

quenching, and labor that seeks no rest, you bring all these elements, in which men are wont to trust, to the work of the Lord in saving lost and guilty men; but all shall be of no avail without the Holy Ghost. Man's best efforts are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal unless rendered efficient by the Almighty Spirit. An army might as well go forth to fight a powerful foe without the munition of war as the Church of Christ to go forth to the moral conquest of the world without the efficient grace of the Holy Spirit. We are positively and absolutely powerless unless made powerful by the might of the Spirit of God. I hope we all feel our need of this, unless we do, we are not likely to tarry first as did the early Church. Having seen, and I trust felt our need, we proceed to consider what is the power of the Spirit for service.

Just prior to the ascension of our Lord, as He stood on the Mount of Olives in the midst of His disciples and in response to a curious question, these mighty words were spoken, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, in Judæa, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Then Christ arose and "entered into Heaven itself, there to appear in the presence of God for us." Ten days pass by and the Feast of Pentecost has come. In the upper room the disciples are gathering for an early morning prayer meeting. Reverently let me say it, I can imagine the High Priest of our profession within the true "holy of holies" saying to the Father, "This is the day of the Pentecostal Feast, I told them not many days hence, let this be the day when the oft-repeated promise shall be fulfilled, and the Church baptized with the Holy Ghost." It was even as Jesus said, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." In the gift of tongues they received the power of the Spirit for service, for a special and significant service to the cause of Christ. With that mighty baptism resting upon them and filling them with joy and gladness, they moved out into the streets of Jerusalem and bore a message of good news in every language represented by the multitude of strangers gathered from all nations to attend the Pentecostal Feast. In this, see the immense advantage to Christianity. All hearing of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ could bear testimony in their own land to the wonderful Gospel of mercy which they had heard in Jerusalem. Thus in that extraordinary way had the Pentecostal Church the power of the Spirit for service.

Whatever was miraculous was limited, but whatever was spiritual was intended for the Church in all ages. In this spiritual aspect no one would immediately intrude. While we

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