it be fully understood that it is of no use to try to serve God in a corner. He will not own backward Christians, for I know this by painful experience. My backwardness, shame and non-confession of the blessings God had bestowed, kept me from receiving any further baptisms of the Holy Spirit. God's word says: "They that honor me will I honor, and they that despise me will be lightly esteemed."—1st SAMUEL, 2nd CHAP., VERSE 30. But it may be asked, What honor does this mean? I often said, the