

## THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK.

A very important part of religion is a knowledge of the Holy Spirit. Men, when first awakened to regard divine things, often imagine that their own endeavors are to produce in them those graces which real religion displays. The Word of God, on the other hand, represents them as formed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is promised to them that ask for its aid. It is sent to convince the world of sin. By its power the love of God is shed abroad in the heart. By it hope abounds in the believer, his mind is enlightened, he is sanctified and strengthened by the Spirit of God. By the Spirit he is taught to cry: "Abba, Father," and love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, are its fruits.

All the graces of the Christian character, all the parts of holiness, are thus produced by the Spirit of God, and while we are assured that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," we are taught to look to God for his Spirit to form our hearts anew. While it should be our aim to glorify God in all things, our dependence for ability to do so is to be on the promised Spirit.—*Rev. J. K. Pike.*

## A STRAY ARROW.

John Owen went with a friend to hear the celebrated Dr. Calamy. On learning that the Doctor was absent his friend would not stay for the sermon. Owen stayed, however, and heard a very plain sermon. No one knew who the man was. He took for his text Matthew viii: 26—"Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith." Owen's mind had been in great difficulty on the subject of religion. God directed that sermon to remove it and led him to a devotion of his life to the service of God in the ministry. He never knew who the man was, and the man never knew of him. This plain country minister possibly returned to his plain people feeling that he had not been of any use. What a revelation will there be when they meet in heaven, and for that plain man to see such a star shining in his crown!

The man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words. Character is like bells which ring out sweet music, and which, when touched accidentally, even resound with music.

Worldly cumber will hurry a man from his bed without prayer: to a sermon and from it again without prayer. It will choke the word, it will choke convictions, it will choke the soul, and cause that awakening shall be to no saving purpose.—*John Bunyan.*

## Literary Notices.

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