



"You will know them by their fruits." Mt. 7:16

The Holy Ghost Made Manifest

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That blessed old simple story is burning in my spirit. Read John 1:6-13.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

I feel somehow this morning that as a representative body of men and women whose business it is in life to proclaim and exemplify the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the presentation of the Son of God as the Savior of the world is the greatest thing we have before us.

God is looking upon us and expecting us to give that satisfactory demonstration of the Christ-life to other men so that the world may desire Jesus as the Son of God, and that men may look forward and long for the day when the Christ shall come and when He will establish the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the earth. And anything else than this does not seem to me to be worthy of those who have had the special privilege of living in these times when the Spirit is being poured out upon all flesh.

(Tongues and Interpretation)

The days of our childhood in the things of God have gone by and the days of maturity in knowledge of God have now dawned upon us. And God is demanding from you and me a demonstration of the power of God, the love of God, and the character of Christ that is worthy of the day, the hour, the message, and the time in which we live. This special time when the Spirit of God is being poured upon mankind in preparation for the hour when Jesus shall return and call the saints of God to His own glory, that we may receive from Him during that period of exceptional privilege the instruction, development, capacity, and endowment that those receive who are to come again with Him into the establishment of His kingdom and take part and place with our Lord Jesus Christ in the government of this old world - in love, righteousness, purity, holiness, truth, and verity throughout the kingdom age.

Our God, this morning, calls your heart and mine from an ordinary understanding and consciousness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a Holy Ghost-quickening consciousness, to that especially illuminated, blessedly glorified, spiritual understanding of the Word of God and the mind of God, that we may be peculiar men and peculiar women, living a peculiar life. Peculiar in love, peculiar in holiness, peculiar in reverence for the living God, knowing the secrets of divine power and government.

And to Thee, O God our Father, we lift our hearts and ask that Thou wilt help us, that we may be worthy of the high calling that God our Father hath bestowed upon us, through the mercy and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That

we may live, O God our Father, according to Thy mind and according to Thy heart, according to Thy way and according to Thy will *in God, in God.*

(Tongues and Interpretation)

Shall it not then be that the voices of all men, and especially the voices of those who realize conscious salvation through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, ring forth in this world God's new message in the peculiar Spirit and power of God, manifesting Christ in man in these days. Giving the message of God, the Savior of mankind, as the Redeemer and Sanctifier of man, as He who doth joy and dwell in the holiness of His children. And [He] cannot look with any degree of toleration upon sin and selfishness, but looks with the eye of pity, sacrifice, and holiness upon man, discovering in the very depth of our nature that which is unlike the living, precious, holiness of God. And desires that our nature shall be changed, our hearts shall be lifted up to Him in the joy and praise and gladness of those who know and understand and realize the sanctity of being permitted to be children of God, washed in His precious blood, crowned with His Spirit, looking for His glory.

(Tongues and Interpretation)

So our blessed Lord, this morning, asks those who are discouraged, who are weary, who have lived in the ordinary routine of life, that our hearts shall be lifted up to Him. And that we shall realize that He desires in a peculiar way to stamp it upon our hearts that the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, lay as a dead man in the grave. But that the power of God was sufficient to come and raise Him up out of senselessness into life and quicken Him, strengthen Him, and lift Him up into the place of triumph. Yea, He ascended into the heavenlies and sat down in triumph at the right hand of God.

Let, therefore, our hearts faint not, but with a new hope and a new determination yield ourselves to God that we too may be lifted up indeed, out of the insecurity of the present hour and moment into the life triumphant and heavenly and holy. For our dwelling place is not on earth, but our dwelling is in the heavens.

(Tongues and Interpretation)

For the peculiar work of the Holy Spirit in this present hour is according to our present need. Yea, even that our consciousness may be so quickened and our understanding of God and His ways so enlightened, that our hearts may take on a new hope and our lives ascend into heavenly places in Christ Jesus where all things are beneath our feet and where the powers of earth and the things of life no longer drag us down, but where in the power of the Holy Spirit we move and walk as triumphant men and triumphant women, conquerors of disease, sin, death, and the powers of darkness that drag us down day by day.

The Lord wants us to pray.

(Prayer by Congregation.) [Handwritten note says: **Tongues and Interpretation. Wonderful spirit of prayer and intercession through Brother Leonard.**]

The Spirit of the Lord, as we prayed, told my soul that the peculiar sin of the present hour among the children of God is a peculiar spiritual lethargy that has been permitted to gradually steal over our souls, robbing us of the quickened consciousness and understanding of the blessed Holy Ghost and of His peculiar presence. That instead of lifting up our hearts and welcoming Him, we have descended into a study of the understanding of His ways and works and methods until a dimness has come over our spirits.

And God wants once again to take us out of the natural things, the exercise of our natural mind and our natural spirit, into the Holy Ghost, into the ascended life, into the life in heavenly places in Christ Jesus where the Spirit of God in endowment and power rests upon our souls. And returning filled with His presence and glory, we may bring into this world the quickened consciousness of the Lord Jesus Christ that the transforming power of the Spirit may be so freely realized that mankind may see and know it is the day of His preparation. That our whole life and being may be so yielded up to the living God that every heart shall be a vessel through which the Spirit of God shall flow to the blessing of the lost world.

That the spirit of criticism of one another, and of all men, shall cease within the Christian heart and the

enlightened conscience. That everyone shall realize that he or she has the possession of the degree and measure of the Holy Ghost that God, in His love, has been able to bestow upon the individual in their present state of development. And instead of placing ourselves above another and looking with scorn even upon the sinner, that we shall see even as Jesus sees men and understand others even as the heart of Christ understands. That in love and mercy and sympathy and compassion we shall reach out our arms and embrace our fellows and lead them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

(Tongues and Interpretation)

When the Christian consciousness and the Christian understanding be illuminated by the presence of the loving God in the measure that God doth desire to give us, the world shall give forth an exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ so pure and holy and true and blessed that all men shall see and know that there is a living God. And the real Christ and living Saviour manifest through the Church, the body of Jesus in the world, through whom the manifestation of the living Christ is being given to all men to the glory of God.

So our blessed God, we lift our hearts up this morning and ask Thee our blessed God that You will take out of our spirit every wretched little bit of hidden selfishness that is hidden within us.

O God, apply the precious blood of Jesus Christ that we may be so purified and so illuminated by the Holy Ghost and the glory of God, that we shall give forth that real reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Ghost, for Jesus' sake.

Lord God, we ask Thee this morning, as we lift our hands to heaven and as we submit our souls to Thee, as we confess our littleness and our meanness and our self righteousness, that the blessed Christ shall establish within us the Holy Spirit, who Himself shall manifest the truth of the Spirit. For Jesus' sake. For Jesus' sake.

And our God we pray Thee that Thou wilt lift up each one into the presence of God, and that Thou wilt put upon us such a consciousness of God, of His love, of His purity, of His holiness, of His power, that, O God, our Christ, our praise to Thee and our worship of God shall be in the beauty of holiness. O God, that we shall worship Thee in spirit and in truth for Jesus' sake. O we ask, our God, that every hidden thing, everything that would not bear the glory-light of God, shall be driven from our nature. That, O God, our Christ, once again we can stand before Jesus even as Nathaniel, an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile.

O God, we ask Thee then that You will sweep from our soul and wash from our nature and cleanse from our heart every unholy thing, every deceitful thing, Lord Jesus, this devilish spiritual pride that is so subtle. O God, sweep them away. Let us stand, O God our Christ, guileless before our God for Jesus' sake.

Blessed be Thy name, O God. We worship Thee and lift our hands and our hearts to heaven and we say this morning, blessed be Thy name. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Blessed be His name!

Our God, to Thee this morning we offer our praise and worship and adoration and glory and praise and honor unto Thy name forever and ever and ever. Blessed be Thy name. Amen.

(Tongues and Interpretation)

Our God, we pray this morning that the blessing and power of God shall so rest upon us, a yieldedness to the living God and to all the works of the Holy Spirit within us shall be so manifest, our God, that these will be able to lift us up. So that we will be permitted to enter into the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has become the Ruler of this universe, King of kings and Lord of lords, with angels and archangels, rejoicing before God because of the triumph of the Son of God, through the spilling of His precious blood for all men And all mankind's acceptance of Him, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(Song: "Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine.")

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