

ing around you, yet none enter your soul. Uncover the flowers and let the copious showers of rain fall upon them, and remove the tarpaulin of indifference and unbelief that the Spirit may descend upon your soul. God is willing to give the Spirit to those who obey Him. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." You may be praying for the shut windows of heaven to open that a glorious baptism of power may descend upon you, while all the time the windows are wide open. It is the door of your heart that is closed and the Spirit cannot enter. He has come and is now knocking at the door seeking admission. Alas, it is shut, and is bolted against Him by selfish habit, and a fear of what you might be constrained to do were He to take full possession of your heart.

What is hindering you from enjoying the outpouring of the Spirit? It may be the spirit of worldliness which stands guard at the door of your soul and keeps out the gracious Visitor with His promise of power. A stone at the mouth of a cave may bar the entrance of a king and keep out the light, and a selfish habit may bar the way so that the Spirit may be kept outside of your heart. You may have neglected to