

necessity of its removal ; we are taught the mode by which we are to be washed ; a host of motives to seek it are crowded before the mind ; and every encouragement that can be desired is presented to call faith into action. More than this the truth cannot do. It cannot remove moral imbecility ; it cannot create moral power. It cannot impart that indescribable consciousness of purity, that sense of fellowship with God, which accompanies the exercise of faith in the blood of sprinkling. Neither can it bestow that indefinable influence which attends the prayers and utterances of deeply spiritual minds. Hence the Scriptures ascribe the work of purification to the agency of the Holy Spirit. He is said to endue believers with **POWER FROM ON HIGH — TO PURIFY THEIR HEARTS.** An active, direct agency is ascribed to him. And that agency is exerted in conjunction with faith. When the mind trusts, the Holy Spirit acts. His agency, in the form of a direct influence on