

voice clearly and unmistakably. He who made us can approach near enough to His workmanship to make known His wishes so that there shall be no need of mistake therein. We do not hesitate to say that all the demands of God concerning obedience are fully met when we obey Him in those things where His voice is both heard and *known*.

Upon close examination it will often be found that trying to know the leadings of the Spirit—we confess to a dislike for this expression—means trying not to know His voice, because the way of obedience does not look inviting. It is simply the effort to excuse disobedience by throwing the blame off ourselves upon another.

Our advice to these trying ones is, proclaim to God and to yourselves, when you can truthfully, your utter willingness to obey the Spirit in His minutest instructions, with perfect recklessness as to consequences, and then hold yourselves in readiness to make good this profession of faith. If now there be an apparent call to obedience, in any direction, but you feel that you have honest doubts as to the genuineness of the call, proclaim with continued confidence your readiness to obey, and wait for clear, unmistakable evidence as to the Divine nature of the call to action. There is no condemnation in this attitude of the soul. Condemnation comes either from unwillingness to know the voice of the Spirit, or failure to obey when we clearly know it.

Therefore, as a conclusion of the whole matter, we maintain, that trying to follow the leadings of the Spirit, that is, *trying* to hear the voice of our Guide Divine, is no legitimate part of Christian experience, and should be thrown aside once and forever.

HOW TO GET COMPANY ON THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS.

1st. By visiting places where inhabitants of Beulah dwell. And this is all right when the Spirit and not man leads: then it results in mutual blessing—not otherwise.

2nd. By inviting others to visit us. And this is also highly profitable when it is the Lord's will that it should be done, and the result is sure to be satisfactory.

But neither of these two methods look to permanent companionship. The *visit*, in either case, must come to an end, and then the sense of loneliness is intensified; the very joys of temporary heart communion with fellow-inhabitants of the

"Land of corn and wine and oil,
Favor'd with God's peculiar smile,
With every blessing blest."

makes the feeling of isolation more realistic when the last lingering farewells are past.

What the heart of the believer craves, however, is permanent fellowship with those who are one with us in Christ Jesus.

Now, the very best way to secure this permanent heart-union, this complete companionship in Jesus, is to have them raised up around you; is to be the agent, in God's hand, of bringing some of those amongst whom you live into the fulness of the Spirit. And this will be done so soon as *you* are filled with the Spirit, so soon as you have obtained and retained your own personal Pentecost.

But, peradventure, you say, "I am fully saved!" Are you, we ask, so filled with the Spirit that there is no conscious lack at the present moment? Would you find it difficult to Amen the prayer, "Lord, give more Holy Ghost power for service?" Do you feel like arguing about this thing, and questioning the propriety of our thought concerning this matter? Be content, dear friend, for in your case at least it has served its purpose to explain, if you will accept the lesson, why you are lonely. So soon as such language appears to you the very essence of reasonableness, because it fits in with your experience of pentecostal fulness of the Spirit, then you will find God's hungry children will begin to come to your door to be fed.

You will then no longer have to give testimony, concerning holiness, to retain the blessing; but testimony will, when called for, be a loving service, with all the joy in it which you will find in pointing seeking souls to their full privileges in the gospel.

But why undertake to describe the indescribable? for eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the