

are in a chronic state of fault-finding with themselves, chiefly because of a constant sense of sins of omission in their Christian work. Many, it is true, have settled down into a species of indifference, a kind of semi-despair, from the belief that it cannot be helped, which is slowly paralyzing all exertion in them. Others are trying to crowd out the thought of it by multiplying the activities of life, but only partially succeeding. But there is a class like the questioner, whose souls are fired up by love for and gratitude to that Saviour who has saved them from sin, and adopted them into the Heavenly Family, with all the bright prospects connected with a future home with Christ, and they have commenced with zeal and energy to work for their beloved Master. Nevertheless, the results to them are not satisfactory. Now this intense sense of dissatisfaction is not the willing admission of a successful worker, who only enhances the value of his services by affirming that gladly would he offer more if possible, that, considering the glorious character of Him he serves, his offering is as poverty itself. It is not this feeling we are discussing, but the consciousness that there is failure to perform that which should have been done, the knowledge obtained from contemplating the commands of Christ, and the description of holy living found in the Bible, that the life does not fully square with His precepts, or correspond to the Scriptural standard of a holy life.

Now we unhesitatingly give it as our opinion, founded on a diligent search of the written word, that ample provision is made in the plan of salvation to meet these exacting demands on our obedience in working for the Master, and such as can secure perfect satisfaction to the most exacting of Christians in their desires after perfect service.

We find a complete solution of all these difficulties in Pentecost. That Christian who honors the Holy Ghost as a personal friend, and makes Him his sole guide or rule of life is at once on the plain road to the securement of all his heart craves in these matters. We do not assert that the acceptance of the *promise of the Father* as supreme guide into all truth, so that we are ready to

take any course of action, no matter how much at variance with our own or the judgment of others, at His sole instance, means all that is wrapped up in Pentecost; but we do affirm that whoever does so submit his life to His guidance will most certainly reach this goal. A time will come in the near future when they will see their privilege to accept Him, their guide, in Pentecostal power and fulness. Then they will be conscious that they have received power after that the Holy Ghost is come, and are effective witnesses both at home and abroad for Christ, and then, we maintain, the result is that they walk worthy of God unto all pleasing, having the witness :

“ That all they do is right  
According to His will and word ;  
Well pleasing in his sight. ”

But we hesitate not to give it as our opinion that, failure to accept the Holy Spirit as supreme guide in all things secular as well as sacred effectually closes up the way to this experience. Hence we shall ever expect to see those, who, in their teachings exclude Him from supreme guidance in temporal matters, take the position of earnest seekers of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but never as possessors.

Our answer, then, to this question is the recommendation, not of course as an oracle, but as an earnest student of the Bible speaking from experience : solemnly covenant with the Blessed Spirit to take Him as the supreme guide in life in all matters great and small. And so soon as this is done, without reserve, you will at once realize that the beginning of the end of this matter of power to work satisfactorily for God has come, you will realize with the profoundest satisfaction that now at last it is within your grasp, and that with infallible certainty you will be led into all truth concerning the whole subject.

As a truism, it is in order for every believer to receive the Holy Ghost this moment by faith, even as the early Christians received Him in the fulness of the Spirit's dispensation. But in your case time may be needed to clarify your spiritual vision, to clear away the accretions of prejudice and ignorance concerning Bible