

will compromise its supremacy and question its infallible authority. The Bible is either everything or nothing. Like a chain which depends upon its weakest link, if God's Word is not absolutely true and all true, it is too weak a cable to fix our anchorage and guarantee our eternal peace. Thank God, we have reason to accept it as the supernatural, revelation of the supernatural God, the word not of man, but the Word of God, that liveth and abideth forever.—S.

THE BIBLE TEACHING AS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

There never was a time when so many strange and unscriptural doctrines were being taught as in the present day. There was never a time when believers needed to be thoroughly taught in the Word of God as now. Satan comes to some with a Bible in his hands; he will get men to reject the Bible, if he can, but if not he will lead them into teachings professedly based on Scripture, but in reality the utter denial of it, as witness the Millennial Dawn teaching, and Seventh Day Adventism.

But our God has not left His people to be deceived. He has given His people a deeper insight into the riches which He has stored for them in His wonderful Word, and has given gifts to them of teachers to unfold these riches as they have never been unfolded before. But there is teaching in the church and among the most orthodox concerning the Holy Spirit which needs to be carefully tested by Scripture. Some of it comes from teachers of very high standing, and

there are various grades of these doctrines down to those which are clearly fanatical. Let us take the Word of God and trace some of its blessed teachings as to the work of the Holy Spirit.

There was a time when "the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified." John vii. 39. Just as there was a time when Jesus had not come into the world to die for sinners, so there was a time when the Spirit had not been sent. He had wrought in various ways and empowered men to do mighty things for God. It is even said of John the Baptist that he should "be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb."—Luke i. 15. It was in the end of this long period when the Holy Spirit had not been sent, that Jesus told the disciples that "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?"

Mark it well that this was said before the Spirit was sent, and that after He was sent no person was ever told to ask for the Holy Spirit. This truth needs special attention in view of what is taught at the present time.

Just at the end of His ministry, the Lord told His disciples much about the coming of the Holy Spirit. John is used to give us one part, the sweet, blessed, intimate part of this teaching; by Luke it is given in a more formal way. And it is by Luke that the command to "wait for the promise of the Father" is given. How different it all was from what they had in their minds! They were