

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

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For the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a necessary qualification for service. Luke xxiv. 49; Acts i. 8.

To Christians the great work has been committed of evangelizing the world. This work is not left to a chosen few; the command given by our Lord just before His ascension, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is imperative to every Christian. and the important question comes home to a true followers of Christ—What part can I take in this great work, and how can I best accomplish my part? We cannot all go abroad to preach the glad tidings of salvation, but we can by our prayers and efforts help to send others. Even for this part of the work we require the anointing of the Holy Spirit. "it is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." To the disciples our Lord said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." And lest they should enter upon this work without proper qualifications, He strictly charged them to "Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high;" and it was not until after the Spirit was poured out upon them that they became mighty to work for God.

Why is this baptism necessary? It is necessary

1st. Because there is nothing good in us. "In me (that is, in my flesh) there dwelleth no good thing." All good thoughts and desires emanate from the Spirit. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."

"Without the Spirit of Thy Son
We nothing good can do."

2nd. Because of our lack of wisdom. How the thought of our ignorance, weakness, and insufficiency seems at times to overpower us, hinder our usefulness, and render our service futile. We feel like Jeremiah when he cried, "Ah, Lord God! behold I cannot speak, for I am a child." But the answer of the Lord was, "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." And to the disciples the promise was, "I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." The Holy Spirit imparts the wisdom requisite: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him." The Holy Spirit imparts the strength requisite: "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man."

3rd. Because a mere intellectual knowledge of the work required will not suffice. This work must be spiritually discerned: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things."