

tend to put such an one at a disadvantage with reference to the fuller blessings of the new covenant, as compared with another, must be the offspring of the devil. We admit no discount whatever on this statement. When God forgives, He forgives like a God—absolutely. He remembers no more against us our former transgressions. He casts them into the sea of forgetfulness.

With reference to God's mercy and willingness to withhold no good thing from us, but to impart the highest blessings of the Spirit's dispensation, we repeat, such an one can derive no advantage or disadvantage as compared with any other, because of former experiences and failure to retain them. God through Christ is simply ready to forgive and forget on repentance and confession, just the same as He is to one who never knew such an experience.

But is there any advantage from having had such an experience? We believe there is, for whilst it gives us no direct vantage ground with God, it does with ourselves. Take, for example, this promise: "He will do for us exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think." Now the person who has, even for a short time, had the Pentecostal fulness of the Holy Spirit, can think more correctly concerning its character and blessedness, and can therefore with more clearly-defined petition come before the Hearer and Answerer of prayer for this blessing. This experience not only will tend to make more definite, but also more persistent, prayer for all the fulness of God.

We would therefore congratulate all who once enjoyed the full-orbed experience of the Pentecostal dispensation, if only for so short a time as to afford but a glimpse of "the glory that excelleth." For the promise is, "Whatsoever things ye *desire*, when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them;" and surely the memory of such fulness of gospel blessing cannot but quicken desire for its recovery. Besides such persons know just what they need, and cannot be imposed upon by any imitations.

But this law of the gospel, "according to your faith it is done unto you," must forever shut them out of their former experience if, in the least degree, they are tainted with the heresy that, because they have grieved the Spirit concerning this blessing, therefore they cannot again be entrusted with it. So long as this belief, or rather unbelief, is entertained, it is utterly impossible that it should be theirs. It is this unbelief that keeps away the blessing, and not the implacability of the Hol, Ghost.