

Therefore to all those grieving Christians, mourning the absence of the Comforter Divine, once so precious near, we say, and we believe we have the complete warrant of God's word for it, nothing stands between you and the coveted blessing but *unbelief*. Step out on the immutable word of God, casting all fears aside—fears that have torment—and ask in faith and your joy shall be full.

We can confirm these arguments and Scriptures by personal experience. Once and again we were in our Christian experience favored with Pentecostal manifestations of the Comforter Divine, and through fearfulness or disobedience that bright Presence grew dim, leaving us to mourn with unavailing regret for a long time His departure. For a long time we entered into the subtle temptation that the Holy Ghost once grieved would never return in former power and glory. But when we broke through this snare, and took our position as an ordinary sinner, needing forgiveness and cleansing, and by faith realized our privilege to participate in all the blessings of the New Covenant as though we had freshly emerged from the Lethean stream—the river of God's forgetfulness—and were perfectly free from the past, we found to our joy that God was true to His promises. He restored to us all former joys and privileges, and has carried us far beyond all past experiences, so that we are constantly forgetting that which is behind and reaching to that which is before. Try it discouraged one.

“Give to the winds thy fears,
Hope and be undismayed.”

Go to him joyously, frankly confessing all the past. Step out without hesitation upon the promises, for they are for you. Doubt it not. Accept the Comforter in all his offices, as counsellor, guide and friend, and you shall again, ere long, know what eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man to conceive of gospel blessing. Do it now, this moment.

“This moment end your legal years,
Sorrows and sins and doubts and fears,
A howling wilderness.”

THE article taken from the organ of the M. E. Church has the right ring in it. It appeared some weeks ago, and it was our intention to publish it last month, but it was inadvertently left out. It will repay attentive perusal.