

his confidence, and so has fallen into condemnation; or, having received this grace in the midst of revival influence, or in great personal joy, contact with the hum-drum affairs of life, or indifference in others, contrasts so strangely with his warmth of feeling that he is tempted to doubt the reality of his experience, because of the variation in his emotions, and thus he loses the highly-prized blessing of full salvation, not because his emotions may have subsided, but because he has doubted and reasoned about it; for he that doubteth is condemned, and the fearful and the unbelieving cannot inherit this great salvation. What, then, is the true course for such an one to pursue—to sit down and repine, to grow discouraged, or to retain the dry, perfunctory profession of the blessing, with the sense of partial condemnation gnawing at the heart? Nay, verily, any one of these courses is to play into the hands of our cruel foe, who would thus drag us down to perdition. For the fearful and unbelieving are finally to be classed with the worst of sinners, and to be shut out of Heaven. The only scriptural way, we maintain, is frank confession of the definite sin committed, especially of the dreaded sin of unbelief, the appropriating again of the cleansing blood, and the immediate exercise of faith for acceptance, just as before.

Here, we remark, there is only one way to the cleansing fountain. The professor of holiness, and the seeker of this grace for the first time, are on a common platform. By repentance, confession and faith alone can perfect peace be restored or obtained.

Many professors of holiness, by imagining that their former holy life secured for them some kind of immunity from this humbling way, have fallen into sad delusions, and have gone on professing holiness when neither the Holy Spirit nor their own lives bore witness to that profession as true. The only safe and scriptural way, after any and every fall, no matter how apparently trivial the cause, or how inconspicuous the fall, is by the way of the cross—is that of confession to God and faith in Christ for present cleansing. Should it be so sim-

ple a matter as failing to give testimony at the proper time, talking to another for his spiritual profit, or failing to perform any act at home or abroad heartily or to Christ, the consequent cloud of condemnation, however light it may be, can only be removed by definite confession and faith. When, however, the Spirit does not convict of some particular act of unbelief, or other form of sin, then depression of spirits or cloud on the mind should be fought on the scriptural line of holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

Let the child of God who has come to the cleansing fountain for full salvation fight the fight of faith on these lines, let him refuse to accept conscious condemnation except as he hears the Spirit's voice telling him of particular sins, and then always promptly adopt the Bible course of repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and it will not be long before the sense of being established in the life of full salvation will be realized.

PERMANENT OR FREQUENT— WHICH?

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In the September number of the EXPOSITOR, page 72, occur the following words in an article by the editor:—

“The baptism of the Holy Ghost is ready to come in Pentecostal fulness to every believer who will open up his being for His coming. Whether walking by the way, communing in the secret place of prayer, musing upon your bed, or gathered in the assembly of disciples, He is just now ready to enter in and dwell in all His radiant fulness. Then so glorious will be His manifestations, and so wondrous the sense of completeness in Christ; so intimate will be your communings with Him, that to utter a prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost would at once shock your sense of propriety, and appear but an insult to your ever-present, ever-abiding Guest and Friend.”

And on page 73 is another article: “This baptism of the Holy Ghost we not only preach and write about, but testify