Ever Increasing Faith

by Smith Wigglesworth

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1:Have Faith in God

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this
mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and
shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things
which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever
he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye
desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall
have them" (Mark 11:23,24).

These are days when we need to have our faith strengthened,
when we need to know God. God has designed that the just
shall live by faith. Any man can be changed by faith, no
matter how he may be fettered. I know that God's word is
sufficient. One word from Him can change a nation. His word
is from everlasting to everlasting. It is through the entrance of
this everlasting Word, this incorruptible seed, that we are born
again, and come into this wonderful salvation. Man cannot
live by bread alone, but must live by every word that
proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This is the food of faith.
"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."
Everywhere men are trying to discredit the Bible and take
from it all the miraculous. One preacher says, "Well, you
know, Jesus arranged beforehand to have that colt tied where
it was, and for the men to say just what they did." I tell you

God can arrange everything without going near. He can plan
for you, and when He plans for you, all is peace. All things
are possible if you will believe.
Another preacher said, "It was an easy thing for Jesus to feed
the people with five loaves. The loaves were so big in those
days that it was a simple matter to cut them into a thousand
pieces each." But He forgot that one little boy brought those
five loaves all the way in his lunch basket. There is nothing
impossible with god. All the impossibility is with us when we
measure God by the limitations of our unbelief.
We have a wonderful God, a God whose ways are past finding
out, and whose grace and power are limitless. I was in Belfast
one day and saw one of the brethren of the assembly. He said
to me, "Wigglesworth, I am troubled. I have had a good deal
of sorrow during the past five months. I had a woman in my
assembly who could always pray the blessing of heaven down

on our meetings. She is an old woman, but her presence is
always an inspiration. But five months ago she fell and broke
her thigh. The doctors put her into a plaster cast, and after five
months they broke the cast. But the bones were not properly
set and so she fell and broke the thigh again."
He took me to her house, and there was a woman lying in a
bed on the right hand side of the room. I said to her, "Well,
what about it now?" She said, "They have sent me home
incurable. The doctors say that I am so old that my bones
won't knit. There is no nutriment in my bones and they could
never do anything for me and they say I shall have to lie in
bed for the rest of my life." I said to her, "Can you believe
God?" She replied, "Yes, ever since I heard that you had come
to Belfast my faith has been quickened. If you will pray, I will
believe. I know there is no power on earth that can make the

bones of my thigh knit, but I know there is nothing impossible
with God." I said, "Do you believe He will meet you now?"
She answered, "I do."
It is grand to see people believe God. God knew all about this
leg and that it was broken in two places. I said to the woman,
"When I pray, something will happen." Her husband was
sitting there; he had been in his chair for four years and could
not walk a step. He called out, "I don't believe. I won't
believe. You will never get me to believe." I said, "All right,"
and laid my hands on his wife in the name of the Lord Jesus.
The moment hands were laid upon her the power of God went
right through her and she cried out, "I'm healed." I said, "I'm
not going to assist you to rise. God will do it all." She rose
and walked up and down the room, praising God.
The old man was amazed, at what had happened to his wife,
and he cried out, "Make me walk, make me walk." I said to

him, "You old sinner, repent." He cried out, "Lord, You know
I never meant what I said. You know I believe." I don't think
he meant what he said; anyhow the Lord was full of compassion. If He marked our sins, where would any of us
be? If we will meet the conditions, God will always meet us.
If we believe, all things are possible. I laid my hands on him
and the power went right through the old man's body; and
those legs, for the first time in four years, received power to
carry his body, and he walked up and down and in and out. He
said, "O what great things God has done for us tonight!"
"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye
receive them, and ye shall have them." Desire toward God,
and you will have desires from God; and He will meet you on
the line of those desires when you reach out in simple faith.
A man came to me in one of my meetings who had seen other

people healed and wanted to be healed, too. He explained that
his arm had been fixed in a certain position for many years
and he could not move it. "Got any faith?" I asked. He said he
had a lot of faith. After prayer he was able to swing his arm
round and round. But he was not satisfied and complained, "I
feel a little bit of trouble just there," pointing to a certain
place. "Do you know what is the trouble with you?" He
answered, "No." I said, "Imperfect faith." "What things soever
ye desire, when ye pray, *believe that ye receive them, and ye
shall have them.*"
Did you believe before you were saved? So many people
would be saved, but they want to feel saved first. There was
never a man who felt saved before he believed. God's plan is
always this, if you will believe, you shall see the glory of
God. I believe God wants to bring us all to a definite place of
unswerving faith and confidence in Himself.

Jesus here uses the figure of a mountain. Why does He say a
mountain? Because, if faith can remove a mountain, it can
remove anything. The plan of God is so marvelous, that if you
will only believe, all things are possible.
There is one special phrase to which I want to call to your
attention, "And shall not doubt in his heart." The heart is the
mainspring. See that young man and young woman. They
have fallen in love at first sight. In a short while there is a
deep affection, and a strong heart love, the one toward the
other. What is a heart of love? A heart of faith. Faith and love
are kin. In the measure that that young man and that young
woman love one another they are true. One may go to the
North and the other to the South, but because of their love
they will be true to each other.
It is the same when there is a deep love in the heart toward the
Lord Jesus Christ. In this new life into which God has brought

us, Paul tells us that we have become dead to the law by the
body of Christ, that we should be *married to another*, even to
Him who is raised from the dead. God brings us into a place
of perfect love and perfect faith. A man who is born of God is
brought into an inward affection, a loyalty to the Lord Jesus
that shrinks from anything impure. You see the purity of a
man and woman when there is a deep natural affection
between them; they distain the very thought of either of them
being untrue. I say that, in the measure that a man has faith in
Jesus, he is pure. He that believes that Jesus is the Christ
overcomes the world. It is a faith that works by love.
Just as we have heart fellowship with our Lord, our faith
cannot be daunted. We cannot doubt in our hearts. There
comes, as we go on with God, a wonderful association, an
impartation of His very life and nature within. As we read His

Word and believe the promises that He has so graciously
given to us, we are made partakers of His very essence and
life. The Lord is made to us a Bridegroom, and we are His
bride. His words to us are spirit and life, transforming us and
changing us, expelling that which is natural and bringing in
that which is divine.
It is impossible to comprehend the love of God as we think on
natural lines. We must have the revelation from the Spirit of
God. God giveth liberally. He that asketh, receiveth. God is
willing to bestow on us all things that pertain to life and
godliness. Oh, it was the love of God that brought Jesus. And
it is this same love that helps you and me to believe. In every
weakness God will be your strength. You who need His touch,
remember that He loves you. Look, wretched, helpless, sick
one, away to the God of all grace, whose very essence is love,

who delights to give liberally all the inheritance of life and
strength and power that you are in need of.
When I was in Switzerland the Lord was graciously working
and healing many of the people. I was staying with Brother
Reuss of Goldiwil and two policemen were sent to arrest me.
The charge was that I was healing the people without a
license. Mr. Reuss said to them, "I am sorry that he is not here
just now. He is holding a meeting about two miles away, but
before you arrest him let me show you something."
Brother Reuss took these two policemen down to one of the
lower parts of that district, to a house with which they were
familiar, for they had often gone to that place to arrest a
certain woman, who was repeatedly put in prison because of
continually being engaged in drunken brawls. He took them to
this woman and said to them, "This is one of the many cases
of blessing that have come through the ministry of the man

you have come to arrest. This woman came to our meeting in
a drunken condition. Her body was broken, for she was
ruptured in two places. While she was drunk, the evangelist
laid his hands on her and asked God to heal her and deliver
her." The woman joined in, "Yes, and God saved me, and I
have not tasted a drop of liquor since." The policemen had a
warrant for my arrest, but they said with disgust, "Let the
doctors do this kind of thing." They turned and went away and
that was the last we heard of them.
We have a Jesus that heals the broken-hearted, who lets the
captives go free, who saves the very worst. Dare you, *dare*
you, spurn this glorious Gospel of God for spirit, soul and
body? Dare you spurn this grace? I realize that this full
Gospel has in great measure been hid, this Gospel that brings
liberty, this Gospel that brings souls out of bondage, this

Gospel that brings perfect health to the body, this Gospel of
entire salvation. Listen again to this word of Him who left the
glory to bring us this great salvation, "Verily I say unto you,
That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou
removed, . . . he shall have *whatsoever* he saith."
Whatsoever!
I realize that God can never bless us on the lines of being
hard-hearted, critical or unforgiving. This will hinder faith
quicker than anything. I remember being at a meeting where
there were some people tarrying for the Baptism - seeking for
cleansing, for the moment a person is cleansed the Spirit will
fall. There was one man with eyes red from weeping bitterly.
He said to me, "I shall have to leave. It is no good my staying
without I change things. I have written a letter to my brotherin-
law, and filled it with hard words, and this thing must first
be straightened out." He went home and told his wife, "I'm

going to write a letter to your brother and ask him to forgive
me for writing to him the way I did." "You fool!" she said.
"Never mind," he replied, "this is between God and me, and it
has got to be cleared away." He wrote the letter and came
again, and straightway God filled him with the Spirit.
I believe there are a great many people who would be healed,
but they are harboring things in their hearts that are as a
blight. Let these things go. Forgive, and the Lord will forgive
you. There are many good people, people that mean well, but
they have no power to do anything for God. There is just
some little thing that came in their hearts years ago, and their
faith has been paralyzed ever since. Bring everything to the
light. God will sweep it all away if you will let Him. Let the
precious blood of Christ cleanse from all sin. If you will but
believe, God will meet you and bring into your lies the

sunshine of His love.

HEALINGS IN NEW ZEALAND

We have received a few testimonies of those healed in the meeting conducted by Brother Smith Wigglesworth at Wellington, New Zealand. Mrs. E. Curtis of Christchurch, New Zealand, was suffering with septic poisoning. She had become only a skeleton and the doctors could do nothing for her. She had agonizing pains all day and all night. She was healed immediately prayer was made for her. She states that for the past sixteen years she has been a martyr to pain but is now wonderfully well. Another testified to healing to deafness, goiter, adenoids and bad eyesight. Another testified to healing of double curvature of the spine from infancy, hip disease, weak heart, leg lengthened three inches, which grew normal like the other leg. It was also three inches less in

circumference. She wore a large boot but now walks on even
feet, the large boot having been discarded. Another was
healed from goiter through a handkerchief. -- *Pentecostal
Evangel.*

2:Deliverance to the Captives

Read Luke 4:1-20.
Our precious Lord Jesus has everything for everybody.
Forgiveness of sin, healing of diseases and the fullness of the
Spirit all come from one source - from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Hear Him who is the same yesterday, today and forever as He
announces the purpose for which He came: "The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the
gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight
to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach
the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus had been baptized by John in Jordan, and the Holy Spirit had descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him. Being full of the Holy Ghost, He had been led by the Spirit into the wilderness, there to come off more than conqueror over the arch enemy. Then He returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and preached in the synagogues, and at last He came to His old home town - Nazareth, where He announced His mission in the words I have just quoted. For a brief while He ministered on the earth, and then gave His life a ransom for all. But God raised Him from the dead. And before He went to the glory He told His disciples that they too should receive the power of the Holy Ghost upon them. Thus, through them, His gracious ministry would continue. This power of the Holy Ghost was not only for a few apostles, but even for them that are afar off, even as many as our God should call (Acts 2:39)

even for us in this twentieth century. Some ask, "But was not
this power just for the privileged few in the first century?" No.
Read the Master's great commission as recorded by Mark, and
you will see it is for *them that believe.*
After I had received the Baptism of the Holy ghost (and I
know that I received; for the Lord gave me the Spirit in just
the same way as He gave Him to the disciples at Jerusalem), I
sought the mind of the Lord as to why I was baptized. One
day I came home from work and went into the house and my
wife asked me, 'Which way did you come in?" I told her that I
had come in at the back door. She said, "There is a woman
upstairs and she has brought an old man of eighty to be prayed
for. He is raving up there and a great crowd is outside the
front door, ringing the door-bell and wanting to know what is
going on in the house." The Lord quietly whispered, "This is
what I baptized you for."

I carefully opened the door of the room where the man was,
desiring to be obedient to what my Lord would say to me. The
man was crying and shouting in distress, "I am lost! I am lost!
I have committed the unpardonable sin. I am lost! I am lost!"
My wife said, "Dad, what shall we do?" The Spirit of the Lord
moved me to cry out, "Come out, thou lying spirit." In a
moment the evil spirit went, and the Lord said to me, "This is
what I baptized you for."
There is a place where God, through the power of the Holy
Ghost, reigns supreme in our lives. The Spirit reveals,
unfolds, takes the things of Christ and shows them to us, and
prepares us to be more than a match for satanic forces.
When Nicodemus came to Jesus he said, "We know that thou
art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these
miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."
Jesus said

to him, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus was impressed by the miracles wrought; and Jesus pointed out the necessity of a miracle being wrought with every man who would see the kingdom. When a man is born of God, is brought from darkness to light, a mighty miracle is wrought.

Jesus saw every touch by God as a miracle, and so we may expect to see miracles wrought today. It is wonderful to have the Spirit of the Lord upon us. I would rather have the Spirit of God on me for five minutes than to receive a million dollars.

Do you see how Jesus mastered the devil in the wilderness? He knew He was the Son of God and Satan came along with an "if." How many times has Satan come along to you this way? He says, "After all, you may be deceived. You know

you really are not a child of God." If the devil comes along
and says that you are not saved, it is a pretty sure sign that you
are. When he comes and tells you that you are not healed, it
may be taken as good evidence that the Lord has sent His
word and healed you. The devil knows that if he can capture
your thought life, he has won a mighty victory over you. His
great business is injecting thoughts, but if you are pure and
holy you will instantly shrink from them. God wants us to let
the mind that was in Christ Jesus, that pure, holy, humble
mind of Christ, be in us.
I come across people everywhere I go who are held bound by
deceptive conditions, and these conditions have come about
simply because they have allowed the devil to make their
minds the place of his stronghold. How are we to guard
against this? The Lord has provided us with weapons that are

mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds of the
enemy, and by means of which every thought shall be brought
into captivity to the obedience of Christ. The blood of Jesus
Christ and His mighty name are an antidote to all the subtle
seeds of unbelief that Satan would sow in your minds.
In the first chapter of Acts, we see that Jesus gave
commandment to the disciples that they should wait for the
promise of the Father, and He told them that not many days
hence they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Luke tells
us that he had written his former treatise concerning all that
Jesus began both former treatise concerning all that Jesus
began both to do and teach. The ministry of Christ did not end
at the cross, but the Acts and the epistles give us accounts of
what He continued to do and teach through those whom He
indwelt. And our blessed Lord Jesus is still alive, and

continues His ministry through those who are filled with His
Spirit. He is still healing the broken-hearted and delivering the
captives through those on whom He places His Spirit.
more glory when He manifests His power. Every trial is a
blessing. There have been times when I have been pressed
through circumstances and it seemed as if a dozen road
engines were going over me, but I have found that the hardest
things are just lifting places into the grace of God. We have
such a lovely Jesus. He always proves Himself to be such a
mighty Deliverer. He never fails to plan the best things for us.
The train began moving and I crouched down, and in the
name of Jesus commanded the disease to leave. The old lady
cried, "I'm healed. I know I'm healed." She stamped her leg
and said, "I'm going to prove it." So when we stopped at
another station she marched up and down and shouted, "I'm

not going to the hospital." Once again our wonderful Jesus had proven Himself a Healer of the broken-hearted, a Deliverer of one that was bound. At one time I was so bound that no human power could help me. My wife was looking for me to pass away. There was no help. At that time I had just had a faint glimpse of Jesus as the Healer. For six months I had been suffering from appendicitis, occasionally getting temporary relief. I went to the mission of which I was pastor, but I was brought to the floor in awful agony, and they brought me home to my bed. All night I was praying, pleading for deliverance, but none came. My wife was sure it was my home call and sent for a physician. He said that there was no possible chance for me -- my body was too weak. Having had the appendicitis for six months, my whole system was drained, and, because of that, he thought that it was too late for an operation. He left my

wife in a state of broken-heartedness.
After he left, there came to our door a young man and an old
lady. I knew that she was a woman of real prayer. They came
upstairs to my room. This young man jumped on the bed and
commanded the evil spirit to come out of me. He shouted,
"Come out, you devil; I command you to come out in the name
of Jesus!" There was no chance for an argument, or for me to
tell him that I would never believe thart there was a devil
inside of me. The thing had to go in the name of Jesus, and it
went, and I was instantly healed.
I arose and dressed and went downstairs. I was still in the
plumbing business, and I asked my wife, "Is there any work
in? I am all right now, and I am going to work." I found there
was a certain job to be done and I picked up my tools and
went off to do it. Just after I left, the doctor came in, put his
plug hat down in the hall, and walked up to the bedroom. But

the invalid was not there. "Where is Mr. Wigglesworth? he asked. "O, doctor, he's gone out to work," said my wife. "You'll never see him alive again," said the doctor; "they'll bring him back a corpse." Well, I'm the corpse. Since that time, in many parts of the world, the Lord has given me the privilege of praying for people with appendicitis; and I have seen a great many people up and dressed within a quarter of an hour from the time I prayed for them. We have a living Christ who is willing to meet people on every line. A number of years ago I met Brother D. W. Kerr and he gave me a letter of introduction to a brother in Zion City named Cook. I took his letter to Brother Cook, and he said, "God has sent you here." He gave me the addresses of six people and asked me to go and pray for them and meet him again at 12 o'clock. I got back at about 12:30 and he told me about a

young man who was to be married the following Monday. His sweetheart was in Zion City dying of appendicitis. I went to the house and found that the physician had just been there and had pronounced that there was no hope. The mother was nearly distracted and was pulling her hair, and saying, "Is there no deliverance!" I said to her, "Woman, believe God and your daughter will be healed and be up and dressed in fifteen minutes." But the mother went on screaming. They took me into the bedroom, and I prayed for the girl and commanded the evil spirit to depart in the name of Jesus. She cried, "I am healed." I said to her, "Do you want me to believe that you are healed? If you are healed, get up." She said, "You get out of the room and I'll get up." In less than ten minutes the doctor came in. He wanted to know what had happened. She said, "A man came in and prayed for me, and I'm healed."

The doctor pressed his finger right in the place that had been so sore, and the girl neither moaned nor cried. He said, "This is God." It made no difference whether he acknowledged it or not, I knew that God had worked. Our God is real in saving and healing power today. Our Jesus is just the same, yesterday, and today, and forever. He saves and heals today just as of old, and He wants to be your Saviour and your Healer.

Oh, if you would only believe God! What would happen? The greatest things. Some have never tasted the grace of God, have never had the peace of God. Unbelief robs them of these blessings. It is possible to hear and yet not conceive the truth. It is possible to read the Word and not share in the life it brings. It is necessary for us to have the Holy Ghost to unfold the Word and bring to us the life that is Christ. We can never

fully understand the wonders of this redemption until we are full of the Holy Ghost.

I was once at an afternoon meeting. The Lord had been graciously with us and many had been healed by the power of God. Most of the people had gone home and I was left alone, when I saw a young man who was evidently hanging back to have a word. I asked, "What do you want?" He said, "I wonder if I could ask you to pray for me." I said, "What's the trouble?" He said, "Can't you smell?" The young fellow had gone into sin and was suffering the consequences. He said, "I have been turned out of two hospitals. I am broken out all over. I have abcesses all over me." And I could see that he had a bad breaking out at the nose. He said, "I heard you preach, and could not understand about this healing business, and was wondering if there was any hope for me." I said to him, "Do you know Jesus?" He did not know the first

thing about salvation, but I said to him, "Stand still." I placed my hands on his head and then on his loins and cursed that terrible disease in the name of Jesus. He cried out, "I know I'm healed. I can feel a warmth and a glow all over me." I said, "Who did it?" He said, "Your prayers." I said, "No, it was Jesus!" He said, "Was it He? Oh, Jesus! Jesus! Jesus, save me." And that young man went away healed and saved.

Oh, what a merciful God we have! What a wonderful Jesus is ours!

Are you oppressed? Cry out to God. It is always good for people to cry out. You may have to cry out. The Holy Ghost and the Word of God will bring to light every hidden, unclean thing that must be revealed. There is always a place of deliverance when you let God search out that which is spoiling and marring your life. That evil spirit that was in the

man in the synagogue cried out, "Let us alone!" It was a singular thing that the evil spirit had never cried out like that until Jesus walked into the place where he was. Jesus rebuked the thing, saying, "Hold thy peace and come out of him," and the man was delivered. He is just the same Jesus, exposing the powers of evil, delivering the captives and letting the oppressed go free, purifying them and cleansing their hearts.

Those evil spirits that inhabited the man who had the legion did not want to be sent to the pit to be tormented before their time, and so they cried out to be sent into the swine. Hell is such an awful place that even the demons hate the thought of going there. How much more should men seek to be saved from the pit?

God is compassionate and says, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." And He has further stated, "Whosoever shall

*call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Seek Him now,
call on His name right now, and there is forgiveness, healing,
redemption, deliverance, and everything you need for you
right here and now, and that which will satisfy you throughout
eternity."*

BLESSINGS IN AUSTRALIA

*Sister Winnie Andrews, N. Melbourne, Australia, writes: "Our
Brother Wigglesworth landed here February 16th, and had a
meeting that very night. The dear Lord was present and that
to heal. A little girl of six, having never walked, after she had
been prayed for, walked out of the front door with her mother,
who was full of joy for what the Lord had done for her little
one. Another man who had been suffering with bad feet for
year and walked only with the aid of a stick was instantly
healed and has been along several times to testify to what the*

Lord has done for him. Many deaf people have been delivered in answer to the prayer of faith. One night a dear man and his wife whom he brought to the meeting in a wheel chair, were both healed. He had been suffering from deafness for 20 years and she had not walked for over 6 1/2 years. After prayer she got out of her chair and walked to the station, with her husband pushing the empty chair. He, too, was rejoicing in that he was now able to hear perfectly. O what a wonderful God we have. Blessed by His holy Name!

"At the Sunday afternoon service, a dear young woman who had been suffering with tuberculosis for 13 years and who was in the last stages, came leaning on the arm of a friend and was prayed for. At once she received new life and was perfectly delivered. The terrible burning sores which were eating their way into her bones have dried up and are peeling

off, and she is looking so well and happy and is as strong as
can be. Glory to God! Last night a young man suffering from
consumption was prayed for and was instantly made whole.
O, our hearts overflow at the glorious things God is doing in
our midst!
"Many have been healed of neuritis, heart and lung trouble
and stiff joints. One woman who had not walked for 22 years
and could not as much as turn her head -- after prayer -- got
out of bed and walked. Praise God!" --Pentecostal Evangelic, April 15, 1922.

3The Power of the Name

Scripture Reading -- Acts 3:1-16
All things are possible through the name of Jesus. God hath
highly exalted Him, and given Him the name which is above
every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.
There is power to overcome everything in the world through

the name of Jesus. I am looking forward to a wonderful union
through the name of Jesus. There is none other name under
heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
I want to instill into you a sense of the power, the virtue and
the glory of that name. Six people went into the house of a
sick man to pray for him. He was an Episcopal vicar, and lay
in bed utterly helpless, without even strength to help himself.
He had read a little tract about healing and had heard about
people praying for the sick, and sent for these friend, who, he
thought, could pray the prayer of faith. He was anointed
according to James 5:14, but, because he had no immediate
manifestation of healing, he wept bitterly. The six people
walked out of the room, somewhat crestfallen to see the man
lying there in an unchanged condition.
When they were outside, one of the six said, "There is one

thing we might have done. I wish you would all go back with
me and try it." They went back and all got together in a group.
This brother said, "Let us whisper the name of Jesus." At first
when they whispered this worthy name nothing seemed to
happen. But as they continued to whisper, "Jesus! Jesus!
Jesus!" the power began to fall. As they saw that God was
beginning to work, their faith and joy increased, and they
whispered the name louder and louder. As they did so the man
arose from his bed and dressed himself. The secret was just
this, those six people had gotten their eyes off the sick man,
and they were just taken up with the Lord Jesus Himself, and
their faith grasped the power that there is in His name. O, if
people would only appreciate the power that there is in this
name, there is no telling what would happen.
I know that through His name and through the power of His

name we have access to God. The very face of Jesus fills the
whole place with glory. All over the world there are people
magnifying that name, and O, what a joy it is for me to utter
it.
One day I went up into the mountain to pray. I had a
wonderful day. It was one of the high mountains of Wales. I
heard of one man going up this mountain to pray, and the
Spirit of the Lord met him so wonderfully that his face shone
like that of an angel when he returned. Every one in the
village was talking about it. As I went up to this mountain and
spent the day in the presence of the Lord, His wonderful
power seemed to envelop and saturate and fill me.
Two years before this time there had come to our house two
lads from Wales. They were just ordinary lads, but they
became very zealous for God. They came to our mission and
saw some of the works of God. They said to me, "We would

not be surprised if the Lord brings you down to Wales to raise
our Lazarus." They explained that the leader of their assembly
was a man who had spent his days working in a tin mine and
his nights preaching, and the result was that he had collapsed,
gone into consumption, and for four years he had been a
helpless invalid, having to be fed with a spoon.
While I was up on that mountain top I was reminded of the
transfiguration scene, and I felt that the Lord's only purpose in
taking us into the glory was to fit us for greater usefulness in
the valley.
Tongues and Interpretation: "The living God has chosen us
for His divine inheritance, and He it is who is preparing us for
our ministry, that it may be of God and not of man."
As I was on the mountain top that day, the Lord said to me, "I
want you to go and raise Lazarus." I told the brother who
accompanied me of this, and when we got down to the valley,

I wrote a postcard: "When I was up on the mountain praying
today, God told me that I was to go and raise Lazarus." I
addressed the postcard to the man in the place whose name
had been given to me by the two lads. When we arrived at the
place we went to the man to whom I had addressed the card.
He looked at me and said, "Did you send this?" I said, "Yes."
He said, "Do you think we believe in this? Here, take it." And
he threw it at me.
The man called a servant and said, "Take this man and show
him Lazarus." Then he said to me, "The moment you see him
you will be ready to go home. Nothing will hold you."
Everything he said was true from the natural viewpoint. The
man was helpless. He was nothing but a mass of bones with
skin stretched over them. There was no life to be seen.
Everything in him spoke of decay.
I said to him, "Will you shout? You remember that at Jericho

the people shouted while the walls were still up. God has like
victory for you if you will only believe." But I could not get
him to believe. There was not an atom of faith there. He had
made up his mind not to have anything.
It is a blessed thing to learn that God's word can never fail.
Never hearken to human plans. God can work mightily when
you persist in believing Him in spite of discouragement's from
the human standpoint. When I got back to the man to whom I
had sent the post-card, he asked, "Are you ready to go now?"
I am not moved by what I see. I am *moved only by what I*
believe. I know this -- no man looks at appearances if he
believes. No man considers how he feels if he believes. The
man who believes God has it. Every man who comes into the
Pentecostal condition can laugh at all things and believe God.
There is something in the Pentecostal work that is different

from anything else in the world. Somehow, in Pentecost, you know that God is a reality. Wherever the Holy Ghost has right of way, the gifts of the Spirit will be in manifestation; and where these gifts are never in manifestation, I question whether he is present. Pentecostal people are spoiled for anything else than Pentecostal meetings. We want none of the entertainment's that the churches are offering. When God comes in He entertains us Himself.*Entertained by the King of kings and Lord of lords!* Oh, it is wonderful. There were difficult conditions in that Welsh village, and it seemed impossible to get the people to believe. "Ready to go home?" I was asked. But a man and a woman there asked us to come and stay with them. I said, "I want to know how many of you people can pray." No one wanted to pray. I asked if I could get seven people to pray with me for the poor man's

deliverance. I said to the two people who were going to
entertain us, "I will count on you two, and there is my friend
and myself, and we need three others." I told the people that I
trusted that some of them would awaken to their privilege and
come in the morning and join us in prayer for the raising of
Lazarus. It will never do to give way to human opinions. If
God says a thing, you are to believe it.
I told the people that I would not eat anything that night.
When I got to bed it seemed as if the devil tried to place on
me everything that he had placed on that poor man in the bed.
When I awoke I had a cough and all the weakness of a
tubercular patient. I rolled out of bed on to the floor and cried
out to God to deliver me from the power of the devil. I
shouted loud enough to wake everybody in the house, but
nobody was disturbed. God gave victory, and I got back into

bed again as free as ever I was in my life. At 5 o'clock the
Lord awakened me and said to me, "Don't break bread until
you break it round My table." At six o'clock He gave me these
words, "And I will raise him up." I put my elbow into the
fellow who was sleeping with me. he said, "Ugh!" I put my
elbow into him again and said, "Do you hear? The Lord says
that He will raise him up."
At 8 o'clock they said to me, "Have a little refreshment." But I
have found prayer and fasting the greatest joy, and you will
always find it so when you are led by God. When we went to
the house where Lazarus lived there were eight of us
altogether. No one can prove to me that God does not always
answer prayer. He always does *more* than that. He always
gives the exceedingly abundant above all we ask or think.
>p>I shall never forget how the power of God fell on us as we

went into that sick man's room. O, it was lovely! As we
circled round the bed I got one brother to hold one of the sick
man's hands and I held the other; and we each held the hand
of the person next to us. I said, "We are not going to pray, we
are just going to use the name of Jesus." We all knelt down
and whispered that one word, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" The
power of God fell and then it lifted. Five times the power of
God fell and then it remained. But the person who was in the
bed was unmoved. Two years previous someone had come
along and had tried to raise him up, and the devil had used his
lack of success as a means of discouraging Lazarus. I said, "I
don't care what the devil says; if God says he will raise you up
it must be so. Forget everything else except what God says
about Jesus."
The sixth time the power fell and the sick man's lips began

moving and the tears began to fall. I said to him, "The power
of God is here; it is yours to accept it." He said, "I have been
bitter in my heart, and I know I have grieved the Spirit of
God. Here I am helpless. I cannot lift my hands, nor even lift a
spoon to my mouth." I said, "Repent, and God will hear you."
He repented and cried out, "O God, let this be to Thy glory."
As he said this the virtue of the Lord went right through him.
I have asked the Lord to never let me tell this story except as
it was, for I realize that God can not bless exaggerations. As
we again said, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" the bed shook, and the
man shook. I said to the people that were with me, "You can
all go down stairs right away. This is all God. I'm not going to
assist him." I sat and watched that man get up and dress
himself. We sang the doxology as he walked down the steps. I
said to him, "Now tell what has happened."

It was soon noised abroad that Lazarus had been raised up and
the people came from Llanelly and all the district round to see
him and hear his testimony. And God brought salvation to
many. This man told right out in the open air what God had
done, and as a result many were convicted and converted. All
this came through the name of Jesus, through faith in His
name, yea, the faith that is by Him gave this sick man perfect
soundness in the presence of them all.
Peter and John were helpless, were illiterate, they had no
college education. They had been with Jesus. To them had
come a wonderful revelation of the power of the name of
Jesus. They had handed out the bread and fish after Jesus had
multiplied them. They had sat at the table with him and John
had often gazed into His face. Peter had often to be rebuked,
but Jesus manifested His love to Peter through it all. Yea, He

loved Peter, the wayward one. O, He's a wonderful lover! I
have been wayward, I have been stubborn, I had an
unmanageable temper at one time, but how patient He has
been. I am here to tell you that there is power in Jesus and in
his wondrous name to transform anyone, to heal anyone.
If you will see Him as God's Lamb, as God's beloved Son who
had laid upon Him the iniquity of us all, if only you will see
that Jesus paid the whole price for our redemption that we
might be free, you can enter into your purchased inheritance
of salvation, of life and of power.
Poor Peter, and poor John! They had no money! But they had
faith, they had the power of the Holy Ghost, they had God.
You can have God even though you have nothing else. Even
though you have lost your character you can have God. I have
seen the worst men saved by the power of God.
I was one day preaching about the name of Jesus and there

was a man leaning against a lamp-post, listening. It took a
lamp-post to enable him to keep on his feet. We had finished
our open-air meeting, and the man was still leaning against
the post. I asked him, "Are you sick?" He showed me his hand
and I saw beneath his coat, he had a silver handled dagger. He
told me that he was on his way to kill his unfaithful wife, but
that he had heard me speaking about the power of the name of
Jesus and could not get away. He said that he felt just
helpless. I said, "Get you down." And there on the square,
with people passing up and down, he got saved.
I took him to my home and put on him a new suit. I saw that
there was something in that man that God could use. He said
to me the next morning, "God has revealed Jesus to me; I see
that all has been laid upon Jesus." I lent him some money, and
he soon got together a wonderful little home. His faithless

wife was living with another man, but he invited her back to
the home that he had prepared for her. She came: and, where
enmity and hatred had been before, the whole situation was
transformed by love. God made that man a minister wherever
he went. There is power in the name of Jesus everywhere.
God can save to the uttermost.
There comes before me a meeting we had in Stockholm that I
shall ever bear in mind. There was a home for incurables there
and one of the inmates was brought to the meeting. He had
palsy and was shaking all over. He stood up before 3,000
people and came to the platform, supported by two others.
The power of God fell on him as I anointed him in the name
of Jesus. The moment I touched him he dropped his crutch
and began to walk in the name of Jesus. He walked down the
steps and round that great building in view of all the people.
There is nothing that our God cannot do. He will do

everything if you will dare to believe.
Someone said to me, "Will you go to this Home for Incurables?" They took me there on my rest day. They
brought out the sick people into a great corridor and in one
hour the Lord set about twenty of them free.
The name of Jesus is so marvelous. Peter and John had no
conception of all that was in that name; neither had the man,
lame from his mother's womb, who was laid daily at the gate;
but they had faith to say, "In the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, rise up and walk." And as Peter took him by the
right hand, and lifted him up, immediately his feet and ankle
bones received strength, and he went into the temple with
them, walking and leaping and praising God. How can it be
done? Through His name, through faith in His name, through
faith which is by Him.

REVIVALS IN SCANDINAVIA

The writer had the privilege for three months one year of being in the center of Mr. Smith Wigglesworth's meetings in both Sweden and Denmark. It was a time of visitation from on high. I dare to say that hundreds of people received Jesus as their Saviour, thousands were healed from all kinds of diseases, also thousands of believers awoke to a new life, and many, many received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. For all this we give glory to Jesus. Here are a few examples of miracles my eyes have seen.

It was in Orebro (Sweden) where at that time there was held a Pentecostal Convention. I came to seek help myself, being worn out with long, unbroken service in the Lord's work. The next day there was a meeting for healing. After the preaching service I went forward into the other hall and I was surprised to find in a few minutes a crowd following. The hall was soon

full with hundreds of men and women patiently waiting for a
touch of God through His servant, and, glory to God, we were
not disappointed. As hands were laid upon me the power of
God went through me in a mighty way. I was immediately
well.
It was wonderful to notice, as the ministry continued, the
effect upon the people as the power of the Lord came over
them. Some lifted their hands, crying, "I am healed! I am
healed!" Some fell on the platform under the power of the
Spirit, having to be helped down. Others walked away as in a
dream; others as drunk with new wine, lost to everything but
God; but all had faces as transfigured with the glory of the
Lord and magnifying Jesus. A young blind girl, as she was
ministered to, cried out, "Oh, how many windows there are in
this hall!" During the three weeks the meeting continued the

great chapel was crowded daily, multitudes being healed and
many saved. The testimony meetings were wonderful. One
said, "I was deaf, then prayed, and Jesus healed me." Another,
"I had consumption, and I am free." And so on.
At Skofde, in the smaller hall, set apart for those seeking the
Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I shall never forget the sight, how
the people with eyes closed and hearts uplifted to God waited.
did the Holy Spirit fall upon them? Of course He did. Here
also many were healed. At another place here was a young
man whose body was spoiled because of sin, but the Lord is
merciful with sinners. He was anointed, and when hands were
laid on, the power of God went mightily over him. He said, "I
am healed," but being broken down, he cried as a little child,
confessing his sin; at the same moment the Lord saved him.
Glory to God! He went into the large hall and testified to
salvation and healing.

At Stockholm, long queues waited for hours to get in. The hall held 1,800 people. At nearly every meeting crowds were unable to enter the building, but they waited on, often hours and hours, for the chance, if any left the building to step into the place. Here a man with two crutches, his whole body shaking with palsy, is lifted onto the platform. (Behind him five or six hundred more are waiting for help.) This man is anointed and hands laid upon him in the Name of Jesus. He is still shaking. Then he drops one crutch, and after a short time the other one. His body is still shaking, but he takes the first step out IN FAITH. Will it be? He lifts one foot and then the other, walks round the platform. The onlookers rejoice with him. Now he walked around the auditorium. Hallelujah!

During this meeting a woman began to shout and shout. The preacher told her to be quiet, but instead she jumped up on a

chair, flourishing her arms about, and crying, "I am healed! I
am healed! I had cancer in my mouth, and I was unsaved; but
during the meeting, as I listened to the Word of God, the Lord
has saved me and healed me of cancer in my mouth." She
shouts again, "I am saved! I am saved! I am healed of cancer!"
She was quite beside herself. The people laughed and cried
together.
Here was another woman unable to walk, sitting on a chair as
she was ministered to. Her experience was the same as
hundreds of others. She rose up, looking around, wondering if
after all it was a dream. Suddenly she laughed and said, "My
leg is healed." Afterward she said, "I am not saved," and
streams of tears ran down her face. They prayed for her, and
later she left the meeting healed and saved and full of joy. We
have a wonderful Saviour; glory to His Holy Name!
Out of many many miracles in Norway, I quote two taken

from Pastor Barratt's paper, "Korsets Seir" (the Victory of the
Cross). A man and his son came in a taxi to the meeting. Both
had crutches. The father had been in bed two years and was
unable to put his leg to the ground. He was ministered to. He
dropped both crutches, walking and praising God. When the
son saw this he cried out, "Help me too," and after a little
while the father and son, without crutches and without taxi,
walked away from the hall together. That word again is
manifested; the same Jesus, the wonder-working Jesus is just
the same today.
Now Copenhagen, my homeland! During three weeks
thousands daily attended the meetings. Each morning two or
three hundred were ministered to for healing. Each evening
the platform was surrounded. Again and again, as each throng
retired another company came forward seeking salvation.

Here many were baptized in the Holy Ghost. The testimony
meetings were wonderful.
Now I will close with a vision a brother had who attended
these meetings. He was lost in intercession for the hundreds of
sick waiting to be ministered to for healing. He saw an
opening from the platform, where the sick were, right into the
glory. He saw wonderful beings in the form of men resting
who, with interest, looked on. Again he looked at the platform
and saw a heavenly Being clothed in white, who all the time
was more active than any other in helping the sick, and when
HE touched them the effect was wonderful. Bent forms were
made straight, their eyes shone, they began to glorify and
praise the Lord. A Voice said: "HEALINGS are the smallest
of the gifts; it is but a drop in the bucket in view of what God
has in store for His children. Ye shall do greater works than
these." -- Anna Lewini in "Confidence."

4:Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?

Read John 5:1-24

I believe the word of God is so powerful that it can transform any and every life. There is power in God's word to make that which does not appear to appear. There is executive power in the word that proceeds from His lips. The psalmist tells us, "He sent His word and healed them" (Ps. 107:20); and do you think that word has diminished in its power? I tell you nay, but God's word can bring things to pass today as of old.

The psalmist said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept Thy word." And again, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes" (Ps. 119:67,71). And if our afflictions will bring us to the place where we see that we cannot live by bread alone, but must partake of every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of

God, they will have served a blessed purpose. But I want you
to realize that there is a life of purity, a life made clean
through the word He has spoken, in which, through faith, you
can glorify God with a body that is free from sickness, as well
as with a spirit set free from the bondage of Satan.
Here they lay, a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind,
halt, withered, around the pool, waiting for the moving of the
water. Did Jesus heal everybody? He left many around that
pool unhealed. There were doubtless many who had their eyes
on the pool and who had no eyes for Jesus. There are many
today who have their confidence all the time in things seen. If
they would only get their eyes on God instead of on natural
things, how quickly they would be helped.
The question arises, Is salvation and healing for all? it is for
all who will press right in and get their portion. You
remember the case of that Syrophenician woman who wanted

the devil cast out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "Let the
children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's
bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." Note, healing, and
deliverance are here spoken of by the Master as "the children's
bread"; so, if you are a child of God, you can surely press in
for your portion.
The Syrophenician woman (Mark 7:24-30) purposed to get
from the Lord what she was after, and she said, "Yes, Lord:
yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."
Jesus was stirred as He saw the faith of this woman, and He
told her, "For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of
thy daughter." Today there are many children of God refusing
their blood-purchased portion of health in Christ and are
throwing it away, while sinners are pressing through and
picking it up from under the table, as it were, and are finding

the cure not only for their bodies, but for their spirits and
souls as well. The Syrophenician woman went home and
found that the devil had indeed gone out of her daughter.
Today there is bread, there is life, there is health for every
child of God through his all-powerful Word.
The Word can drive every disease away from your body. It is
your portion in Christ, Him who is our bread, our life, our
health, our all in all. And though you may be deep in sin, you
can come to Him in repentance, and he will forgive and
cleanse and will receive them. There is a promise in the last
verse in Joel, "I will cleanse their blood that I have not
cleansed." This is as much as to say He will provide new life
within. The life of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can so purify
men's hearts and minds that they become entirely transformed,
spirit, soul and body."
There they are round the pool; and this man had been there a

long time. His infirmity was of thirty-eight years standing.
Now and again an opportunity would come, as the angel
stirred the waters, but his heart would be made sick as he saw
another step in and be healed before him. But one day Jesus
was passing that way, and seeing him lying there in that sad
condition, enquired, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Jesus said it,
and His word is from everlasting to everlasting. This is His
word to you, poor, tried and tested one today. You may say,
like this poor impotent man, "I have missed every opportunity
up till now." Never mind about that -- *Wilt thou be made*
whole?
I visited a woman who had been suffering for many years. She
was all twisted up with theumatism and had been two years in
bed. I said to her, "What makes you lie here?" She said, "I;ve
come to the conclusion that I have a thorn in the flesh." I said,

"To what wonderful degree of righteousness have you attained
that you have to have a thorn in the flesh? Have you had such
an abundance of divine revelations that there is danger of your
being exalted above measure?" She said, "I believe it is the
Lord who is causing me to suffer." I said, "You believe it is
the Lord's will for you to suffer, and you are trying to get out
of it as quickly as you can. There are doctor's bottles all over
the place. Get out of your hiding-place and confess that you
are a sinner. If you'll get rid of your self-righteousness, God
will do something for you. Drop the idea that you are so holy
that God has got to afflict you. Sin is the cause of your
sickness and not righteousness. Disease is not caused by
righteousness, but by sin."
There is healing through the blood of Christ and deliverance
for every captive. God never intended His children to live in

misery because of some affliction that comes directly from the
devil. A perfect atonement was made at Calvary. I believe that
Jesus bore my sins, and I am free from them all. I am justified
from all things if I dare believe. He Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses; and if I dare believe, I can
be healed.
See this poor, helpless man at the pool. "Wilt thou be made
whole?" But there is a difficulty in the way. The man has one
eye on the pool and one eye on Jesus. There are many people
getting cross-eyed this way these days; they have one eye on
the doctor and one on Jesus. If you will only look to Christ
and put both your eyes on Him you can be made every whit
whole, spirit, soul and body. It is the word of the living God
that they that believe should be justified, made free from all
things. And whom the Son sets free is free indeed.You say,
"Oh, if I only could believe!" He understands. Jesus knew he

had been a long time in that case. He is full of compassion. He knows that kidney trouble, He knows those corns, He knows that neuralgia. There is nothing he does not know. He only wants a chance to show Himself merciful and gracious to you.

But He wants to encourage you to believe Him. If thou can't only believe, thou canasta be saved and healed. Dare to believe that Jesus was wounded for your transgressions, was bruised for your iniquities, was chastised that you might have peace, and that by His stripes there is healing for you right here and now. You have failed because you have not believed Him. Cry out to Him even now, "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."

I was in Long Beach, California one day, and with a friend, was passing a hotel. He told me of a doctor there who had a diseased leg; that he had been suffering from it for six years,

and could not get out. We went up to his room and found four
doctors there. I said, "Well, doctor, I see you have plenty on,
I'll call again another day." I was passing at another time, and
the Holy Spirit said, "Go join thyself to him." Poor doctor! He
surely was in a bad condition. He said, "I have been like this
for six years, and nothing human can help me." I said, "You
need God Almighty." People are trying to patch up their lives;
but you cannot do anything without God. I talked to him for
awhile about the Lord, and then prayed for him. I cried,
"Come out of him, in the name of Jesus." The doctor cried,
"It's all gone!"
At that meeting there was an old man helping his son to the
altar. He said, "He has fits--many every day." Then there was
a woman with a cancer. Oh, what sin has done! We read that,
when God brought forth His people from Egypt, "there was

not one feeble person among their tribes" (Ps. 105:37). No
disease! All healed by the power of God! I believe that God
wants a people like that today.
I prayed for the sister who had the cancer and she said, "I
know I'm free and that God has delivered me." Then they
brought the boy with the fits, and I commanded the evil spirits
to leave, in the name of Jesus. Then I prayed for the doctor. At
the next night's meeting the house was full. I called out,
"Now, doctor, what about the diabetes?" He said, "It has
gone." Then I said to the old man, "What about your son?" He
said, "He hasn't had any fits since." We have a God who
answers prayer.
Jesus meant this man at the pool to be a testimony forever.
When he had both eyes on Jesus, He said to him, "Do the
impossible thing. Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Jesus
called on the man with the withered hand to do the

impossible--to stretch forth his hand. The man did the
impossible thing--he stretched out his hand, and it was made
every whit whole. And so with this impotent man--he began
to rise, and he found the power of God moving within. He
wrapped up his bed and began to walk off. It was the Sabbath
day, and there were some of those folks around who think
much more of a day than they do of the Lord; and they began
to make a full. When the power of God is in manifestation, a
protest will always come from some hypocrites. Jesus knew
all about what the man was going through, and met him again;
and this time He said to him, "Behold, thou art made whole:
sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." Thee is a close relationship between sin and sickness. How
many know that their sickness is a direct result of sin? I hope
that no one will come to be prayed for who is living in sin.

But if you will obey God and repent of your sin and quit it,
God will meet you, and neither your sickness nor your sin will
remain. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord
shall rise Him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be
forgiven him."
Faith is just the open door through which the Lord comes. Do
not say, "I was healed by faith." Faith does not save. God
saves through that open door. Healing comes the same way.
You believe, and the healing comes the same way. You
believe, and the virtue of Christ comes. Healing is for the
glory of God. I am here because God healed me when I was
dying; and I have been all around the world preaching this full
redemption, doing all I can to bring the glory to the wonderful
name of Jesus, through whom I was healed.
"Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." The Lord
told us in one place about an evil spirit going out from a man.

The house that he left got all swept and garnished, but it
received no new occupant. And that evil spirit, with seven
other spirits more wicked than himself, went back to that
unoccupied house, and the last stage of the man was worse
than the first. The Lord does not heal you to go to a baseball
game or to a race meet. He heals you for His glory and that
from henceforth your life shall glorify Him. But this man
remained stationary. He did not magnify God. He did not seek
to be filled with the Spirit. And his last state became worse
than the first.
The Lord would so cleanse the motive and desires of our
hearts that we will seek but one thing only, and that is, His
glory. I went to a certain place one day and the Lord said,
"This is for My glory." A young man had been sick for a long
time confined to his bed in an utterly hopeless condition. He

was fed only with a spoon, and was never dressed. The
weather was damp, and so I said to the people of the house, "I
wish you would put the young man's clothes by the fire to
air." At first they would not take any notice of my request, but
because I was persistent, they at last got out his clothes, and,
when they were aired, I took them into his room. The Lord said to me, "You will have nothing to do with this;"
and I just lay out prostrate on the floor. The Lord showed me
that He was going to shake the place with His glory. The very
bed shook. I laid my hands on the young man in the name of
Jesus, and the power fell in such a way that I fell on my face
to the floor. In about a quarter of an hour the young man got
up and walked up and down praising God. He dressed himself
and then went out to the room where his father and mother
were. He said "God has healed me." Both the father and

mother fell prostate to the floor as the power of God surged
through that room. There was a woman in that house who had
been in an asylum for lunacy, and her condition was so bad
that they were about to take her back. But the power of God
healed her, too. The power of God is just the same today as of
old. Men need to be taken back to the old paths, to the oldtime
faith, to believe God's Word and every "Thus saith the
Lord" therein. The Spirit of the Lord is moving in these days.
God is coming forth. If you want to be in the rising tide, you
must accept all God has said.
"Wilt thou be made whole?" It is Jesus who asks it. Give Him
your answer. He will hear and He will answer.
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BLESSING IN AUSTRALIA

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The president of the Methodist Local Preachers' Association
testified to having been delivered from nervous trouble.
Mr. Solglush, a prominent business man, testified to
deliverance from an affliction in the feet since he was two
years old; now he is fifty-two. "Since I was prayed for in the
name of Jesus all pain is gone. No one has ever seen me do
this (stamping his feet). I have no use for my stick."
A lady said: "While sitting in my seat, listening to the Word,
God healed me of liver trouble, gall stones, and sciatica. He
has also touched my daughter who was suffering with her
feet, having been operated on twice; she had little hope of
being anything but an invalid; but the Lord operated. All pain
has gone. Praise the Lord."
Mr. Lewellyn, a Church of England "Reader," testified to
having been immediately healed of a stiff knee.
Mr. Barrett testified that Miss Witt, of Box Hill, who has been

22 years in an invalid chair, rose and walked after Mr.
Wigglesworth ministered unto her in the name of Jesus.
Another testified of having been healed the night before of
rheumatoid arthritis of four years standing, discarding crutch
and stick.
Mr. Johnstone of Sperm Vale, who had been deaf twenty
years, and his wife, who had sat in a wheelchair for six years,
were immediately healed. The empty chair was wheeled to the
railway station, the woman testifying to passersby of the great
things God had done for her.
Many were healed through the application of handkerchiefs.--
From the *Pentecostal Evangel.*

5:I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the
church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in
the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the

sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14,15).

We have in this precious word a real basis for the truth of healing. In this scripture God gives very definite instructions to the sick. If you are sick, your part is to call for the elders of the church; it is their part to anoint and pray for you in faith, and then the whole situation rests with the Lord. When you have been anointed and prayed for, you can rest assured that the Lord will raise you up. It is the word of God.

I believe that we all can see that the church cannot play with this business. If any turn away from these clear instructions they are in a place of tremendous danger. Those who refuse to obey, do so to their unspeakable loss.

James tells us in connection with this, "If any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his ways shall

save a soul from death." Many turn away from the Lord, as
did King Asa, who sought the physicians in his sickness and
consequently died; and I take it that this passage means that if
one induces another to turn back to the Lord, he will save
such from death and God will forgive a multitude of sins that
they have committed. This scripture can also have a large
application on the line of salvation. If you turn away from any
part of God's truth, the enemy will certainly get an advantage
over you.
Does the Lord meet those who look to Him for healing and
obey the instructions set forth in James? Most assuredly. Let
me tell you a story to show how He will undertake for the
most extreme case.
One day I had been visiting the sick, and was with a friend of
mine, an architect, when I saw a young man from his office
coming down the road in a car, and holding in his hand a

telegram. It contained a very urgent request that we go
immediately to pray for a man who was dying. We went off in
an auto as fast as possible and in about an hour and a half
reached a large house in the country where the man who was
dying resided. There were two staircases in that house, and it
was extremely convenient, for the doctors could go up and
down one, and my friend and I could go up and down the
other, and so we had no occasion to meet.
I found on arrival that it was a case of this sort. The man's
body had been broken, he was ruptured, and his bowels had
been punctured in two places. The discharge from the bowels
had formed abcesses, and blood poisoning had set in. The
man's face had turned green. Two doctors were in attendance,
but they saw that the case was beyond their power. They had
telegraphed to London for a great specialist, and, when we

arrived, they were at the railway station waiting his arrival.
The man was very near death and could not speak. I said to
his wife, "If you desire, we will anoint and pray for him." She
said, "That is why I sent for you." I anointed him in the name
of the Lord and asked the Lord to raise him up. Apparently
there was no change. (God often hides what He does. From
day to day we find that God is doing wonderful things, and we
receive reports of HEALINGS that have taken place that we
heard nothing about at the time of our meetings. Only last
night a woman came into the meeting suffering terribly. Her
whole arm was filled with poison, and her blood was so
poisoned that it was certain to bring her to her death. We
rebuked the thing, and she was here this morning and told us
that she was without pain and had slept all night, a thing she
had not done for two months. To God be all the praise. You

will find He will do this kind of thing all along.)
As soon as we anointed and prayed for this brother we went
down the back staircase and the three doctors came up the
front staircase. As we arrived downstairs, I said to my friend
who had come with me, "Friend let me have hold of your
hands." We held each other's hands, and I said to him, "Look
into my face and let us agree together, according to Matthew
18:19, that this man shall be brought out of this death." We
laid the whole matter before God, and said, "Father, we
believe."
Then the conflict began. The wife came down to us and said,
"The doctors have got all their instruments out and they are
about to operate." I cried, "What? Look here, he's your
husband, and I tell you this, if those men operate on him, he
will die. Go back and tell them you cannot allow it." She went
back to the doctors and said, "Give me ten minutes." They

said, "We can't afford to, the man is dying and it is your
husband's only chance." She said, "I want ten minutes, and
you don't touch his body until I have had them."
They went downstairs by one staircase and we went up by the
other. I said to the woman, "This man is your husband, and he
cannot speak for himself. It is now the time for you to put
your whole trust in god and prove Him wholly true. You can
save him from a thousand doctors. You must stand with God
and for God in this critical hour." After that, we came down
and the doctors went up. The wife faced those three doctors
and said, "You shan't touch this man's body. He is my
husband. I am sure that if you operate on him he will die, but
he will live if you don't touch him."
Suddenly the man in bed spoke. "God has done it," he said.
They rolled back the bed clothes and the doctors examined
him, and the abcesses were cut clear away. The nurse cleaned

the place where they had been. The doctors could see the
bowels still open and they said to the wife, "We know that
you have great faith, and we can see that a miracle has taken
place. But you must let us unite these broken parts and put in
silver tubes, and we know that your husband will be all right
after that, and it need not interfere with your faith at all." She
said to them, "God has done the first thing and He can do the
rest. No man shall touch him now." And God healed the
whole thing. And that man is well and strong today. I can give
his name and address to any who want it.
Do you ask by what power this was done? I would answer in
the words of Peter, "His name, *through faith in His name,*
made this man strong." The anointing was done *in the name*
of the Lord. And it is written, "*The LORD shall raise him*
up." And He provides the double cure; even if sin has been the

cause of the sickness, His Word declares, "If he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven."

You ask, "What is faith?" Faith is the principle of the Word of God. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Word, is called the Spirit of Truth, and, as we receive with meekness the engrafted Word, faith springs in our heart--faith in the sacrifice of Calvary; faith in the shed blood of Jesus; faith in the fact that He took our weakness upon Himself, has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains, and that He is our life today.

God has chosen us to help one another. We dare not be independent. He brings us to a place where we submit ourselves to one another. If we refuse to do this, we get away from the Word of God and out of the place of faith. I have been in this place once and I trust I shall never be there again.

I went one time to a meeting. I was very, very sick, and I got

worse and worse. I knew the perfect will of God was for me to
humble myself and ask the elders to pray for me. I put it off
and the meeting finished. I went home without being anointed
and prayed with, and everyone in the house caught the thing I
was suffering with.
My boys did not know anything else but to trust the Lord as
the family Physician, and my youngest boy, George, cried out
from the attic, "Daddy, come." I cried, "I cannot come. The
whole thing is from me. I shall have to repent and ask the
Lord to forgive me." I made up my mind to humble myself
before the whole church. Then I rushed to the attic and laid
my hands on my boy in the name of Jesus. I placed my hands
on his head and the pain left and went lower down; he cried
again, "Put your hands still lower." At last the pain went right
down to the feet and as I placed my hand on the feet he was

completely delivered. Some evil power had evidently gotten
hold and as I laid my hands on the different parts of the body
it left. (We have to see the difference between anointing the
sick and casting out demons." God will always be gracious
when we humble ourselves before Him and come to a place of
brokenness of spirit.
I was at a place one time ministering to a sick woman, and she
said, "I'm very sick. I become all right for an hour, and then I
have another attack." I saw that it was an evil power that was
attacking her, and I learned something in that hour that I had
never learned before. As I moved my hand down her body in
the name of the Lord that evil power seemed to move just
ahead of my hands and as I moved them down further and
further the evil power went right out of her body and never
returned.
I was in Have in France and the power of God was being

mightily manifested. A Greek named Felix attended the
meeting and became very zealous for God. He was very
anxious to get all the Catholics he could to the meeting in
order that they should see that God was graciously visiting
France. He found a certain bed-ridden woman who was fixed
in a certain position and could not move, and he told her about
the Lord healing at the meetings and that he would get me to
come if she wished. She said, "My husband is a Catholic and
he would never allow anyone who was not a Catholic to see
me."
She asked her husband to allow me to come and told him what
Felix had told her about the power of God working in our
midst. He said, "I will have no Protestant enter my house."
She said, "You know the doctors cannot help me, and the
priests cannot help, won't you let this man of God pray for

me?" He finally consented and I went to the house. The
simplicity of this woman and her child-like faith were
beautiful to see.
I showed her my oil bottle and said to her, "Here is oil. It is a
symbol of the Holy Ghost. When that comes upon you, the
Holy Ghost will begin to work, and the Lord will raise you
up." And God did something the moment the oil fell upon her.
I looked toward the window and I saw Jesus. (I have seen
Him often. There is no painting that is a bit like Him: no artist
can ever depict the beauty of my lovely Lord.) The woman
felt the power of God in her body and cried, "I'm free, my
hands are free, my shoulders are free, and oh, I see Jesus! I'm
free! I'm free!
The vision vanished and the woman sat up in bed. Her legs
were still bound, and I said to her, "I'll put my hands over
your legs and you will be free entirely." And as I put my

hands on those legs covered with bed clothes, I looked and
saw the Lord again. She saw Him too and cried, "He's there
again. I'm free! I'm free!" She rose from her bed and walked
round the room praising God, and we were all in tears as we
saw His wonderful works. The Lord shall raise them up when
conditions are met.
When I was a young man I always loved the fellowship of old
men, and was always careful to hear what they had to say. I
had a friend, an old Baptist minister who was a wonderful
preacher. I spent much of my time with him. One day he came
to me and said, "My wife is dying." I said, "Brother Clark,
why don't you believe God? God can raise her up if you will
only believe Him." He asked me to come to his house, and I
looked for someone to go with me.
I went to a certain rich man who was very zealous for God,
and spent much money in opening up rescue missions, and I

asked him to go with me. He said, "Never you mind me. You
go yourself, but I don't take to this kind of business." Then I
thought of a man who could pray by the hour. When he was
on his knees he could go round the world three times and
come out at the same place. I asked him to go with me and
said to him, "You'll have a real chance this time. Keep at it,
and quit when you're through." (Some go on after they are
through.)
Brother Nichols, for that was his name, went with me and
started praying. He asked the Lord to comfort the husband in
his great bereavement and prayed for the orphans and a lot
more on this line. I cried, "O my God, stop this man." But
there was no stopping him and he went on praying and there
was not a particle of faith in anything he uttered. He did stop
at last, and I said, "Brother Clark, it's now your turn to pray.

He started, "Lord, answer the prayer of my brother and
comfort me in this great bereavement and sorrow. Prepare me
to face this great trial." I cried out, "My God, stop this man."
The whole atmosphere was being charged with unbelief.
I had a glass bottle full of oil and I went up to the woman and
poured the whole lot on her in the name of Jesus. Suddenly
Jesus appeared, standing at the foot of the bed. He smiled and
vanished. The woman stood up, perfectly healed, and she is a
strong woman today.
We have a big God. We have a wonderful Jesus. We have a
glorious Comforter. God's canopy is over you and will cover
you at all times, preserving you from evil. Under His wings
shalt thou trust. The Word of God is living and powerful and
in its treasures you will find eternal life. If you dare trust this
wonderful Lord, this Lord of life, you will find in Him
everything you need.

So many are tampering with drugs, quacks, pills and plasters.
Clear them all out and believe God. It is sufficient to believe
God. You will find that if you dare trust Him, He will never
fail. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the LORD
shall raise him up." Do you trust Him? He is worthy to be
trusted.
I was one time asked to go to Weston-super-mare, a seaside
resort in the West of England. I learned from a telegram that a
man has lost his reason and had become a raving maniac, and
they wanted me to go to pray for him. I arrived at the place,
and the wife said to me, "Will you sleep with my husband?" I
agreed, and in the middle of the night an evil power laid hold
of him. It was awful. I put my hand on his head and his hair
was like a lot of sticks. God gave deliverance--a temporary
deliverance. At 6 o'clock the next morning, I felt that is was

necessary that I should get out of the house for a short time.
The man saw me going and cried out, "If you leave me, there
is no hope." But I felt that I had to go. As I went out I saw a
woman with a Salvation Army bonnet on and I knew that she
was going to their 7 o'clock prayer meeting. I said to the
Captain who was in charge of the meeting, when I saw he was
about to give a hymn, "Captain, don't sing. Let's get to
prayer." He agreed, and I prayed my heart out, and then I
grabbed my hat and rushed out of the hall. They all thought
they had a madman in their prayer meeting that morning.
I saw the man I had spent the night with, rushing down toward
the sea, without a particle of clothing on, about to drown
himself. I cried, "In the name of Jesus, come out of him!" The
man fell full length on the ground and that evil power went
out of him never to return. His wife came rushing after him,

and the husband was restored to her in a perfect mental
condition.
There are evil powers, but Jesus is greater than all evil
powers. There are tremendous diseases, but Jesus is healer.
There is no case too hard for Him. The Lion of Judah shall
break every chain. He came to relieve the oppressed and to set
the captive free. He came to bring redemption, to make us as
perfect as man was before the fall.
People want to know how to be kept by the power of God.
Every position of grace into which you are led--forgiveness,
healing, deliverance of any kind--will be contested by Satan.
He will contend for your body. When you are saved, Satan
will come round and say, "See, you are not saved." The devil
is a liar. If he says you are not saved, it is a sure sign that you
are.
You will remember the story of the man who was swept and

garnished. The evil power had been swept out of him. But the
man remained in a stationary position. If the Lord heals you,
you dare not remain in a stationary position. The evil spirit
came back to that man and found the house swept, and took
seven others worse than himself, and the last state of that man
was worse than the first. Be sure to get filled with God. Get
the Occupier. Be filled with the Spirit.
God has a million ways of undertaking for those who go to
Him for help. He has deliverance for every captive. He loves
you so much that He even says, "Before they call, I will
answer." Don't turn Him away.
"I slipped and fell on Broadway, San Diego, in February,
1921, and as was afterwards discovered, fractured the coccyx
(the base of the spine), and so severely wrenched the hips and
pelvic bones that I became a great sufferer. As the broken
bone was not discovered and set until about two months after

the accident, the constant pain and irritation caused a general
inflammation of the nervous system, and the long delay in
getting the bone set made it impossible to heal, so that my
condition steadily grew worse, and I was taken to the hospital
and the bone was removed about a month after it had been set.
Though the wound healed rapidly, the nervous inflammation
remained, and so for many months longer I was in constant
pain and unable to get around without assistance. I was taken
to the first service held by Mr. Wigglesworth on the 2nd of
October, 1922. At the close of the service all those who were
sick and in pain and had come for healing were requested to
rise if possible. My husband assisted me to my feet, and as
those were prayed for by the speaker I was instantly healed.
How I do not know. I only know the Great Physician touched
my body and I was made whole, and freed from pain.

"After I got home I showed how I could sit down and rise
with my hands above my head; when before it had taken both
hands to push up my feeble body, and I had to have straps on
my bed to pull up by. No more use for them now! I lay down
and turned over for the first time without pain. I shall never
cease to praise God for the healing of my body through the
precious blood of Jesus and in His name. I walked to the street
car alone the next day and attended the next service and have
been "on the go" ever since. Can give names of friends who
can substantiate all I have written. To Jesus be all the praise
and glory."--Mrs. Sanders, 4051 Bay View Court, San Diego,
California.

6:Himself Took Our Infirmities

Bible Reading, Matt. 8:1-17.
Here we have a wonderful word. All the Word is wonderful.

This blessed Book brings such life and health and peace, and
such an abundance that we should never be poor any more.
This Book is my heavenly bank. I find everything I want in it.
I want to show you how rich you may be, that in everything
you can be enriched in Christ Jesus. He has abundance of
grace for you and the gift of righteousness, and through His
abundant grace all things are possible. I want to show you that
you can be a living branch of the living Vine, Christ Jesus,
and that it is your privilege to be right here in this world what
He is. John tells us, "As He is, so are we in this world." Not
that we are anything in ourselves, but Christ within us is our
all in all.
The Lord Jesus is always wanting to show forth His grace and
love in order to draw us to Himself. God is willing to do
things, to manifest His Word, and let us know in measure the

mind of our God in this day and hour. There are many needy
ones, many afflicted ones, but I do not think any present are
half as bad as this first case that we read of in Matthew 8. This
man was a leper. You may be suffering with consumption or
cancers or other things, but God will show forth His perfect
cleansing, His perfect healing, if you have a living faith in
Christ. He is a wonderful Jesus.
This leper must have been told about Jesus. How much is
missed because people are not constantly telling what Jesus
will do in this our day. Probably someone had come to that
leper and said, "Jesus can heal you." And so he was filled with
expectation as he saw the Lord coming down the mountain
side. Lepers were not allowed to come within reach of people,
they were shut out as unclean. And so in the ordinary way it
would have been very difficult for him to get hear because of

the crowd that surrounded Jesus. But as He came down from
the mount He met this poor leper. Oh, this terrible disease!
There was no help for him human speaking, but nothing is too
hard for Jesus. The man cried, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst
make me clean." Was Jesus willing? You will never find Jesus
missing an opportunity of doing good. You will find that He is
always more willing to work than we are to give Him an
opportunity to work. The trouble is we do not come to Him,
we do not ask Him for what He is more than willing to give.
And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, "I
will; be thou clean." And immediately his leprosy was
cleansed. I like that. If you are definite with Him you will
never go away disappointed. The divine life will flow into you
and instantaneously you will be delivered. This Jesus is just
the same today, and He says to you, "I will; be thou clean."

He has an overflowing cup for thee, a fullness of life. He will
meet you in your absolute helplessness. All things are possible
if you will only believe. God has a real plan. It is so simple.
Just come to Jesus. You will find Him just the same as He was
in days of old.
The next case we have in this chapter is that of the centurion
coming and beseeching Jesus on behalf of his servant who
was sick of the palsy and grievously tormented. This man was
so in earnest that he came seeking for Jesus. Notice this, that
there is one thing certain, there is no such thing as seeking
without finding. He that seeketh findeth. Listen to the
gracious words of Jesus, "I will come and heal him.." Most
places that we go to there are so many people that we cannot
pray for. In some places there are 200 or 300 who would like
us to visit them, but we are not able to do so. But I am so glad

that the Lord Jesus is always willing to come and heal. He
longs to meet the sick ones. He loves to heal them of their
afflictions. The Lord is healing many people today by means
of handkerchiefs as you read that He healed people in the days
of Paul. You can read this in Acts 19:12.
A woman came to me in the city of Liverpool and said, "I
would like you to help me. I wish you would join with me in
prayer. My husband is a drunkard and every night comes into
the home under the influence of drink. Won't you join me in
prayer for him?" I said to the woman, "Have you a
handkerchief?" She took out a handkerchief and I prayed over
it and told her to lay it on the pillow of the drunken man. He
came home that night and laid his head on the pillow in which
this handkerchief was tucked. He laid his head on more than
the pillow that night. He laid his head on the promise of God.
In Mark 11:24, we read, "What things soever ye desire when

ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."
The next morning the man got up and called at the first saloon
that he had to pass on his way to work and ordered some beer.
He tasted it and said to the bartender, "You have put some
poison in this beer." He could not drink it, and went on to the
next saloon and ordered some more beer. He tasted it and said
to the man behind the counter, "You put some poison in this
beer, I believe you folks have agreed to poison me." The
bartender was indignant at being thus charged. The man said,
"I will go somewhere else." He went to another saloon and the
same thing happened as in the two previous saloons. He made
such a fuss that they turned him out. After he came out from
work he went to another saloon to get some beer, and again he
thought he had been poisoned and he made so much
disturbance that he was thrown out. He went to his home and

told his wife what had happened and said, "It seems as though
all the fellows have agreed to poison me." His wife said to
him, "Can't you see the hand of the Lord in this, that He is
making you dislike the stuff that has been your ruin?" This
word brought conviction to the man's heart and he came to the
meeting and got saved. The Lord has still power to set the
captives free.
When I was in Australia a lady came to me who was much
troubled about her son who was so lazy. I prayed over a
handkerchief which was placed on the boy's pillow. He slept
that night on the handkerchief and the next morning he got up
and went out and secured a position and went to work. Oh,
praise the Lord, you can't shut God out, but if you will only
believe He will shut the devil out.
Jesus was willing to go and heal the sick one but the centurion
said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under

my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be
healed." Jesus was delighted with this expression and said to
the man, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done
unto thee." And his servant was healed the self-same hour.
When I was in Australia a man came up to me. He was
leaning on a big stick and said, "I would like you to help me.
It will take you half an hour to pray for me." I said, "Believe
God and in one moment you will be whole." His faith was
quickened to receive an immediate healing and he went away
glorifying God for a miraculous healing. The word of the
Lord is sufficient today. If you will dare to believe God's
Word you will see a performance of His Word that will be
truly wonderful. Here we have with the centurion an audacity
of faith, a faith that did not limit God. Failures come when we
limit the Holy One of Israel. I want to encourage you to a

living faith to believe God's Word.
The next healing we read of here is the healing of Peter's
wife's mother who was sick of a fever. Luke tells us that Jesus
rebuked the fever. The fever could hear. The moment it could
hear it went. Jesus had a new method. Today there are a lot of
folks who try to sweat out a fever. You can't sweat the devil
out. He can stand all the heat that you can apply to him. But if
thou canst believe, deliverance is as sure and certain for you
as it was for Peter's wife's mother.
I received a telegram once urging me to visit a case about 200
miles from my home. As I went to this place I met the father
and mother and found them broken hearted. They lead me up
a staircase to a room and I saw a young woman on the floor
and five people were holding her down. She was a frail young
woman but the power in her was greater than all those young
men. As I went into the room the evil powers looked out of

her eyes and they used her lips saying, "We are many, you
can't cast us out." I said, "Jesus can." He is equal to every
occasion. He is waiting for an opportunity to bless. He is
ready for every opportunity to deliver souls. When we receive
Jesus it is true of us, "Greater is He that is in you than he that
is in the world." He is greater than all the powers of darkness.
No man can meet the devil in his own strength, but any man
filled with the knowledge of Jesus, filled with His presence,
filled with His power, is more than a match for the powers of
darkness. God has called us to be more than conquerors
through Him that loved us.
The living Word is able to destroy satanic forces. There is
power in the name of Jesus. I would that every window in the
street had the name of Jesus written large upon it. His name,
through faith in His name brought deliverance to this poor,

bound soul, and thirty-seven demons came out giving their
names as they came forth. The dear woman was completely
delivered and they were able to give her back her child. That
night there was heaven in that home and the father and mother
and son and his wife were all united in glorifying Christ for
His infinite grace. The next morning we had a gracious time
in the breaking of bread. All things are wonderful with our
wonderful Jesus. If you would dare rest your all upon Him,
things would take place and He would change the whole
situation. In a moment, through the name of Jesus, a new
order of things can be brought in.
In the world they are always having new diseases and the
doctors cannot locate them. A doctor said to me, "The science
of medicine is in its infancy, and really we doctors have no
confidence in our medicine. We are always experimenting."

But the man of God does not experiment. He knows, or ought to know, redemption in its fullness. He knows, or ought to know, the mightiness of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not, or should not be, moved by our outward observation, but should get divine revelation of the mightiness of the name of Jesus and the power of His blood. If we exercise our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ He will come forth and get glory over all the powers of darkness.

At eventide they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils; and He cast out the spirits with His word and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." The work is done if you only believe it. It is done. Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. If you can only see the Lamb of God as

He went to Calvary! He took our flesh that He might take
upon Himself the full burden of all our sin and all the
consequences of sin. There on the cross God laid upon Him
the iniquities of us all. There on the cross of Calvary the
results of sin were also dealt with. "As the children are
partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself took part of the
same; that through death he might destroy him that had the
power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who
through fear of death were all their life time subject to
bondage." Through His death there is deliverance for you
today.

HUSBAND HEALED OF DOUBLE RUPTURE AND

OTHER ILLS

One year ago my husband was instantly healed of double
rupture of 3 years' standing, dropsy (2 years), a weak heart,

and tobacco chewing (47 years), and praise the Lord, it
was *all* taken away when the shock from heaven's battery
went through him. Nine weeks ago today we went to Portland,
Oregon, to hear Brother Smith Wigglesworth, and my
husband was healed instantly of heavy blood-pressure and
varicose veins which had broken in his ankles and for a year
had to be dressed twice a day. No doctor could help him, but
praise God, Jesus was the doctor and healed him. Should
anyone wish to write me, I shall be glad to hear from them
and will answer all letters.--Mrs. Frank Nephews, 202 E. 1st
St., Newberg, OR.

7:Our Risen Christ

Read the fourth chapter of Acts.
Today we praise God for the fact that our glorious Jesus is the
risen Christ. Those of us who have tasted the power of the

indwelling Spirit know something of the manner in which the
hearts of those two disciples burned as they walked to
Emmaus with their risen Lord as their companion.
Note the words of verse 30, "And when they had prayed, the
place was shaken." There are many kinds of prayer that you
read of here. A church that does not know how to pray and to
shout will never be shaken. If you live in a place like that you
may as well write "Ichabod--the glory of the Lord has
departed"--over the threshold. It is only when men have
learned the secret of prayer, of power, and of praise, that God
comes forth. Some people say, "Well, I praise God inwardly,"
but if there is an abundance of praise in your heart, your
mouth cannot help speaking it.
There was a man who had a large business in London who
was a great church-goer. The church he attended was
beautifully decorated, and his pew was delightfully

cushioned- -just about enough to make it easy to sleep through
the sermons. He was a prosperous man in business, but he had
no peace in his heart. But there was a boy at his business who
always looked happy. He was always jumping and whistling.
One day he said to this boy, "I want to see you in my office."
When the boy was in his office he asked him, "How is it that
you can always whistle and be happy?" "I cannot help it,"
answered the boy. "Where did you get it?" asked the master.
"I got it at the Pentecostal mission." "Where is that?" The boy
told him, and the next thing was, that the man was attending.
The Lord broke him up there, and in a short while he was
entirely changed. One day, shortly after this, he found that,
instead of being distracted by his business as he formerly had
been, he was actually whistling and jumping. His whole
position and his whole life had been changed.

The shout cannot come out unless it is in. There must first be
the inner working of the power of God. It is He who changes
the heart, and transforms the life, and before there is any real
outward evidence there must be the inflow of divine life.
Sometimes I say to people, "You weren't at meeting the other
night." They reply, "Oh yes, I was there in spirit." I say to
them, "Well, come next time with your body also. We don't
want a lot of spirit here and no bodies. We want you to come
and get filled with God." When all the people will come and
pray and praise as did these early disciples there will be
something doing. People who come will catch fire and they
will want to come again. But they will have no use for a place
where everything has become formal, dry, and dead.
The power of Pentecost as it came at first came to loose men.
God wants us free on every line. Men and women are tired of

imitations; they want reality; they want to see people who
have the living Christ within, and are filled with Holy Ghost
power.
I received several letters and telegrams about a certain case,
but when I arrived I was told I was too late. I said, "That
cannot be. God has never sent me too late anywhere." God
showed me when I went that something different would
happen to anything I had seen previously. The people I went
to were all strangers. I was introduced to a young man who
lay helpless, and for whom there was no hope. The doctor had
been to see him that morning and had declared that he would
not live through the day. He lay with his face to the wall, and
when I spoke to him he whispered, "I cannot turn over." His
mother said that they had had to lift him out of bed on sheets
for weeks, and that he was so weak and helpless that he had to
stay in one position.

The young man said, "My heart is very weak." I assured him,
"God is the strength of the heart and thy portion forever. If
you will believe God, it shall be so today."
Our Christ is risen. He is a living Christ who indwells us. We
must not have this truth merely as a theory, Christ must be
risen in us by the power of the Spirit. The power that raised
Him from the dead must animate us, and as this glorious
resurrection power surges through your being, you will be
freed from all your weaknesses and you will become strong in
the Lord and in the power of His might. There is a
resurrection power that God wants you to have and to have it
today. Why not? Receive your portion here and now.
I said to these people, "I believe your son will rise today."
They only laughed. People do not expect to see signs and
wonders today as the disciples saw them of old. Has God
changed? Or has our faith waned so that we are not expecting

the greater works that Jesus promised? We must not harp on
any minor key. Our message must rise to concert pitch, and
there must be nothing left out of it that is in the Book.
It was winter time, and I said to the parents, "Will you get the
boy's suit and bring it here?" They would not listen to the
request, for they were expecting the boy to die. But I had gone
to that place believing God. In Romans 4:17, we read of
Abraham, "(I have made thee a father of many nations,)
before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the
dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they
were." God help us to understand this. It is time people knew
how to shout in faith as they contemplate the eternal power of
our God to whom it is nothing to quicken and raise the dead. I
come across some who would be giants in the power of God
but they have no shout of faith. I find everywhere people who

go down even when they are praying simply because they are
just breathing sentences without uttering speech, and you
cannot get victory that way. You must learn to take the victory
and shout in the face of the devil. "It is done!" There is no
man who can doubt if he learns to shout. When we know how
to shout properly, things will be different, and tremendous
things will happen. In verse 24 we read, "They lifted up their
voice with one accord." It surely must have been a loud
prayer. We must know that God means us to have life. If there
is anything in the world that has life in it, it is this Pentecostal
revival we are in. I believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost
with the speaking of tongues, and I believe that every man
who is baptized in the Holy Ghost will speak in other tongues
as the Spirit gives him utterance. I believe in the Holy Ghost.
And if you are filled with the Spirit you will be

superabounding in life-- living waters will flow from you.
At last I persuaded the parents to bring the boy's clothes and lay them on the bed. From the natural viewpoint, the young man lay dying. I spoke to the afflicted one, "God has revealed to me that, as I lay my hands upon you, the place will be filled with the Holy Ghost, the bed will be shaken, you will be shaken and thrown out of bed by the power of the Holy Ghost, you will dress yourself and be strong." I said this to him in faith. I laid hands on him in the name of Jesus and instantly the power of God fell and filled the place. I felt helpless and fell flat on the floor. I knew nothing except that a short while after the place was shaken, I heard the young man walking over me and saying, "For Thy glory, Lord! For Thy glory, Lord!"
He dressed himself and cried, "God has healed me." The

father fell, the mother fell, and another who was present fell
also. God manifested His power that day in saving the whole
household and healing the young man. It is the power of the
risen Christ we need. That young man is today preaching the
gospel.
For years we have been longing for God to come forth, and,
praise Him, He is coming forth. The tide is rising everywhere.
I was in Switzerland not long ago, preaching in many places
where the Pentecostal message had not been heard, and today
there are nine new Pentecostal assemblies in different places
going on blessedly for God. All over the world it is the same,
this great Pentecostal work is in motion. You can hardly get to
a place now where God is not pouring out His Spirit on
hungry hearts. God has promised to pour out His Spirit upon
all flesh, and His promises never fail. Our Christ is risen. His

salvation was not a thing done in a corner. Truly He was a
man of glory who went to Calvary for us, in order that He
might free us from all that would mar and hinder, that He
might transform us by His grace, and bring us out from under
the power of Satan into the glorious power of God. One touch
of our risen Christ will raise the dead. Hallelujah!
Oh, this wonderful Jesus of ours! He comes and indwells us.
He comes to abide. He it is who baptizes us with the Holy
Ghost, and makes everything different. We are to be a kind of
firstfruits unto Food and are to be like Christ who is *the* firstfruit, walking in His footsteps, living in His power.
What a salvation this is, having this risen Christ in us. I feel
that everything else must go to nothingness, helplessness and
ruin. Every thought of advantage for ourselves must be on the
decrease in order that Christ may increase, that we may live in
another state, where all things are under the power of the

Spirit.
Dare you take your inheritance from God? Dare you believe
God? Dare you stand on the record of His Word? What is the
record? If thou shalt believe thou shalt see the glory of God.
You will be sifted as wheat. You will be tried as though some
strange thing tried you. You will be put in places where you
will have to put your whole trust in God. There is no such
thing as anyone being tried beyond what God will allow.
There is no temptation that will come, but that God will be
with you right in the temptation to deliver you, and when you
have been tried, He will bring you forth as gold. Every trial is
to bring you to a greater position in God. The trial that tries
your faith will take you on to the place where you will know
the the faith of God will be forthcoming in the next test. No
man is able to win any victory save through the power of the

risen Christ within him. You will never be able to say, "I did this or that." You will desire to give God the glory for everything.

If you are sure of your ground, if you are counting on the presence of the living Christ within, you can laugh when you see things getting worse. God would have you settled and grounded in Christ, and it is only as you are filled with the Holy Ghost that you become steadfast and unmovable in Him.

The Lord Jesus said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." He was assuredly straitened in the way, at Gethsemane, at the judgment hall, and, after that, at the cross, where He, through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God. God will take us right on in like manner, and the Holy Spirit will lead every step of the way. God led him right through to the

empty tomb, to the ascension glory, to a place on the throne;
and the Son of God will never be satisfied until He has us
with Himself, sharing His glory and sharing His throne.

8:Righteousness

It is written of our blessed Lord, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy
God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy
fellows." It is the purpose of God that we, as we are indwelt
by the Spirit of His Son, should likewise love righteousness
and hate iniquity. I see that there is a place for us in Christ
Jesus where we are no longer under condemnation but where
the heavens are always open to us. I see that God has a realm
of divine life opening up to us where there are boundless
possibilities, where there is limitless power, where there are
untold resources, where we have victory over all the power of

the devil. I believe that, as we are filled with the desire to
press on into this life of true holiness, desiring only the glory
of God, there is nothing that can hinder our true advancement.
Peter commences his second epistle with these words, "Simon
Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that
have obtained like precious faith with us through the
righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." It is
through faith that we realize that we have a blessed and
glorious union with our risen Lord. When He was on earth
Jesus told us, "I am in the Father and the Father in me." "The
Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." And He
prayed to His Father, not only for His disciples but for those
who should believe on Him through their word, "That they all
may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that
they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that

Thou hast sent Me." Oh what an inheritance is ours when the
very nature, the very righteousness, the very power of the
Father and the Son are made real in us. That is God's purpose,
and as we by faith lay hold on the purpose we shall be ever
conscious of the fact that greater is He that is in us than he
that is in the world. The purpose of all Scripture is to move us
on to this wonderful and blessed elevation of faith where our
constant experience is the manifestation of God's life and
power through us.
Peter goes on writing to these who have obtained like precious
faith, saying, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you
through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." We
can have the multiplication of this grace and peace only as we
live in the realm of faith. Abraham attained to the place where
he became a friend of God, on no other line than that of

believing God. He believed God and God counted that to him
for righteousness. Righteousness was imputed to him on no
other ground than that he believed God. Can this be true of
anybody else? Yes, every person in the whole wide world
who is saved by faith is blessed with faithful Abraham. The
promise which came to him because he believed God was that
in Him all the families of the earth should be blessed. When
we believe God there is no knowing where the blessing of our
faith will end.
Some are tied up because, when they are prayed for, the thing
that they are expecting does not come off the same night.
They say they believe, but you can see that they are really in
turmoil of unbelief. Abraham believed God. You can hear him
saying to Sarah, "Sarah, there is no life in you and there is
nothing in me, but God has promised us a son and I believe

God." And that kind of faith is a joy to our Father in heaven.
One day I was having a meeting in Bury, in Lancashire,
England. A young woman was present who came from a place
called Ramsbottom, to be healed of goiter. Before she came,
she said, "I am going to be healed of this goiter, mother."
After one meeting she came forward and was prayed for. The
next meeting she got up and testified that she had been
wonderfully healed, and she said, "I shall be so happy to go
and tell mother that I have been wonderfully healed." She
went to her home and testified how wonderfully she had been
healed, and the next year when we were having the
convention she came again. To the natural view it looked as
though the goiter was just as big as ever; but that young
woman was believing God and she was soon on her feet
giving her testimony, and saying, "I was here last year and the

Lord wonderfully healed me. I want to tell you that this has
been the best year of my life." She seemed to be greatly
blessed in that meeting and she went home to testify more
strongly than ever that the Lord had healed her. She believed
God. The third year she was at the meeting again, and some
people who looked at her said, "How big that goiter has
become." But when the time came for testimony she was up
on her feet and testified. "Two years ago the Lord graciously
healed me of goiter. Oh I had a most wonderful healing. It is
grand to be healed by the power of God." That day someone
remonstrated with her and said, "People will think there is
something the matter with you. Why don't you look in the
glass? You will see that your goiter is bigger than ever." That
good woman went to the Lord about it and said, "Lord, you so
wonderfully healed me two years ago. Won't you show all the

people that you healed me." She went to sleep peacefully that night still believing God and when she came down the next day there was not a trace or a mark of that goiter.

God's word is from everlasting to everlasting. His word cannot fail. God's word is true and when we rest in the fact of its truth what mighty results we can get. Faith never looks in the glass. Faith has a glass into which it can look. It is the glass of the perfect law of liberty. "Who so looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." To the man who looks into this perfect law of God all darkness is removed and he sees his completeness in Christ. There is no darkness in faith. There is only darkness in nature. Darkness only exists when the natural is put in the place of the divine.

Not only is grace multiplied to us through knowledge of god

and of Jesus Christ, but peace also. As we really know our
God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, we will have peace
multiplied to us even in the multiplied fires of ten thousand
Nebuchadnezzars. It will be multiplied to us even though we
are put into the den of lions, and we will live with joy in the
midst of the whole thing. What was the difference between
Daniel and the king that night when Daniel was put into the
den of lions? Daniel knew, but the king was experimenting.
The king came around the next morning and cried, "Oh
Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou
servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?"
Daniel answered, "My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut
the lions' mouths." The thing was done. It was done when
Daniel prayed with his windows open toward heaven. All our
victories are won before we go into the fight. Prayer links us

on to our lovely God, our abounding God, our multiplying
God. Oh I love Him! He is so wonderful!
You will note, as you read these first two verses of the first
chapter of the second epistle of Peter, that this grace and
peace is multiplied through the knowledge of God, but that
first our faith comes through the righteousness of God. Note
that righteousness comes first and knowledge afterwards. It
cannot be otherwise. If you expect any revelation of God apart
from holiness you will have only a mixture. Holiness opens
the door to all the treasures of God. He must first bring us to
the place where we, like our Lord, love righteousness and hate
iniquity, before He opens up to us these good treasures. When
we regard iniquity in our hearts the Lord will not hear us, and
it is only as we are made righteous and pure and holy through
the precious blood of God's Son that we can enter into this life
of holiness and righteousness in the Son. It is the

righteousness of our Lord Himself made real in us as our faith
is stayed in Him.
After I was baptized with the Holy Ghost the Lord gave me a
blessed revelation. I saw Adam and Eve turned out of the
garden for their disobedience and unable to partake of the tree
of life, for the cherubim with flaming sword kept them away
from this tree. When I was baptized I saw that I had begun to
eat of this tree of life and I saw that the flaming sword was all
round about. It was there to keep the devil away. Oh, what
privileges are ours when we are born of God. How marvelously He keeps us so that the wicked one touches us
not. I see a place in God where Satan dare not come. Hidden
in God. And He invites us all to come and share this wonderful hidden place where our lives are hid with Christ in
God, where we dwell in the secret place of the Most High and
abide under the shadow of the Almighty. God has this place
for you in this blessed realm of grace.

Peter goes on to say, "According as His divine power hath
given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,
through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and
virtue." God is calling us to this realm of glory and virtue
where, as we feed on His exceeding great and precious
promises, we are made partakers of the divine nature. Faith is
the substance of things hoped for right here in this life. It is
right here that God would have us partake of His divine
nature. It is nothing less than the life of the Lord Himself
imparted and flowing into our whole beings, so that our very
body is quickened, so that every tissue and every drop of
blood and our bones and joints and marrow receive this divine
life. I believe that the Lord wants this divine life to flow right
into our natural bodies, this law of the spirit of life in Christ
Jesus that makes us free from the law of sin and death. God

wants to establish our faith so that we shall lay hold on this
divine life, this divine nature of the Son of God, so that our
spirit and soul and body will be sanctified wholly and
preserved unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
When that woman was healed of the issue of blood, Jesus
perceived that power had gone out of Him. The woman's faith
laid hold and this power was imparted and immediately the
woman's being was surcharged with life and her weakness
departed. The impartation of this power produces everything
you need; but it comes only as our faith moves out for its
impartation. Faith is the victory. If thou canst believe, it is
thine.
I suffered for many years from piles, till my whole body was
thoroughly weak; the blood used to gush from me. One day I
got desperate and I took a bottle of oil and anointed myself. I
said to the Lord, "Do what you want to, quickly." I was healed

at that very moment. God wants us to have an activity of faith
that dares to believe God. There is what seems like faith, and
appearance of faith, but real faith believes God right to the
end.
What was the difference between Zacharias and Mary? The
angel came to Zacharias and told him, "Thy wife Elizabeth
shall bear thee a son." Zacharias was there in the holy place,
but he began to question this message, saying, "I am an old
man, my wife is well stricken in years." Gabriel rebuked him
for his unbelief and told him, "Thou shalt be dumb, and not
able to speak, until the day that these things shall be
performed, because thou believest not my words." But note
the contrast when the angel came to Mary. She said, "Behold
the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy
word." And Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed

is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." God would have us to lay hold on His word in like manner. He would have us to come with boldness of faith declaring, "You have promised it, Lord. *Now do it.*" God rejoices when we manifest a faith that holds Him to His word. Can we get there? The Lord has called us to this glory and virtue; and, as our faith lays hold on Him, we shall see this in manifestation. I remember one day I was holding an open-air meeting. My uncle came to that meeting and said, "Aunt Mary would like to see Smith before she dies." I went to see her and she was assuredly dying. I said, "Lord, can't you do something?" All I did was this, to stretch out my hands and lay them on her. It seemed as though there was an immediate impartation of the glory and virtue of the Lord. Aunt Mary cried, "It is going all

over my body." And that day she was made perfectly whole.
One day I was preaching and a man brought a boy who was
done up in bandages. The boy was in irons and it was
impossible for him to walk and it was difficult for them to get
him to the platform. They passed him over about six seats.
The power of the Lord was present to heal and it entered right
into the child as I placed my hands on him. The child cried,
"Daddy, it is going all over me." They stripped the boy and
found nothing imperfect in him.
The Lord would have us to be walking epistles of His word.
Jesus is the Word and is the power in us, and it is His desire to
work in and through us His own good pleasure. We must
believe that He is in us. There are boundless possibilities for
us if we dare to act in God and dare to believe that the
wonderful virtue of our living Christ shall be made manifest

through us as we lay our hands on the sick in His name.
The exceeding great and precious promises of the Word are
given to us that we might be partakers of the divine nature. I
feel the Holy Ghost is grieved with us because, when we
know these things, we do not do greater exploits for God.
Does not the Holy Ghost show us wide-open doors of
opportunity? Shall we not let God take us on to greater
things? Shall we not believe God to take us on to greater
manifestations of His power? His call for us is to forget the
things that are behind, and reach forth unto the things which
are before and to press toward the mark for the prize of the
high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

9:The Words of This Life

Bible Reading -- Acts 5:1-20
Notice this expression that the Lord gives of the Gospel

message -- "the words of this life." It is the most wonderful
life possible -- the life of faith in the Son of God. This is the
life where God is all the time. He is round about and He is
within. It is the life of many revelations and of many
manifestations of God's Holy Spirit, a life in which the Lord is
continually seen, known, felt and heard. It is a life without
death, for "we have passed from death unto life." The very life
of God has come within us. Where that life is within in its
fullness, disease cannot exist. It would take me a month to tell
out what there is in this wonderful life. Everyone can go in
and possess and be possessed by this life.
It is possible for you to be within the vicinity of this life and
yet miss it. It is possible for you to be in a place where God is
pouring out His Spirit and yet miss the blessing that God is so
willing to bestow. It all comes through shortness of revelation

and through a misunderstanding of the infinite grace of God,
and of the "God of all grace," who is willing to give to all who
will reach out the hand of faith. This life that He freely
bestows is a gift. Some think they have to earn it and they
miss the whole thing. Oh, for a simple faith to receive all that
God so lavishly offers. You can never be ordinary from the
day you receive this life from above. You become extraordinary, filled with the extraordinary power of our
extraordinary God.
Ananias and Sapphira were in this thing and yet they missed
it. They thought that possibly the thing might fail. So they
wanted to have a reserve for themselves in case it did turn out
to be a failure. They were in the wonderful revival that God
gave to the early church and yet they missed it. There are
many people like them today who make vows to God in times
of a great crisis in their lives. But they fail to keep their vows

and in the end they become spiritually bankrupt. Blessed is
the man who will swear to his own hurt and change not; who
keeps the vow he has made to God; who is willing to lay his
all at God's feet. The man who does this never becomes a lean
soul. God has promised to "make fat his bones." There is no
dry place for such a man; he is always fat and flourishing, and
he becomes stronger and stronger. It pays to trust God with all
and to make no reservation.
I wish I could make you see how great a God we have.
Ananias and Sapphira were really doubting God and were
questioning whether this work that He had begun would go
through. They wanted to get some glory for selling their
property, but because of their lack of faith they kept back part
of the price in reserve in case the work of God should fail.
Many are doubting whether this Pentecostal revival will go

through. Do you think this Pentecostal work will stop? Never.
For fifteen years I have been in constant revival and I am sure
that it will never stop. When George Stephenson made his
first engine he took his sister Mary to see it. She looked at it
and said to her brother, "George, it'll never go." He said to
her, "Get in, Mary." She said again, "It'll never go." He said to
her, "We'll see, you get in." Mary at last got in--the whistle
blew, there was a puff and a rattle, and the engine started off.
Then Mary cried out, "George, it'll never stop! It'll never
stop!"
People are looking on at this Pentecostal revival and they are
very critical and they are saying, "It'll never go;" but when
they are induced to come into the work, they one and all say,
"It'll never stop." This revival of God is sweeping on and on
and there is no stopping the current of life, of love, of
inspiration, and of power.

(Interpretation; It is the living Word who has brought this. It
is the Lamb in the midst, the same yesterday, today and
forever.)
God has brought unlimited resources for everyone. Do not
doubt. Hear with the ear of faith. God is in the midst. See that
it is God who hath set forth that which you see and hear today.
I want you to see that in the early church, controlled by the
power of the Holy Ghost, it was not possible for a lie to exist.
The moment it came into the church, there was instant death.
And as the power of the Holy Ghost increases in these days of
the Latter Rain, it will be impossible for any man to remain in
our midst with a lying spirit. God will purify the church; the
Word of God will be in such power in healing and other
spiritual manifestations, that great fear will be upon all those
who see the same.
It seems to the natural mind a small thing for Ananias and

Sapphira to want to have a little to fall back on; but I want to
tell you that you can please God, and *you can get things from*
God only on the line of a living faith. God never fails. God
never can fail.
When I was in Bergen, Norway, there came to the meeting a
young woman who was employed at the hospital as a nurse. A
big cancer had developed on her nose, and the nose was
enlarged and had become black and greatly inflamed. She
came out for prayer and I said to her, "What is your condition?" She said, "I dare not touch my nose, it gives me
so much pain." I said to all the people, "I want you to look at
this nurse and notice her terrible condition. I believe that our
God is merciful and that He is faithful, and that He will bring
to naught this condition that the devil has brought about. I am
going to curse this disease in the all powerful name of Jesus.
The pain will go. I believe God will give us an exhibition of

His grace and I will ask this young woman to come to the
meeting tomorrow night and declare what God has done for
her."
Oh, the awfulness of sin! Oh, the awfulness of the power of
sin! Oh, the awfulness of the consequences of the fall! When I
see a cancer I always know it is an evil spirit. I can never
believe it is otherwise. The same with tumors. Can this be the
work of God? God help me to show you that this is the work
of the devil, and to show you the way out.
I do not condemn people that sin. I don't scold people. I know
what is back of the sin. I know that Satan is always going
about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I
always remember the patience and love of the Lord Jesus
Christ. When they brought to Him a woman that they had
taken in adultery, telling Him that they had caught her in the
very act He simply stooped down and wrote on the ground.

They He quietly said, "He that is without sin among you, let
him cast the first stone." I have never seen a man without sin.
"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But I
read in this blessed Gospel message that God hath laid upon
Jesus the iniquity of us all; so, when I see an evil condition, I
feel that I must stand in my office and rebuke the condition.
I laid my hands on the nose of that suffering nurse and cursed
the evil power that was causing her so much distress. The next
night the place was packed and the people were jammed
together, so that it seemed that there was not room for one
more to come into that house. How God's rain fell upon us.
How good God is, so full of grace and so full of love. I saw
the nurse in the audience and I asked her to come forward.
She came and showed everyone what God had done. He had
perfectly healed her. Oh, I tell you He is just the same Jesus.

He is just the same today. All things are possible if you dare
to trust God.
When the power of God came so mightily upon the early
church, even in the death of Ananias and Sapphira, great fear
came upon all the people. And when we are in the presence of
God, when God is working mightily in our midst, there comes
a great fear, a reverence, a holiness of life, a purity that fears
to displease God. We read that no man durst join them, but
God added to the church such as should be saved. I would
rather have God add to our Pentecostal church than have all
the town join it. God added daily to His own church.
The next thing that happened was that people became so
assured that God was working that they knew that anything
would be possible, and they brought their sick into the streets
and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of
Peter passing by might overshadow them. Multitudes of sick

people and those oppressed with evil spirits were brought to
the apostles and God healed them every one. I do not believe
that it was the shadow of Peter that healed, but the power of
God was mightily present and the faith of the people was so
aroused that they joined with one heart to believe God. God
will always meet people on the line of faith.
God's tide is rising all over the earth. I had been preaching at
Stavanger in Norway, and was very tired and wanted a few
hours rest. I went to my next appointment, arriving at about
9:30 in the morning. My first meeting was to be at night. I
said to my interpreter, "After we have had something to eat,
let us go down to the fjords." We spent three or four hours
down by the sea and at about 4:30 returned. We found the end
of the street, which has a narrow entrance, just filled with
autos, wagons, etc., containing invalids and sick people of

every kind. I went up to the house and was told that the house
was full of sick people. It reminded me of the scene described
in the fifth chapter of Acts. I began praying for the people in
the street and God began to heal the people. How wonderfully
He healed those people who were in the house. We sat down
for a lunch and the telephone bell rang and someone at the
other end was saying, "What shall we do? The town hall is
already full; the police cannot control things."
In that little Norwegian town the people were coming. The
breath of God shows up every defect, and as it comes flowing
in like a river, everybody will need a fresh anointing, a fresh
cleansing of the blood. You can depend upon it that that
breath is upon us.
At one time I was at a meeting in Ireland. There were many
sick carried to that meeting and helpless ones were helped
there. There were many people in that place who were seeking

for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some of them had been
seeking for years. There were sinners there who were under
mighty conviction. There came a moment when *the breath of*
God swept through the meeting. In about ten minutes every
sinner in the place was saved. Everyone who had been
seeking the Holy Spirit was baptized, and every sick one was
healed. God is a reality and His power can never fail. As our
faith reaches out, God will meet us and the same rain will fall.
It is the same blood that cleanseth, the same power, the same
Holy Ghost, and the same Jesus made real through the power
of the Holy Ghost! What would happen if we should believe
God?
Right now the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is
efficacious to cleanse your heart and bring this life, this
wonderful life of God, within you. The blood will make you

every whit whole if you dare believe. The Bible is full of
entreaty for you to come and partake and receive the grace,
the power, the strength, the righteousness, and the full
redemption of Jesus Christ. He never fails to hear when we
believe.
At one place where I was, a lame man was brought to me who
had been in bed for two years, with no hope of recovery. He
was brought thirty miles to the meeting, and he came up on
crutches to be prayed for. His boy was also afflicted in the
knees and they had four crutches between the two of them.
The man's face was filled with torture. There is healing virtue
in the Lord and He never fails to heal when we believe. In the
name of Jesus -- that name so full of virtue -- I put my hand
down that leg that was so diseased. The man threw down his
crutches and all were astonished as they saw him walking up

and down without aid. The little boy called out to his father,
"Papa, me; papa, me, me, me!" The little boy who was
withered in both knees wanted a like touch. And the same
Jesus was there to bring a real deliverance for the little
captive. He was completely healed.
These were legs that were touched. If God will stretch out His
mighty power to loose afflicted legs, what mercy will He
extend to that soul of yours that must exist forever? Hear the
Lord say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath
sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to
the captive, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at
liberty them that are bruised." He invites you, "Come unto me,
all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
God is willing in His great mercy to touch thy limbs with His
mighty vital power, and if He is willing to do this, how much

more anxious is He to deliver thee from the power of Satan
and to make thee a child of the King. How much more
necessary it is for you to be healed of your soul sickness than
of your bodily ailments. And God is willing to give the double
cure.
I was passing through the city of London one time, and Mr.
Mundell, the secretary of the Pentecostal Missionary Union,
learned that I was there. He arranged for me to meet him at a
certain place at 3:30 p.m. I was to meet a certain boy whose
father and mother lived in the city of Salisbury. They had sent
this young man to London to take care of their business. He
had been a leader in Sunday school work but he had been
betrayed and had fallen. Sin is awful and the wages of sin is
death. But there is another side -- the gift of God is eternal
life.
This young man was in great distress; he had contracted a

horrible disease and feared to tell anyone. There was nothing
but death ahead for him. When the father and mother got to
know of his condition they suffered inexpressible grief.
When we got to the house, Brother Mundell suggested, that
we get down to prayer. I said, "God does not say so, we are
not going to pray yet. I want to quote a scripture, 'Fools,
because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities,
are afflicted: Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and
they draw near unto the gates of death.'" The young man cried
out, "I am that fool." He broke down and told us the story of
his fall. Oh, if men would only repent, and confess their sins,
how God would stretch out His hand to heal and to save. The
moment that young man repented, a great abscess burst, and
God sent virtue into his life, giving him a mighty deliverance.
God is gracious and not willing that any should perish. How

many are willing to make a clean breast of their sins? I tell
you that the moment you do this, God will open heaven. It is
an easy thing for Him to save your soul and heal your disease
if you will but come and shelter today in the secret place of
the Most High. He will satisfy you with long life and show
you His salvation. In His presence there is fullness of joy, at
His right hand there are pleasures forevermore. There is full
redemption for all through the precious blood of the Son of
God.

10:Life in the Spirit

Bible Reading, 2 Corinthians 3
We are told that we are to leave the first principles of the
doctrine of Christ and go on to perfection, not laying again the
foundation of repentance from dead works and the doctrine of
baptisms and other first principles (Hebrews 6). What would

you think of a builder who was everlastingly pulling down his house and putting in fresh foundations? *Never look back if you want the power of God in your life.* You will find out that in the measure you have allowed yourself to look back you have missed that which God has for you.

The Holy Ghost shows us that we must never look back to the law of sin and death from which we have been delivered. God has brought us into a new order of things, a life of love and liberty in Christ Jesus that is beyond all human comprehension. Many are brought into this new life through the power of the Spirit of God, and then, like the Galatians, who ran well at the beginning, they try to perfect themselves on the lines of legalism. They go back from the life in the Spirit to a life on natural lines. God is not pleased with this, for He has no place for the man who has lost the vision. The only thing to do is to repent. Don't try to cover up anything. If

you have been tripped up on any line, confess it out, and then look to God to bring you to a place of stability of faith where your whole walk will be in the Spirit.

We all ought to have a clear conviction *that salvation is of the Lord.* It is more than a human order of things. If the enemy can move you from a place of faith, he can get you outside the plan of God. The moment a man falls into sin, divine life ceases to flow, and his life becomes one of helplessness. But this is not God's thought for any of His children. Read the third chapter of John's first epistle and take your place as a son of God. Take the place of knowing that you are a son of God, and remember that, as your hope is set in Christ, it should have a purifying effect on your life. The Holy Spirit says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of

God." There is life and power in the seed of the Word that is
implanted within. God is in that "*cannot*," and there is more
power in that word of His than in any human objections.
God's thought for everyone of us is that we shall reign in life
by Jesus Christ. You must come to see how wonderful you are
in God and how helpless you are in yourself.
God declared Himself more mighty than every opposing
power when He cast out the powers of darkness from heaven.
I want you to know that the same power that cast Satan out of
heaven dwells in every man that is born of God. If you would
but realize this, you would reign in life. When you see the
powers of evil manifesting themselves, always put the
question, "Did Jesus come in the flesh?" I have never seen an
evil power answer in the informative. When you know you
have an evil spirit to deal with you have power to cast it out.

Believe it and act on it, for "greater is He that is in you than he
that is in the world" (I John 4:4). God means you to be in a
place of overcoming, and has put a force within you whereby
you may defeat the devil.
Temptations will come to all. If you are not worth tempting
you are not worth powder and shot. Job said: "When He hath
tried me, I shall come forth as gold." In every temptation that
comes, the Lord lets you be tempted up to the hilt, but will
never allow you to be defeated if you walk in obedience; for
right in the midst of the temptation He will always "make a
way of escape."
Tongues and Interpretation: "God comes forth and with His
power sweeps away the refuge of lies and all the powers of
darkness, and causes you always to triumph in Christ Jesus.
The Lord loveth His saints and covereth them with His
almighty wings."

May God help us to see it. We cannot be to the praise of His
glory until we are ready for trials, and are able to triumph in
them. We cannot get away from the fact that sin came in by
nature, but God comes into our nature and puts it into the
place of death, that the Spirit of God may come into the
temple in all His power and liberty, that right here in this
present evil world Satan may be dethroned by the believer.
Satan is always endeavoring to bring the saints of God into
disrepute, bringing against them railing accusations, but the
Holy Ghost never comes with condemnation. He always
reveals the blood of Christ. He always brings us help. The
Lord Jesus referred to Him as the Comforter who would
come. He is always on hand to help in the seasons of trial and
test. The Holy Ghost is the lifting power of the church of
Christ. And Paul tells us that we "are manifestly declared to

be the epistle of Christ, . . . written not with ink, but with the
Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly
tables of the heart." The Holy Ghost begins in the heart, right
in the depths of human affections. He brings into the heart the
riches of the revelation of Christ, implanting purity and
holiness there, so that, out of its depths, praises may well up
continually.
The Holy Ghost will make us epistles of Christ, ever telling
out that Jesus our Lord is our Redeemer and God has never
put away that revelation. And because of the perfect
atonement of that slain Lamb, there is salvation, healing and
deliverance for all. Some people think that they have only to
be cleansed once, but as we walk in the light of the blood of
Jesus Christ is ever cleansing.
The very life of Christ has been put within us, and is moving
within us -- a perfect life. May the Lord help us to see the

power of this life. The years of a man's life are threescore and
ten, and so in the natural order of things, my life will be
finished in seven years, but I have begun a new life that will
never end. "From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God."
This is the life I have come into, and there is no end to this
life. In me is working a power stronger than every other
power; Christ, the power of God, formed within me. I can see
why we need to be clothed upon from above, for the life that
is in me is a thousand times bigger than I am outside. There
must be a tremendous expansion. I see, and cannot help seeing
that this thing cannot be understood on natural lines; no
natural reason can comprehend the divine plan. "We are not sufficient to think anything as of ourselves, but
our sufficiency is of God." If you go back, you miss the plan.
We leave the old order of things. We can never have

confidence in the flesh; we cannot touch that. We are in a new order, a spiritual order. It is a new life of absolute faith in the sufficiency of our God in everything that pertains to life and godliness.

You could never come into this place and be a Seventh-day Adventist. The law has no place in you. You are set free from everything. At the same time, like Paul, you are "bound in the Spirit" so that you would not do anything to grieve the Lord.

Paul further tells us that He has made us "able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." It is one thing to read this, and another to have the revelation of it and to see the spiritual force of it. Any man can live in the letter and become dry and wordy, limited in knowledge of spiritual verities, and spend his time everlastingly in splitting hairs; but as soon as he

touches the realm of the Spirit, all the dryness goes, all the
spirit of criticism leaves. There can be no divisions in a life in
the Spirit. The Spirit of God brings in such pliability and such
love! There is no love like the love in the Spirit. It is a pure, a
holy, a divine love that is shed in our hearts by the Spirit. It
loves to serve and to honor the Lord.
I can never estimate what the Baptism of the Holy Ghost has
been to me these past fifteen years. It seems that every year
has had three years packed into it, so that I have had forty-five
years of happy service since 1907. And it is getting better all
the time. It is a luxury to be filled with the Spirit, and at the
same time it is a divine command for us, not to be filled with
wine wherein is excess, but to be filled with the Spirit. No
Pentecostal person ought to get out of bed without being lost
in the Spirit and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives

utterance. No one should come into the door of an assembly without speaking in tongues or having a psalm, or a note of praise. We emphasize that at the incoming of the Spirit He should so fill us that the last member in the body is yielded to Him, and that no one is baptized in the Spirit without speaking in tongues as the Spirit giveth utterance; and I maintain that, with a *constant filling,* you will speak in tongues morning, noon and night. As you live in the Spirit, when you walk down the steps of the house where you live, the devil will have to go before you. You will be more than a conqueror over the devil.

I see everything a failure except that which is done in the Spirit. But as you live in the Spirit, you move, act, eat, drink, and do everything to the glory of God. Our message is always this, "Be filled with the Spirit." This is God's place for you,

and it is as far above the natural life as the heavens are above
the earth. Yield yourselves for God to fill.
Moses had a tremendous trial with the people. They were
always in trouble. But as he went up into the mount, and God
unfolded to him the ten commandments, the glory fell. He
rejoiced to bring those two tables of stone down from the
mount, and his very countenance shone with the glory. He
was bringing to Israel that which, if obeyed, would bring life.
I think of my Lord coming from heaven. I think all heaven
was moved by the sight. The law of the letter was brought by
Moses and it was made glorious, but all its glory was dimmed
before the excelling glory which Jesus brought to us in the
Spirit of life. The glory of Sinai paled before the glory of
Pentecost. Those tables of stone with their "Thou shalt not,
thou shalt not," are done away; for they never brought life to

anyone, and the Lord has brought in a new covenant, putting
His law in our minds and writing it in our hearts, this new law
of the Spirit of life. As the Holy Ghost comes in, He fills us
with such love and liberty that we shout for joy these words of
this 11th verse, "Done away! Done away!" Henceforth there is
a new cry in our hearts, "*I delight to do Thy will, O God.*" He
taketh away the first, the ministration of death, written and
engraven in stones, that He might establish the second, this
ministration of righteousness, this life in the Spirit.
You ask, "Does a man who is filled with the Spirit cease to
keep the commandments?" I simply repeat what the Spirit of
God has told us here, that this ministration of death, written
and engraven in stones (and you know that the ten commandments were written on stones) is "DONE AWAY."
The man who becomes a living epistle of Christ, written with
the Spirit of the living God, has ceased to be an adulterer, or a

murderer or a covetous man; the will of God is his delight. I
love to do the will of God; there is no irksomeness to it; it is
no trial to pray; no trouble to read the Word of God; it is not a
hard thing to go to the place of worship. With the psalmist
you say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into
the house of the Lord."
How does this new life work out? The thing works out
because God works in you to will and to do of His own good
pleasure (Phil. 2:13). There is a great difference between a
pump and a spring. The law is a pump, the Baptism is a
spring. The old pump gets out of order, the parts perish, and
the well runs dry. The letter killeth. But the spring is ever
bubbling up and there is a ceaseless flow direct from the
throne of God. There is life.
It is written of Christ, "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest
wickedness." And in this new life in the Spirit, in this new

covenant life, you love the things that are right and pure and holy, and shudder at all things that are wrong. Jesus was able to say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me," and the moment we are filled with the Spirit of God we are brought into like wonderful condition, and, as we continue to be filled with the Spirit, the enemy cannot have an inch of territory in us.

Do you not believe that you can be so filled with the Spirit that a man who is not living right can be judged and convicted by your presence? As we go on in the life of the Spirit, it will be said of us, "in whose eyes a vile person is condemned" (Psalm 15:4). Jesus lived there and moved in this realm, and His life was a constant reproof to the wickedness around. But He was the Son of God, you say. God, through Him, has brought us into the place of sonship, and I believe that if He

has a chance with the material, the Holy Ghost can make
something of us, and bring us to the same place.
I don't want to boast. If I glory in anything, it is only in the
Lord who has been so gracious to me. But I remember one
time stepping out of a railroad carriage to wash my hands. I
had a season of prayer, and the Lord just filled me to
overflowing with His love. I was going to a convention in
Ireland, and I could not get there fast enough. As I returned, I
believe that the Spirit of the Lord was so heavily upon me that
my face must have shone. (No man can tell himself when the
Spirit transforms his very countenance.) There were two
clerical men sitting together, and as I got into the carriage
again, one of them cried out, "You convince me of sin."
Within thee minutes every one in the carriage was crying to
God for salvation. This thing has happened many times in my

life. It is this ministration of the Spirit that Paul speaks of, this
filling of the Spirit, that will make your life effective, so that
even the people in the stores where you trade will want to
leave your presence because they are brought under
conviction.
We must move from everything of the letter. All that we do
must be done *under the anointing of the Spirit.* The trouble
has been that we as Pentecostal people have been living in the
letter. Believe what the Holy Spirit says through Paul -- that
all this ministration of condemnation that has hindered your
liberty in Christ is *done away.*The law is DONE AWAY! As
far as you are concerned, all that old order of things is forever
done away, and the Spirit of God has brought in a new life of
purity and love. The Holy Ghost takes it for granted that you
are finished with all the things of the old life when you

become a new creature in Christ. In the life in the Spirit, the
old allurements have lost their power. The devil will meet you
at every turn, but the Spirit of God will always lift up a
standard against him.
O, if God had His way, we should be like torches, purifying
the very atmosphere wherever we go, moving back the forces
of wickedness.
Tongues and Interpretation: "The Lord is that Spirit. He
moves in your heart. he shows you that the power within you
is mightier than all the powers of darkness."
Done away! What do I mean? Will you be disloyal? You will
be more than loyal. Will you grumble when you are treated
badly? No, you will turn the other cheek. This is what you
will always do when God lives in you. Leave yourselves in
God's hands. Enter into rest. "He that is entered into His rest,
he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His"

(Hebrews 4). O this is a lovely rest! The whole life is a
Sabbath. This is the only life that can glorify God. It is a life
of joy, and every day is a day of heaven on earth.
There is a continued transformation in this life. Beholding the
Lord and His glory we are changed into the same image from
glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord. There is a
continued unveiling, a constant revelation, a repeated clothing
upon from above. I want you to promise God never to look
back, never to go back to that which the Spirit has said is
"done away." I made this promise to the Lord that I would
never allow myself to doubt His Word.
There is one thing about a baby, it takes all that comes to it. A
prudent man lets his reason cheat him out of God's best. But a
baby takes all that its mother brings, and tries to swallow the
bottle and all. The baby can't walk, but the mother carries it;
the baby cannot dress itself, but the mother dresses it. The

baby can't even talk. So in the life of the Spirit, God undertakes to do what we cannot do. We are carried along by
Him, He clothes us, and He gives us utterance. Would that we
all had the simplicity of the babies.

11:What It Means To Be Full of the Spirit

Bible Reading -- Acts 6
In the days when the number of disciples began to be
multiplied there developed a situation which caused the
twelve to make a definite decision not to occupy themselves
with serving tables, but to give themselves continually to
prayer and to the ministry of the Word. How important it is
for all God's ministers to be continually in prayer, and
constantly feeding on the Scriptures of Truth. I often offer a
reward to anyone who can catch me anywhere without my
Bible or my Testament.
None of you can be strong in God unless you are diligently

and constantly hearkening to what God has to say to you
through His Word. You cannot know the power and the nature
of God unless you partake of his inbreathed Word. Read it at
morn and at night, and at every opportunity you get. After
every meal, instead of indulging in unprofitable conversation
round the table, read a chapter from the Word and then have a
season of prayer. I endeavor to make a point of doing this no
matter where or with whom I am staying.
The Psalmist said that he had hid God's Word in his heart, that
he might not sin against Him; and you will find that the more
of God's Word you hide in your heart, the easier it is to live a
holy life. He also testified that God's Word had quickened
him; and, as you receive God's Word into your being, your
whole physical being will be quickened and you will be made
strong. As you receive with meekness the Word, you will find

faith upsprining within. And you will have life through the
Word.
The twelve told the rest to look out seven men to look after
the business end of things. They were to be men of honest
report and filled with the Holy Ghost. These were just
ordinary men who were chosen, but they were filled with the
Holy Spirit, and this infilling always lifts a man to a plane
above the ordinary. It does not take a cultured or a learned
man to fill a position in God's church; what God requires is a
yielded, consecrated, holy life, and He can make of such a
flame of fire. Baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire!
The multitude chose out seven men to serve tables. They were
doubtless faithful in their appointed tasks, but we see that God
soon had a better choice for two of them. Philip was so full of
the Holy Ghost that he could have a revival wherever God put
him down. Man chose him to serve tables, but God chose him

to win souls. O, if I could only stir you up to see that as you
are faithful in performing the humblest office, God can fill
you with His Spirit and make you a chosen vessel for Himself,
and promote you to a place of mighty ministry in the salvation
of souls and in the healing of the sick. There is nothing
impossible to a man filled with the Holy Ghost. It is beyond
all human comprehension. When you are filled with the power
of the Holy Ghost, God will wonderfully work wherever you
go.
When you are filled with the Spirit you will know the voice of
God. I want to give you one illustration of this. When I was
going out to Australia recently, our boat stopped at Aden and
at Bombay. In the first place the people came round the ship
selling their wares, beautiful carpets and all sorts of oriental
things. There was one man selling some ostrich feathers. As I

was looking over the side of the ship watching the trading, a
gentleman said to me, "Would you go shares with me in
buying that bunch of feathers?" What did I want with
feathers? I had no use for such things and no room for them
either. But the gentleman put the question to me again. "Will
you go shares with me in buying that bunch?" The Spirit of
God said to me, "Do it."
The feathers were sold to us for three pounds, and the
gentleman said, "I have no money on me, but if you will pay
the man for them, I will send the cash down to you by the
purser." I paid for the feathers and gave the gentleman his
share. He was traveling first, and I was traveling second class.
I said to him, "No, please don't give that money to the purser,
I want you to bring it to me personally to my cabin." I said to
the Lord, "What about these feathers?" He showed me that he
had a purpose in my purchasing them.

At about 10 o'clock the gentleman came to my cabin and said,
"I've brought the money." I said to him, "It is not your money
that I want, it is your soul that I am seeking for God." Right
there he opened up the whole plan of his life and began to
seek God; and that morning he wept his way through to God's
salvation.
You have no conception what God can do through you when
you are filled with His Spirit. Every day and every hour you
can have the divine leading of God. To be filled with the Holy
Ghost means much in every way. I have seen some who have
been suffering for years, and when they have been filled with
the Holy Ghost everything of their sickness has passed away.
The Spirit of God has made real to them the life of Jesus and
they have been completely liberated of every sickness and
infirmity.
Look at Stephen. He was just an ordinary man chosen to serve

tables. But the Holy Ghost was in him and he was full of faith
and power, and did great wonders and miracles among the
people. There was no resisting the wisdom and the spirit by
which he spake. How important it is that every man shall be
filled with the Holy Spirit.
Tongues and Interpretation: "The divine will is that you
should be filled with God; for the power of the Spirit to fill
you with the mightiness of God. There is nothing God will
withhold from a man filled with the Holy Ghost."
I want to impress the importance of this upon you. It is not
healing that I am presenting to you -- it is the living Christ. It
is a glorious fact that the Son of God came down to bring
liberty to the captives.
How it is that the moment you are filled with the Holy Ghost
persecution starts? It was so with the Lord Jesus Himself. We
do not read of any persecutions before the Holy Spirit came

down like a dove upon Him. Shortly after this we find that,
after preaching in His home town, they wanted to throw Him
over the brow of the hill. It was the same with the twelve
disciples. They had no persecution before the day of
Pentecost; but after they were filled with the Spirit, they were
soon in prison. The devil and the priests of religion will
always get stirred when a man is filled with the Spirit and
does things in the power of the Spirit. And persecution is the
greatest blessing to a church. When we have persecution we
will have purity. If you desire to be filled with the Spirit you
can count on one thing, and that is persecution. The Lord
came to bring division, and even in your own household you
may find three against two.
The Lord Jesus came to bring peace; and soon after you get
peace within, you get persecution without. If you remain

stationary, the devil and his agents will not disturb you much.
But when you press on and go the whole length with God the
enemy has you as a target. But God will vindicate you in the
midst of the whole thing.
At a meeting I was holding, the Lord was working and many
were being healed. A man saw what was taking place and
remarked, "I'd like to try this thing." He came up for prayer
and told me that his body was broken in two places. I laid my
hands on him in the name of the Lord, and said to him, "Now,
you believe God." The next night he was at meeting and he
got up like a lion. He said, "I want to tell you people that this
man here is deceiving you. He laid his hands on me last night
for rupture in two places, but I'm not a bit better." I stopped
him and said, "You are healed, your trouble is that you won't
believe it."
He was at meeting the next night and when there was

opportunity for testimony this man arose. He said, "I'm a
mason by trade. Today I was working with a laborer and he
had to put a big stone in place. I helped him and did not feel
any pain. I said to myself, 'How have I done it?' I went away
to a place where I could strip, and found that I was healed." I
told the people, "Last night this man was against the Word of
God, but now he believes it. It is true that these signs shall
follow them that believe, they shall lay hands on the sick and
they shall recover. And all through the power that is in the
name of Christ." It is the Spirit who has come to reveal the
Word of God, and to make it spirit and life to us.
You people who are seeking the Baptism are entering a place
where you will have persecution. Your best friends will leave
you -- or those you may esteem your best friends.
No *good* friend will ever leave you. But it is worth while. You
enter into a realm of illumination, or revelation by the power

of the Holy Ghost. He reveals the preciousness and the power
of the blood of Christ. I find by the revelation of the Spirit that
there is not one thing in me that the blood does not cleanse. I
find that God sanctifies me by the blood and reveals that
efficacy of the work by the Spirit.
Stephen was just an ordinary man clothed with the divine. He
was full of faith and power, and great wonders and miracles
were wrought by him. Oh, this life in the Holy Ghost! This
life of deep, inward revelation, of transforming from one state
to another, of growing in grace and in all knowledge and in
the power of the Spirit, the life and the mind of Christ, being
renewed in you and of constantly revelations of the might of
His power. It is the only kind of thing that will enable us to
stand.
In this life, the Lord puts you in all sorts of places, and then
reveals His power. I had been preaching in New York, and

sailed one day for England on the Lusitania. As soon as I got
on board I went down to my cabin. Two men were there, and
one of them said, "Well, will I do for company?" He took out
a bottle and poured out a glass of whiskey and drank it, and
then he filled it up for me. "I never touch that stuff," I said.
"How can you live without it?" he asked. "How could I live
with it?" I asked. He admitted, "I have been under the
influence of this stuff for months, and they say my 'inside is
all shrivelled up,' and I know that I am dying. I wish I could
be delivered, but I just have to keep on drinking. Oh, if I could
only be delivered! My father died in England and has given
me his fortune, but what will the good of it be to me except to
hasten me to my grave?"
I said to this man, "Say the word, and you will be delivered."
He enquired, "What do you mean?" I said, "Say the word,

show that you are willing to be delivered and God will deliver
you." But it was just as if I was talking to this platform for all
the comprehension he showed. I said to him, "Stand still," and
I laid my hands on his head in the name of Jesus and cursed
that drink demon that was taking his life. He cried out, "I'm
free! I'm free! I know I'm free!" He took two bottles of
whiskey and threw them overboard, and God saved, sobered
and healed him. I was preaching all the way across. He sat
beside me at the table. Previous to this he had not been able to
eat; but at every meal he went right through the menu. You
only have to have a touch from Jesus to have a good time. The
power of God is just the same today. To me, He's lovely. To
me, He's saving health. To me, He's the lily of the valley. O
this blessed Nazarene, this King of kings! Hallelujah! Will
you let Him have your will? Will you let Him have *you?* If

you will, all His power is at your disposal.
They were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which
Stephen spake, and so, full of rage, they brought him to the
council. And God filled his face with a ray of heaven's light. It
is worth being filled with the Spirit, no matter it costs. Read
the seventh chapter, the mighty prophetic utterance by this
holy man. Without fear he tells them, "Ye stiff-necked and
uncircumcised in heart, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost."
And when they heard these things they were cut to the heart.
There are two ways of being affected at the heart. Here they
gnashed their teeth and cast him out of the city and stoned
him. On the day of Pentecost, when they were pricked at the
heart they cried out, "what shall we do?" They took the
opposite way. The devil, if he can have his way, will cause
you to commit murder. If Jesus has His way, you will repent.

And Stephen, full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly
into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and the Son of man
standing on the right hand of God. O, this being full of the
Holy Ghost! How much it means. I was riding for sixty miles
one summer day and as I looked up in the heavens I had an
open vision of Jesus all the way. It takes the Holy Ghost to
give this.
Stephen cried out, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." As
he was full of the Spirit he was full of love, and he manifested
the very same compassion for his enemies that Jesus did at
Calvary. This being filled with the Holy Ghost means much in
every way. It means constant filling, quickening, and a new
life continually. Oh, it's lovely! We have a wonderful gospel
and a great Saviour! If you will but be filled with the Holy
Ghost you will have a constant spring within, yea, as your

faith centers in the Lord Jesus, from within you shall flow
rivers of living water.

12:The Bible Evidence of the Baptism of The Holy Spirit

There is much controversy today as regards the genuineness
of this Pentecostal work, but there is nothing so convincing as
the fact that over fifteen years ago a revival on Holy Ghost
lines began and has never ceased. You will find that in every
clime throughout the world God has poured out His Spirit in a
remarkable way in a line parallel with the glorious revival that
inaugurated the church of the first century. People, who could
not understand what God was doing when He kept them
concentrated in prayer, wondered as these days were being
brought about by the Holy Ghost, and found themselves in
exactly the same place and entering into an identical

experience as the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.
Our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high: (Luke 24:49). God promised through the prophet Joel, "I will pour out My Spirit upon *all flesh . . .* Upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit." As there is a widespread misconception concerning this receiving of the Holy Spirit, I believe the Lord would have us examine the Scriptures on this subject.
You know, beloved, it had to be something on the line of solid facts to move me. I was as certain as possible that I had received the Holy Ghost and was absolutely rigid in this conviction. When this Pentecostal outpouring began in England I went to Sunderland and met with the people who

had assembled for the purpose of receiving the Holy Ghost. I
was continually in those meetings causing disturbances until
the people wished I had never come. They said that I was
disturbing the whole conditions. But I was hungry and thirsty
for God, and had gone to Sunderland because I heard that God
was pouring out His Spirit in a new way. I heard that God had
now visited His people, had manifested His power and that
people were speaking in tongues as on the day of Pentecost.
When I got to this place I said, "I cannot understand this
meeting. I have left a meeting in Bradford all on fire for God.
The fire fell last night and we were all laid out under the
power of God. I have come here for tongues, and I don't hear
them -- I don't hear anything."
"Oh!" they said, "when you get baptized with the Holy Ghost
you will speak in tongues." "Oh, is that it?" said I, "when the

presence of God came upon me, my tongue was loosened, and
really I felt as I went in the open air to preach that I had a new
tongue." "Ah no," they said, "that is not it." "What is it, then?"
I asked. They said, "When you get baptized in the Holy Ghost
--" "I am baptized," I interjected, "and there is no one here
who can persuade me that I am not baptized." So I was up
against them and they were up against me.
I remember a man getting up and saying, "You know, brothers
and sisters, I was here three weeks and then the Lord baptized
me with the Holy Ghost and I began to speak with other
tongues." I said, "Let us hear it. That's what I'm here for." But
he would not talk in tongues. I was doing what others are
doing today, confusing the 12th of 1 Corinthians with the 2nd
of Acts. These two chapters deal with different things, one
with the gifts of the Spirit, and the other with the Baptism of

the Spirit with the accompanying sign. I did not understand
this and so I said to the man, "Let's hear you speak in
tongues." But he could not. He had not received the "gift" of
tongues, but the Baptism.
As the days passed I became more and more hungry. I had
opposed the meetings so much, but the Lord was gracious,
and I shall ever remember that last day -- the day I was to
leave. God was with me so much that last night. They were to
have a meeting and I went, but I could not rest. I went to the
Vicarage, and there in the library I said to Mrs. Boddy, "I
cannot rest any longer, I must have these tongues." She
replied, "Brother Wigglesworth, it is not the tongues you need
but the Baptism. If you will allow God to baptize you, the
other will be all right." "My dear sister, I know
I *am* baptized," I said. "You know that I have to leave here at
4 o'clock. Please lay hands on me that I may receive the

tongues."
She rose up and laid her hands on me and *the fire fell. I said,*
"*The fire's falling.*" Then came a persistent knock at the door,
and she had to go out. That was the best thing that could have
happened, for I was ALONE WITH GOD. Then He gave me
a revelation. Oh, it was wonderful! He showed me an empty
cross and Jesus glorified. I do thank God that the cross is
empty, that Christ is no more on the cross. It was there that He
bore the curse, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone that
hangeth on a tree." He became sin for us that we might be
made the righteousness of God in Him, and now, there He is
in the glory. Then I saw that God had purified me. It seemed
that God gave me a new vision, and I saw a perfect being
within me with mouth open, saying, "Clean! Clean! Clean!"
When I began to repeat it I found myself speaking in other

tongues. The joy was so great that when I came to utter it my
tongue failed, and I began to worship God in other tongues as
the Spirit gave me utterance.
It was all as beautiful and peaceful as when Jesus said,
"Peace, be still!" and the tranquility of that moment and the
joy surpassed anything I had ever known up to that moment.
But, Hallelujah! these days have grown with greater, mightier,
more wonderful divine manifestations and power. That was
but the beginning. You will never get an end to the Holy
Ghost till you are landed in the glory -- till you are right in the
presence of God forever. And even then we shall ever be
conscious of His presence.
What had I received? I had received the Bible evidence. This
Bible evidence is wonderful to me. I knew I had received the
very evidence of the Spirit's incoming that the Apostles
received on the day of Pentecost. I knew that everything I had

had up to that time was in the nature of an anointing bringing
me in line with God in preparation, but now I knew I had the
Biblical Baptism in the Spirit. It had the backing of the
Scriptures. You are always right when you have the backing
of the Scriptures and you are never right if you have not a
foundation for your testimony in the Word of God.
For many years I have thrown out a challenge to any person
who can prove to me that he has the Baptism without
speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance -- to prove it
by the Word that he has been baptized in the Holy Ghost
without the Bible evidence, but so far no one has accepted the
challenge. I only say this because so many were as I was; they
have a rigid idea that they have received the Baptism without
the Bible evidence. The Lord Jesus wants those who preach
the Word to have the Word in evidence. Don't be mislead by

anything else. Have a Bible proof for all you have, and then
you will be in a place where no man can move you.
I was so full of joy that I wired home to say that I had
received the Holy Ghost. As soon as I got home, my boy came
running up to me and said, "Father, have you received the
Holy Ghost?" I said, "Yes, my boy." He said, "Let's hear you
speak in tongues." But I could not. Why? I had received the
Baptism in the Spirit with the speaking in tongues as the Bible
evidence according to Acts 2:4, and had not received the gift
of Tongues according to 1 Corinthians 12. I had received the
Giver of all gifts. At some time later when I was helping some
souls to seek and receive the Baptism of the Spirit, God gave
me the gift of Tongues so that I could speak at any time. I
could speak, but will not -- no never! I must allow the Holy
Ghost to use the gift. It should be so, so that we shall have

divine utterances only by the Spirit. I would be very sorry to use a gift, but the Giver has all power to use the whole nine gifts.

I want to take you to the Scriptures to prove my position. There are business men here, and they know that in cases of law, where there are two clear witnesses they could win a case before any judge in Australia. On the clear evidence of two witnesses any judge will give a verdict. What has God given us? Three clear witnesses on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit -- more than are necessary in law courts.

The first is in Acts 2:4, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Here we have the original pattern. And God gave to Peter an eternal word that couples this experience with the promise that went before. "*This is that.*" He wants you to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to this

original Pentecostal pattern.
In Acts 10 we have another witness. Peter is in the house of
Cornelius. Cornelius had had a vision of a holy angel and had
sent for Peter. A person said to me one day, "You don't admit
that I am filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Why, I was
ten days and ten nights on my back before the Lord and He
was flooding my soul with joy." I said, "Praise the Lord,
sister, that was only the beginning. The disciples were
tarrying that time, and they were still, and the mighty power
of God fell upon them then and the Bible tells what happened
when the power fell. And that is just what happened in the
house of Cornelius. The Holy Ghost fell on all them which
heard the word. "And they of the circumcision which believed
were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on
the Gentiles was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." What

convinced these prejudiced Jews that the Holy Ghost had come? "*For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*" There was no other way for them to know. This evidence could not be contradicted. It is the Bible evidence.

We have heard two witnesses, and that is sufficient to satisfy the world. But God goes one better. Let us look at Acts 19:6,

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." These Ephesians received the identical Bible evidence as the Apostles at the beginning and they prophesied in addition. Three times the Scriptures show us this evidence of the Baptism in the Spirit. I do not magnify tongues. No, by God's grace, I magnify the Giver of tongues. And I magnify above all Him whom the Holy Ghost has come to reveal to us, the Lord Jesus Christ. He it is who sends the Holy Spirit and I

magnify Him because he makes no difference between us and
those at the beginning.
But what are tongues for? Look at the 2nd verse of 1 Cor. 14
and you will see a very blessed truth. Oh, Hallelujah! Have
you been there, beloved? I tell you, God wants to take you
there. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not
unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him;
howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." It goes on to say,
"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself."
Enter into the promises of God. It is your inheritance. You
will do more in one year if you are really filled with the Holy
Ghost than you could do in fifty years apart from Him.

13:Concerning Spiritual Gifts

In 1 Cor. 12:1 we read, "Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brethren, I would not have you ignorant." There is a great

weakness in the church of Christ because of an awful
ignorance concerning the Spirit of God and the gifts He has
come to bring. God would have us powerful on all lines
because of the revelation of the knowledge of His will
concerning the power and manifestation of His Spirit. He
would have us ever hungry to receive more and more of His
Spirit. In times past I have arranged many conventions, and I
have found that it is better to have a man on my platform who
has not received the Baptism but who is hungry for all that
God has for him, than a man who has received the Baptism
and is satisfied and has settled down and become stationary
and stagnant. But of course I would prefer a man that is
baptized with the Holy Ghost and is still hungry for more of
God. A man who is not hungry to receive more of God is out
of order in any convention.

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of being filled with the Spirit. It is impossible for us to meet the conditions of the day, to walk in the light as He is in the light, to subdue kingdoms and work righteousness and bind the power of Satan unless we are filled with the Holy Ghost. We read that in the early church they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. It is important for us also to continue steadfastly in these same things. For some years I was associated with the Plymouth Brethren. They are very strong on the Word, and are sound on water baptism, and they do not neglect the breaking of bread service, but have it every Lord's Day morning as they had it in the early church. These people seem to have everything except the match. They have the wood, but they need the fire and then they would be all

ablaze. Because they lack the fire of the Holy Spirit there is
no life in their meetings. One young man who attended their
meetings received the Baptism with the speaking in other
tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The brethren were very
upset about this and came to the father and said to him, "You
must take your son aside and tell him to cease." They did not
want any disturbance. The father told the son and said, "My
boy, I have been attending this church for twenty years and
have never seen anything of this kind. We are established in
the truth and do not want anything new. We won't have it."
The son replied, "If that is God's plan I will obey, but
somehow or other I don't think it is." As they were going
home the horse stood still; the wheels were in deep ruts. The
father pulled at the reins but the horse did not move. He
asked, "What do you think is up?" The son answered, "It has

got established." God save us from becoming stationary.
God would have us to understand concerning spiritual gifts
and to covet earnestly the best gifts, and also to enter into the
more excellent way of the fruit of the Spirit. We must beseech
God for these gifts. It is a serious thing to have the Baptism
and yet be stationary; to live two days in succession on the
same spiritual plane is a tragedy. We must be willing to deny
ourselves everything to receive the revelation of God's truth
and to receive the fullness of the Spirit. Only that will satisfy
God, and nothing less must satisfy us. A young Russian
received the Holy Spirit and was mightily endued with power
from on High. Some sisters were anxious to know the secret
of his power. The secret of his power was continuous waiting
upon God. As the Holy Ghost filled him it seemed as though
every breath became a prayer and so all his ministry was on

an increasing line.
I know a man who was full of the Holy Ghost and would
preach only when he knew that he was mightily unctionized
by the power of God. He was asked to preach at a Methodist
church. He was staying at the minister's house and he said,
"You go on to church and I will follow." The place was
packed with people and this man did not turn up and the
Methodist minister, becoming anxious, sent his little girl to
inquire why he did not come. As she came to the bedroom
door she heard him crying out three times, "I will not go." She
went back and reported that she heard the man say three times
that he would not go. The minister was troubled about it, but
almost immediately after this the man came in, and, as he
preached that night, the power of God was tremendously
manifested. The preacher asked him, "Why did you tell my

daughter that you were not coming?" He answered, "I know
when I am filled. I am an ordinary man and I told the Lord
that I dared not go and would not go until He gave me a fresh
filling of the Spirit. The moment the glory filled me and
overflowed I came to the meeting."
Yes, there is a power, a blessing, an assurance, a rest in the
presence of the Holy Ghost. You can feel His presence and
know that He is with you. You need not spend an hour
without this inner knowledge of His holy presence. With His
power upon you there can be no failure. You are above par all
the time.
"Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these
dumb idols, even as ye were led." This is the Gentile day.
When the Jews refused the blessings of God He scattered
them, and He has grafted the Gentiles into the olive tree where
the Jews were broken off. There never has been a time when

God has been so favorable to a people who were not a people.
He has brought in the Gentiles to carry out His purpose of
preaching the gospel to all nations and to receive the power of
the Holy Ghost to accomplish this task. It is of the mercy of
God that He has turned to the Gentiles and made us partakers
of all the blessings that belong to the Jews; and here under this
canopy of glory, because we believe, we get all the blessings
of faithful Abraham.
Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by
the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can
say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." There are
many evil, deceiving spirits sent forth in these last days who
endeavor to rob Jesus of his Lordship and of His rightful
place. Many are opening the doors to these latest devils, such
as New Theology and New Thought and Christian Science.

These evil cults deny eternal punishment and all deny the
deity of Jesus Christ. You will never see the Baptism of the
Holy Ghost come upon a man who accepts these errors.
Neither will you see a Romanist receive. They put Mary in the
place of the Holy Ghost. I would like you to produce a
Romanist who knows that he is saved. No man can know he is
saved by works. If you ever speak to a Romanist you will
know that he is not definite on the line of the new birth. He
cannot be. Another thing, you will never find a Russellite
baptized in the Holy Ghost; nor a member of any other cult
that does not put the Lord Jesus Christ pre-eminent above all.
The all important thing is to make Jesus Lord:
* "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth JESUS AS LORD,
and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from
the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).
"For TO THIS END Christ died and lived again, THAT HE

MIGHT BE LORD of both the dead and the living" (Romans
14:9).
Men can grow lopsided by emphasizing the truth of divine
healing. Man can get wrong by all the time preaching on
water baptism. But we never go wrong in exalting the Lord
Jesus Christ, giving Him the pre-eminent place and magnifying Him as both Lord and Christ, yes, as very God of
very God. As we are filled with the Holy Ghost our one desire
is to magnify Him. We need to be filled with the Spirit to get
the full revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
God's command is for us to be filled with the Spirit. We are
no good if we have only a full cup; we need to have an
overflowing cup all the time. It is a tragedy not to live in the
fullness of overflowing. See that you never live below the
overflowing tide.
"No there are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit." Every
manifestation of the Spirit is given that we might "profit

withal." When the Holy Spirit is moving in an assembly and
His gifts are in operation, everyone will receive profit. I have
seen some who have been terribly switched. They believe in
gifts, in prophecy, and they use these gifts apart from the
power of the Holy Ghost. We must look to the Holy Spirit to
show us the use of the gifts, what they are for, and when to
use them, so that we may never use them without the power of
the Holy Ghost. I do not know of anything which is so awful
today as people using a gift without the power. Never do it.
God save us from doing it.
A man who is filled with the Holy Ghost, while he may not be
conscious of having any gift of the Spirit, can have the gifts
made manifest through him. I have gone to many places to
help and have found that under the unction of the Holy Spirit
many wonderful things have happened in the midst when the

glory of the Lord was upon the people. Any man who is filled
with God and filled with His Spirit might at any moment have
any of the nine gifts made manifest through him without
knowing that he has a gift. Sometimes I have wondered
whether it was better to be always full of the Holy Ghost and
to see signs and wonders and miracles without any
consciousness of possessing a gift, or whether it was better to
know one has a gift. If you have received the gifts of the Spirit
and they have been blessed, you should never under any
circumstances use them without the power of God upon you
pressing the gift through. Some have used the prophetic gift
without the holy touch, and they have come into the realm of
the natural, and it has brought ruin, caused dissatisfaction,
broken hearts, upset assemblies. Do not seek the gifts unless
you are purposed to abide in the Holy Spirit. They should be
manifested only in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord will allow you to be very drunk in His presence, but sober among people. I like to see people so filled with the Spirit that they are drunk like the 120 on the Day of Pentecost, but I don't like to see people drunk in the wrong place. That is what troubles us, somebody being drunk in a place of worship where a lot of people come in that know nothing about the Word. If you allow yourself to be drunk there you send people away; they look at you instead of seeing God. They condemn the whole thing because you have not been sober at the right time. Paul writes, "For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause" (2 Cor. 5:13). You can be beside yourself. You can go a bit further than being drunk. You can dance, if you will do it at the right time. So many things are commendable when all the people are in the Spirit. Many things are very foolish if the people

round about you are not in the Spirit. We must be careful not
to have a good time at the expense of somebody else. When
you have a good time you must see that the spiritual
conditions in the place lend themselves to help you and that
the people are falling in line with you. Then you will find it
always a blessing.
While it is right to covet earnestly the best gifts, you must
recognize that the all important thing is to be filled with the
power of the Holy Ghost Himself. You will never have
trouble with people who are filled with the power of the Holy
Ghost, but you will have a lot of trouble with people who
have the gifts and have no power. The Lord wants us to come
behind in no gift, but at the same time He wants us to be so
filled with the Holy Ghost that it will be the Holy Spirit
manifesting Himself through the gifts. Where the glory of

God alone is desired you can look for every needed gift to be
made manifest. To glorify God is better than to idolize gifts.
We prefer the Spirit of God to any gift; but we can look for
the Trinity in manifestation, different gifts by the same Spirit,
different administrations but the same Lord, diversities of
operation but the same God working all in all. Can you
conceive of what it will mean for our Triune God to be
manifesting Himself in His fullness in our assemblies?
Watch that great locomotive boiler as it is filled with steam.
You can see the engine letting off some of the steam as it
remains stationary. It looks as though the whole thing might
burst. You can see saints like that. They start to scream, but
that is not to edification. But when the locomotive moves on,
it serves the purpose for which it was built, and pulls along
much traffic with it. It is wonderful to be filled with the power

of the Holy Ghost, and for Him to serve His own purposes
through us. Through our lips divine utterances flow, our
hearts rejoice and our tongue is glad. It is an inward power
within which is manifested in outward expression. Jesus
Christ is glorified. As your faith in Him is quickened, from
within you there will flow rivers of living water. The Holy
Spirit will pour through you like a great river of life and
thousands will be blessed because you are a yielded channel
through whom the Spirit may flow.
The most important thing, the one thing that counts is to see
that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, filled to overflowing.
Anything less than this is displeasing to God. We are
commanded by God to be filled with the Spirit, and in the
measure you fail of this you are that far short of the plan of
God. The Lord would have us moving on from faith to faith,

from glory to glory, from fullness to overflowing. It is not
good for us to be ever thinking in the past tense, but we
should be moving on to the place where we dare believe God.
He has declared that after the Holy Ghost is come upon us we
shall have power. I believe there is an avalanche of power
from God to be apprehended if we will but catch the vision.
Paul wrote at one time, "I will now come to visions and
revelations." God has put us in a place where He expects us to
have His latest revelation, the revelation of that marvelous
fact, CHRIST IN US, and what this really means. We can
apprehend Christ fully only as we are filled and overflowing
with the Spirit of God. Our only safeguard from dropping
back into our natural mind from which we can never get
anything, is to be filled and yet filled again with the Spirit of
God and to be taken on to visions and revelations on a new

line. The reason why I emphasize the importance of the
fullness of the Holy Ghost is that I want to get you beyond all
human plans and thoughts into the fullness of vision, into the
full revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you want rest? It is
in Jesus. Do you want to be saved from everything the devil is
bringing up in these last times? Receive and continue in the
fullness of the Holy Ghost, and He will be ever revealing to
you that all you need for all times is in Christ Jesus your Lord.
I desire to emphasize the importance of the Spirit's ministration and of the manifestation of the Spirit which is
given to every man to profit withal. As you yield to the Spirit
of the Lord He has power over your intellect, over your heart,
and over your voice. The Holy Spirit has power to unveil
Christ and to project the vision of Christ upon the canvas of
your mind, and then He uses your tongue to glorify and

magnify Him in a way that you could never do apart from the
Spirit's power.
Never say that when you are filled with the Holy Ghost you
are "obliged" to do this or that. When people say that they are
"obliged" to do this or that I know it is not the Spirit of God,
but their own spirit moving them on to do that which is
unseemly and unprofitable. Lots of people spoil meetings
because they scream. If you want to do that kind of thing you
had better get into some cellar. That is not to edification. I
believe that, when the Spirit of God is upon you and moving
you to speak as He gives utterance, it will always be to
edification. But don't spoil the prayer meeting because when
you ought to stop you go on. Who spoils the prayer meeting?
The man who starts in the Spirit and finishes in the flesh.
Nothing is more lovely than prayer, but a prayer meeting is

killed if you will go on and on in your own spirit when the
Spirit of God is through with you. You say as you come from
some meetings, "That was a lovely message if the preacher
only had stopped half an hour before he did." Learn to cease
immediately when the unction of the Spirit lifts. The Holy
Ghost is jealous. Your body is the temple, the office of the
Holy Ghost, but He does not fill the temple for human
glorification, but only for the glory of God. You have no
license to continue beyond a "Thus saith the Lord."
There is another side to this. God would have the assembly as
free as possible, and you must not put your hand upon the
working of the Spirit or it will surely bring trouble. You must
be prepared to allow a certain amount of extravagance in
young and newly baptized souls. You must remember that
when you were brought into this life of the Spirit you had as

many extravagances as anybody, but you have now become somewhat sobered down. It is a pity that some do get sobered down, for they are not where they were in the early days. We have to look to God for wisdom that we do not interfere or dampen the Spirit or quench the power of God when He is manifested in our meetings. If you want to have an assembly full of life you must have an assembly full of manifestation. Nobody will come if there is no manifestation. We need to look to God for special grace that we do not move back to looking at things from a natural viewpoint. The preacher, after he loses his unction, should inwardly repent and get right with God and get the unction back. We are no good without the unction of the Spirit of God. If you are filled with the grace of God you will not be judging everybody in the assembly, you will rather be trusting

everybody, you will not be frightened at what is being done,
you will have a heart to believe all things, and to believe that
though there may be some extravagances, the Spirit of God
will take control of things and will see that the Lord Jesus
Christ Himself is exalted, glorified, and revealed to hungry
hearts that desire to know Him. The Lord would have us wise
unto that which is good and simple concerning evil, free from
distrust, entertaining into a divine likeness to Jesus, that dares
believe that God Almighty will surely watch over all.
Hallelujah!
The Holy Ghost is the One who magnifies the Lord Jesus
Christ, the One who gives illumination of Him. If you are
filled with the Holy Ghost, it is impossible to keep your
tongue still. Talk about a dumb baptized soul! It is not to be
found in the Scriptures or outside of the Scriptures. We are

filled with the Spirit in order that we may magnify the Lord,
and there should be no meeting in which the saints do not
glorify, magnify, praise, and worship the Lord in Spirit and in
truth.
I would like to give one word of caution, for failure often
comes through our not recognizing the fact that we are always
in the body. We will need our bodies as long as we live. But
our body is to be used and controlled by the Spirit of God. We
are to present our bodies, holy and acceptable unto God,
which is our reasonable service. Every member in our body
must be so sanctified that it works in harmony with the Spirit
of God. Our very eyes must be sanctified. God hates the
winking of the eye. From the day that I read in the Proverbs
what God had to say about the winking of the eye (Prov. 6:13
and 10:10) I have never winked. I desire that my eyes may be

so sanctified that they can always be used for the Lord. The
Spirit of God will bring within us a compassion for souls that
will be seen in our very eyes.
God has never changed the order of things that first, there
comes the natural, and then the spiritual. For instance, when it
is on your heart to pray, you begin in the natural and your
second word will probably be under the power of the Spirit.
You begin and God will end. It is the same in giving forth
utterances under the Spirit's power. You feel the moving of
the Spirit within and you begin to speak and the Spirit of God
will give forth utterance. Thousands have missed wonderful
blessings because they have not had faith to move out and
begin in the natural, in faith that the Lord would take them
into the realm of the supernatural. When you receive the Holy
Ghost you receive God's Gift, in whom are all the gifts of the

Spirit. Paul counsels Timothy to stir up the gift that was
within. You have power to stir up God's executive within you.
The way you stir up the gift within you is by beginning in
faith, and then He gives forth what is needed for the occasion.
You would never begin unless you were full of God. When
we yield to timidity and fear we simply yield to Satan. Satan
whispers, "It is all self." He is a liar. I have learned this, If the
Spirit of God is stirring me up, I have no hesitation in
beginning to speak in tongues, and the Spirit of God gives me
utterance and gives me the interpretation. I find that every
time I yield to the Lord on this line I get a divine touch, I get a
leading thought from the Spirit of God and the meeting is
moved up on the line of faith.
You attend a meeting in faith, believing that the Lord is going
to meet you there. But perhaps the evangelist is not in

harmony with God. The people in the assembly are not getting
what God wants. The Lord knows it. He knows His people are
hungry. What happens? He will take perhaps the smallest
vessels and put His power upon them. As they yield to the
Spirit they break forth in a tongue. Another yields to the Spirit
and there comes forth the interpretation. The Lord's church
has to be fed, and the Lord will take this means of speaking to
His people. Pentecostal people cannot be satisfied with the
natural message. They are in touch with heavenly things and
cannot be satisfied with anything less. They feel when there is
something lacking in a meeting, and they look to God and He
supplies that which is lacking.
When a man is filled with the Spirit he has no conception of
what he has. We are so limited in our conception of what we
have received. The only way we can know the power that has

been given is through the ministration and manifestation of
the Spirit of God. Do you think that Peter and John knew what
they had when they went up to the temple to pray? They were
limited in thought, and limited in their expression. The nearer
we get to God the more conscious we are of the poverty of the
human, and we cry with Isaiah, "I am undone, I am unclean."
But the Lord will bring the precious blood and the flaming
coals for cleansing and refining and send us out to labor for
Him empowered by His Spirit.
God has sent forth this outpouring that we may all be brought
into a revelation of our sonship -- that we are sons of God,
men of power, that we are to be like the Lord Jesus Christ,
that we are to have the powers of sonship, the power to lay
hold of that which is weak and to quicken it. The Baptism of
the Spirit is to make us sons of God with power. We shall be

conscious of our human limits, but we shall not limit the Holy
One who has come to dwell within. We must believe that
since the Holy Ghost has come upon us we are indeed sons of
God with power. Never say that you can't. All things are
possible to them that believe. Launch out into the deep and
believe that God has His all for you, and that you can do all
things through Him who strengthens you.
Peter and John knew that they had been in the upper room,
they had felt the glory, they had been given divine utterances.
They had seen conviction on the people. They knew that they
had come into a wonderful thing. They know that what they
had would be every increasing and that it would be ever
needful to cry, "Enlarge the vessel that the Holy Ghost may
have more room within." They knew that all the old things
were moved away and they had entered into an increasing and

ever increasing knowledge of God, and that it was their
Master's wish that they should be filled with the Spirit of God
and with power every day and every hour. The secret of
power is the unveiling of Christ, the all-powerful One within,
the revelation of God who comes to abide within us. As they
looked upon the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate they were
filled with compassion. They were prompted by the Spirit to
stop and speak with him. They said to the lame man, "Look on
us." It was God's plan that the man should open his eyes with
expectation. Peter said, "Of silver and gold we have none. But
we have something and we will give it to you. We don't know
what it is, but we give it to you. It is all in the name of Jesus."
And then began the ministry of God. You begin in faith and
you see what will happen. It is hidden from us at the
beginning, but as we have faith in God He will come forth.

The coming forth of the power is not of us but of God. There
is no limit to what He will do. It is all in a nutshell as you
believe God. And so Peter said, "Such as I have I give to thee:
in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
And the man who had been in that way for forty years stood
up, and began to leap, and entered into the temple walking
and leaping and praising God.
"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom." I want
you to keep in mind the importance of never expecting the
gifts of the Spirit apart from the power of the Spirit. In
coveting the best gifts, covet to be so full of God and His
glory that the gifts in manifestation will always glorify Him.
We do not know all and we cannot know all that can be
brought forth in the manifestation of the word of wisdom. One
word of wisdom from God, one flash of light on the Word of

God, is sufficient to save us from a thousand pitfalls. People
have built without a word from God, they have bought things
without a word from God, and they have been ensnared. They
have lacked that word of wisdom which will bring them into
God's plan for their lives. I have been in many places where I
have needed a word of wisdom from God and this has been
vouchsafed.
I will give you one instance. There is one thing I am very
grateful to the Lord for, and that is that He has given me grace
not to have a desire for money. The love of money is a great
hindrance to many; and many a man is crippled in his ministry
because he lets his heart run after financial matters. I was
walking out one day when I met a godly man who lived
opposing me and he said, "My wife and I have been talking
together about selling our house and we feel constrained to

sell it to you." As we talked together he persuaded me to buy
his place, and before we said good-by I told him that I would
take it. We always make big mistakes when we are in a hurry.
I told my wife what I had promised, "How will you manage
it?" I told her that I had managed things so far, but I did not
know how I was going to get through this. I somehow knew
that I was out of divine order. But when a fellow gets out of
divine order it seems that the last person he goes to is God. I
was relying on an architect to help me, but that scheme fell
through I turned to my relations and I certainly had a wet
shirt, as one after another turned me down. I tried my friends
and managed no better. My wife said to me, "Thou hast never
been to God yet." What could I do?
I have a certain place in our house where I go to pray. I have
been there very often. As I went I said, "Lord, if You will get

me out of this scrape, I will never trouble Thee on this line
again." As I waited on the Lord He just gave me one word. It
seemed a ridiculous thing, but it was the wisest counsel. There
is divine wisdom in every word He speaks. I came down to
my wife, saying, "What do you think? The Lord has told me
to go to Brother Webster." I said, "It seems very ridiculous,
for he is one of the poorest men I know." He was the poorest
man I knew, but he was also the richest man I knew, for he
knew God. My wife said, "Do what God says, and it will be
right."
I went off at once to see him, and he said as he greeted me,
"Smith, what brings you so early?" I answered, "The word of
God." I said to him, "About three weeks ago I promised to
buy a house of a man, and I am short 100 pounds ($500). I
have tried to get this money, but somehow I seem to have

missed God." "How is it," he asked, "that you have come to
me only now?" I answered, "Because I went to the Lord about
it only last night." "Well," he said, "it is a strange thing; three
weeks ago I had 100 pounds. For years I have been putting
money into a cooperative system and three weeks ago I had to
go and draw 100 pounds out. I hid it under the mattress. Come
with me and you shall have it. Take it. I hope it will bring as
great a blessing to you as it has been a trouble to me." I had
had a word from God, and all my troubles were ended. This
has been multiplied in a hundred ways since that time. If I had
been walking along filled with the Holy Ghost, I would not
have bought that house and would not have had all that strain.
I believe the Lord wants to loose us from things of earth. But I
am ever grateful for that word from God. There have been
times in my life when I have been in great crises and under

great weight of intercession. I have gone to the meeting
without the knowledge of what I would say, but somehow or
other God would vouchsafe the coming forth under the power
of the Spirit of some word of wisdom, just what some souls in
that meeting needed. As we look to God His mind will be
made known, and His revelation and His word of wisdom will
be forthcoming.

14:The Word of Knowledge and Faith

"To another the word of knowledge, by the same Spirit; to
another faith, by the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:8,9). We have not passed this way hitherto. I believe that Satan has
many devices and that they are worse today than ever before;
but I also believe that there is to be a full manifestation on the
earth of the power and glory of God to defeat every device of
Satan.

In Ephesians 4 we are told to endeavor to keep the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace, for there is one body, and one
Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and
Father of all. The Baptism of the Spirit is to make us all one.
Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 12:13 that by one Spirit we are all
baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into
one Spirit. It is God's thought that we speak the same thing. If
we all have the full revelation of the Spirit of God we shall all
see the same thing. Paul asked these Corinthians, "Is Christ
divided?" When the Holy Ghost has full control, Christ is
never divided, His body is not divided, there is no division.
Schism and division are the products of the carnal mind.
How important it is that we shall have the manifestation of
"the word of knowledge" in our midst. It is the same Spirit
who brings forth the word of wisdom that brings forth the

word of knowledge. The revelation of the mysteries of God
comes by the Spirit, and we must have a supernatural word of
knowledge in order to convey to others the things which the
Spirit of God has revealed. The Spirit of God reveals Christ in
all His wonderful fullness, and He shows Him to us from the
beginning to the end of the Scriptures. It is the Scriptures that
make us wise unto salvation, that open to us the depths of the
kingdom of heaven, which reveal all the divine mind to us.
There are thousands of people who read and study the Word
of God. But it is not quickened to them. The Bible is a dead
letter except by the Spirit. The Word of God can never be
vital and powerful in us except by the Spirit.The words that
Christ spoke were not just dead words but they were spirit and
life. And so it is the thought of God that a living word, a word
of truth, the word of God, a supernatural word of knowledge,

shall come forth from us through the power of the Spirit of
God. It is the Holy Ghost who will bring forth utterances from
our lips and a divine revelation of all the mind of God.
The child of God ought to thirst for the Word, and should
know nothing among men save Jesus. "Man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the
mouth of God." It is as we feed on the Word and meditate on
the message it contains, that the Spirit of God can vitalize that
which we have received, and bring forth through us the word
of knowledge that will be as full of power and life, as when
He, the Spirit of God, moved upon holy men of old and gave
them these inspired Scriptures. They were all inbreathed of
God as they came forth at the beginning, and through the
same Spirit they should come forth from us vitalized, living,
powerful and sharper than any two- edged sword.

With the gifts of the Spirit should come the fruit of the Spirit.
With wisdom we should have love, with knowledge we
should have joy, and with the third gift, faith, we should have
the fruit of peace. Faith always rests. Faith laughs at
impossibilities. Salvation is by faith, through grace, and it is
the gift of God. We are kept by the power of God through
faith. God gives faith and nothing can take it away. By faith
we have power to enter into the wonderful things of God.
There are three positions of faith; saving faith, which is the
gift of God; the faith of the Lord Jesus; and the gift of faith.
You will remember the word of the Lord Jesus Christ given to
Paul, to which he refers in the 26th of Acts, where the Lord
commissioned him to go to the Gentiles, "to open their eyes,
and to turn them from the darkness unto light, and from the
power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness

of sins, and inheritance among them WHICH ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH THAT IS IN ME."
Oh, this wonderful faith of the Lord Jesus. Your faith comes
to an end. How many times I have been to the place where I
have had to tell the Lord, "I have used all the faith I have,"
and then He has placed His own faith within me.
One of our workers said to me at Christmas time, "Wigglesworth, I never was so near the end of my purse in my
life." I replied, "Thank God, you are just at the opening of
God's treasures." It is when we are at the end of our own, that
we can enter into the riches of God's resources. It is when we
possess nothing, that we can possess all things.
The Lord will always meet you when you are on the line of
living faith. I was in Ireland at one time and went to a house
and said to the lady who came to the door, "Is Brother
Wallace here?" She replied, "Oh, he has gone to Bangor, but
God has sent you here for me. I need you. Come in." She told

me her husband was a deacon of the Presbyterian Church. She
had herself received the Baptism while she was a member of
the Presbyterian Church, but they did not accept it as from
God. The people of the church said to her husband, "This
thing cannot go on. We don't want you to be deacon any
longer, and your wife is not wanted in the church." The man
was very enraged and he became incensed against his wife. It
seemed as though an evil spirit possessed him, and the home
that had once been peaceful became very terrible. At last he
left home and left no money behind him, and the woman
asked me what should she do.
We went to prayer and before we had prayed five minutes the
woman was mightily filled with the Holy Ghost. I said to her,
"Sit down and let me talk to you. Are you often in the Spirit
like this?" She said, "Yes, and what could I do without the

Holy Ghost now?" I said to her, "The situation is yours. The
Word of God says that you have the power to sanctify your
husband. Dare to believe the Word of God. Now the first
thing we must do is to pray that your husband come back
tonight." She said, "I know he won't." I said, "If we agree
together, it is done." She said, "I will agree." I said to her,
"When he comes home show him all possible love, lavish
everything upon him. If he won't hear what you have to say,
let him go to bed. The situation is yours. Get down before
God and claim him for the Lord. Get into the glory just as you
have got in today, and as the Spirit of God prays through you,
you will find that God will grant all the desires of your heart.
A month later I saw this sister at a convention. She told how
her husband came home that night and that he went to bed,
but she prayed right through to victory and then laid her hands

upon him. The moment she laid hands upon him he cried out
for mercy. The Lord saved him and baptized him in the Holy
Spirit. The power of God is beyond all our conception. The
trouble is that we do not have the power of God in a full
manifestation because of our finite thoughts, but as we go on
and let God have His way, there is no limit to what our
limitless God will do in response to a limitless faith. But you
will never get anywhere except you are in constant pursuit of
all the power of God.
One day when I came home from our open-air meeting at
eleven o'clock I found that my wife was out. I asked, "Where
is she?" I was told that she was down at Mitchell's. I had seen
Mitchell that day and knew that he was at the point of death. I
knew that it was impossible for him to survive the day unless
the Lord undertook.
There are many who let down in sickness and do not take hold

of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ that is provided for them. I
was taken to see a woman who was dying and said to her,
"How are things with you?" She answered, "I have faith, I
believe." I said, "You know that you have not faith, you know
that you are dying. It is not faith that you have, it is language."
There is a difference between language and faith. I saw that
she was in the hands of the devil. There was no possibility of
life until he was removed from the premises. I hate the devil,
and I laid hold of the woman and shouted, "Come out, you
devil of death. I command you to come out in the name of
Jesus." In one minute she stood on her feet in victory.
But to return to the case of Brother Mitchell, I hurried down
to the house, and as I got near I heard terrible screams. I knew
that something had happened. I passed Mrs. Mitchell on the
staircase and asked, "What is up?" She replied, "He is gone!

He is gone!" I just passed her and went into the room and
immediately I saw that Mitchell had gone. I could not
understand it, but I began to pray. My wife was always afraid
that I would go too far, and she laid hold of me and said,
"Don't, Dad! Don't you see that he is dead?" I continued to
pray and my wife continued to cry out to me, "Don't, Dad.
Don't you see that he is dead?" But I continued praying. I got
as far as I could with my own faith, and then God laid hold of
me. Oh, it was such a laying hold that I could believe for
anything. The faith of the Lord Jesus laid hold of me and a
solid peace came into my heart. I shouted, "He lives! He lives!
He lives!" And he is living today. There is a difference
between our faith and the faith of the Lord Jesus. The faith of
the Lord Jesus is needed. We must change faith from time to
time. Your faith may get to a place where it wavers. The faith

of Christ never wavers. When you have that faith the thing is
finished. When you have that faith you will never look at
things as they are, you will see the things of nature give way
to the things of the Spirit, you will see the temporal swallowed up in the eternal.
I was at a camp meeting in Cazadero, California, several years
ago, and a remarkable thing happened. A man came there who
was stone deaf. I prayed for him and I knew that God had
healed him. Then came the test. He would always move his
chair up to the platform, and every time I got up to speak he
would get up as close as he could and strain his ears to catch
what I had to say. The devil said, "It isn't done." I declared, "It
is done." This went on for three weeks and then the manifestation came and he could hear distinctly sixty yards
away. When his ears were opened he thought it was so great
that he had to stop the meeting and tell everybody about it. I

met him in Oakland recently and he was hearing perfectly. As
we remain steadfast and unmovable on the ground of faith, we
shall see what we believe for in perfect manifestation.
People say to me, "Have you not the gift of faith?" I say that it
is an important gift, but what is still more important is for us
every moment to be making an advancement in God. Loking
at the Word of God today I find that its realities are greater to
me today than they were yesterday. It is the most sublime,
joyful truth that God brings an enlargement. Always an
enlargement. There is nothing dead, dry or barren in this life
of the Spirit; God is always moving us on to something
higher, and as we move on in the Spirit our faith will always
rise to the occasion as different circumstances arise.
This is how the gift of faith is manifested. You see an object
and you know that your own faith is nothing in the case. The

other day I was in San Francisco. I sat on a car and saw a boy
in great agony on the street. I said, "Let me get out." I rushed
to where the boy was. He was in agony through cramp of the
stomach. I put my hands on his stomach in the name of Jesus.
The boy jumped, and stared at me with astonishment. He
found himself instantly free. The gift of faith dared in the face
of everything. It is as we are in the Spirit that the Spirit of
God will operate this gift anywhere and at any time.
When the Spirit of God is operating this gift within a man, He
causes him to know what God is going to do. When the man
with the withered hand was in the synagogue, Jesus got all the
people to look to see what would happen. The gift of faith
always knows the results. He said to the man, "Stretch forth
thine hand." His word had creative force. He was not living on
the line of speculation. He spoke and something happened. He

spake at the beginning and the world came into being. He
speaks today and these things have to come to pass. He is the
Son of God and came to bring us into sonship. He was the
first fruit of the resurrection and He calls us to be first fruits,
to be the same kind of fruit like to Himself.
There is an important point here. You cannot have the gifts by
mere human desire. The Spirit of God distributes them
severally as He will. God cannot trust some with the gift, but
some who have a lowly, broken, contrite heart He can trust.
One day I was in a meeting where there were a lot of doctors
and eminent men, and many ministers. It was at a convention,
and the power of God fell on the meeting. One humble little
girl that waited at table opened her being to the Lord and was
immediately filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in
tongues. All these big men stretched their necks and looked

up to see what was happening and were saying, "Who is it?"
Then they learned it was "the servant!" Nobody received but
"the servant!" These things are hidden and kept back from the
wise and prudent, but the little children, the lowly ones, are
the ones that receive. We cannot have faith if we have honor
one of another. A man who is going on with God won't accept
honor from his fellow beings. God honors the man of a
broken, contrite spirit. How shall I get there? So many people
want to do great things, and to be seen doing them, but the
one that God will use is the one that is willing to be hidden.
My Lord Jesus never said He could do things, but He did
them. When the funeral procession was coming up from Nain
with the widow's son carried upon the bier, He made them lay
it down. He spoke the word, "Arise!" and gave the son back to
the widow. He had compassion for her. And you and I will

never do anything except on the line of compassion. We shall never be able to remove the cancer until we are immersed so deeply into the power of the Holy Ghost, that the compassion of Christ is moving through us.

I find that, in all my Lord did, He said that He did not do it, but that another in Him did the work. What a holy submission! He was just an instrument for the glory of God.

Have we reached a place where we dare to be trusted with the gift? I see in 1 Corinthians 13 that if I have faith to remove mountains and have not charity, all is a failure. When my love is so deepened in God that I only move for the glory of God, that I only seek the glory of God, then the gifts can be made manifest. God wants to be manifested, and to manifest His glory to humble spirits.

A faint heart can never have a gift. There are two things essential; first, love, and second, determination, a boldness of

faith that will cause God to fulfill His word. When I was
baptized I had a wonderful time and had utterance in the
Spirit, but for some time afterwards I did not again speak in
tongues. But one day as I was helping another, the Lord again
gave me utterances in the Spirit. I was one day going down
the road and speaking in tongues a long while. There were
some gardeners doing their work, and they stuck their heads
out to see what was going on. I said, "Lord, you have
something new for me. You said that when a man speaks in
tongues, he should ask for the interpretation. I ask for the
interpretation, and I'll stay right here till I get it." And from
that hour the Lord gave me interpretation.
At one time I was in Lincolnshire in England and came in
touch with the old pastor of an Episcopalian Church. He
became much interested and asked me into his library. I never

heard anything sweeter than the prayer the old man uttered as
he got down to pray. He began to pray, "Lord, make me holy.
Lord, sanctify me." I called out, "Wake up! Wake up now!
Get up and sit in your chair." He sat up and looked at me. I
said to him, "I thought you were holy." He answered "Yes."
"Then what makes you ask God to do what He has done for
you?" He began to laugh and then to speak in tongues. Let us
move into the realm of faith, and live in the realm of faith, and
let God have His way.

15:Gifts of Healing and Miracles

God has given us much in these last days, and where much is
given much will be required. The Lord has said to us, "Ye are
the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor,
wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for
nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of

men." We see a thought on the same line when our Lord Jesus
says, "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch,
and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the
fire, and they are burned." On the other hand He tells us, "If
ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what
ye will, and it shall be done unto you." If we do not move on
with the Lord these days, and do not walk in the light of
revealed truth, we shall become as the savorless salt, as a
withered branch. This one thing we must do, forgetting those
things that are behind, the past failures and the past blessings,
we must reach forth for those things which are before, and
press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God
in Christ Jesus.
For many years the Lord has been moving me on and keeping
me from spiritual stagnation. When I was in the Wesleyan

Methodist Church I was sure I was saved and was sure I was
all right. The Lord said to me, "Come out," and I came out.
When I was with the people known as the Brethren I was sure
I was all right now. But the Lord said, "Come out." Then I
went into the Salvation Army. At that time it was full of life
and there were revivals everywhere. But the Salvation Army
went into natural things and the great revivals that they had in
those early days ceased. The Lord said to me, "Come out,"
and I came out. I have had to come out three times since. I
believe that this Pentecostal revival that we are now in is the
best thing that the Lord has on the earth today, and yet I
believe that God has something out of this that is going to be
still better. God has no use for any man who is not hungering
and thirsting for yet more of Himself and His righteousness.
The Lord has told us to covet earnestly the best gifts, and we

need to be covetous for those that will bring Him most glory.
We need to see the gifts of healing and the working of
miracles in operation today. Some say that it is necessary for
us to have the gift of discernment in operation with the gifts of
healing, but even apart from this gift I believe the Holy Ghost
will have a divine revelation for us as we deal with the sick.
Most people seem to have discernment, or think they have,
and if they would turn it on themselves for twelve months
they would never want to discern again. The gift of discernment is not criticism. I am satisfied that in Pentecostal
circles today that our paramount need is more perfect love.
Perfect love will never want the preeminence in everything, it
will never want to take the place of another, it will always be
willing to take the back seat. If you go to a convention there is
always someone who wants to give a message, who wants to

be heard. If you have a desire to go to a convention you
should have three things settled in your mind. Do I want to be
heard? Do I want to be seen? Do I want anything on the line
of finances? If I have these things in my heart I have no right
to be there. The one things that must move us must be the
constraining love of God to minister for Him. A preacher
always loses out when he gets his mind on finances. It is well
for Pentecostal preachers to avoid making much of finances
except to stir up people to help our missionaries on financial
lines. A preacher who gets big collections for the missionaries
need never fear, the Lord will take care of his finances. A
preacher should not land at a place and say that God had sent
him. I am always fearful when I hear a man advertising this. If
he is sent of God, the saints will know it. God has His plans
for His servants and we must so live in His plans that He will

place us where He wants us. If you seek nothing but the will
of God, he will always put you in the right place at the right
time. I want you to see that the gifts of healing and the
working of miracles are part of the Spirit's plan and will come
forth in operation as we are working along that plan. I must
know the movement of the Spirit and the voice of God. I must
understand the will of God if I am to see the gifts of the Spirit
in operation.
The gifts of healing are so varied. You may go and see ten
people and every case is different. I am never happier in the
Lord than when I am in a bedroom with a sick person. I have
had more revelations of the Lord's presence when I have
ministered to the sick at their bedsides than at any other time.
It is as your heart goes out to the needy ones in deep
compassion that the Lord manifests His presence. You are

able to locate their position. It is then that you know that you
must be filled with the Spirit to deal with the conditions
before you.
Where people are in sickness you find frequently that they are
dense about Scripture. They usually know three scriptures
though. They know about Paul's thorn in the flesh, and that
Paul told Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake,
and that Paul left someone sick somewhere; they forget his
name, and don't remember the name of the place, and don't
know where the chapter is. Most people think they have a
thorn in the flesh. The chief thing in dealing with a person
who is sick is to locate their exact position. As you are
ministering under the Spirit's power the Lord will let you see
just that which will be more helpful and most faith-inspiring
to them.
When I was in the plumbing business I enjoyed praying for

the sick. Urgent calls would come and I would have no time
to wash, and with my hands all black I would preach to these
sick ones, my heart all aglow with love. Ah, you must have
your heart in the thing when you pray for the sick. You have
to get right to the bottom of the cancer with a divine
compassion and then you will see the gifts of the Spirit in
operation.
I was called at 10 o'clock one night to pray for a young person
given up by the doctor who was dying of consumption. As I
looked, I saw that unless God undertook it was impossible for
her to live. I turned to the mother and said, "Well, mother, you
will have to go to bed." She said, "Oh, I have not had my
clothes off for three weeks." I said to the daughters, "You will
have to go to bed," but they did not want to go. It was the
same with the son. I put on my overcoat and said, "Good-by,

I'm off." They said, "Oh, don't leave us." I said, "I can do
nothing here." They said, "Oh, if you will stop, we will all go
to bed." I knew that God would move nothing in an atmosphere of mere natural sympathy and unbelief.
They all went to bed and I stayed, and that was surely a time
as I knelt by that bed face to face with death and with the
devil. But God can change the hardest situation and make you
know that He is almighty.
Then the fight came. It seemed as though the heavens were
brass. I prayed from 11 to 3:30 in the morning. I saw the
glimmering light on the face of the sufferer and saw her pass
away. The devil said, "Now you are done for. You have come
from Bradford and the girl has died on your hands." I said, "It
can't be. God did not send me here for nothing. This is a time
to change strength." I remembered that passage which said,
"Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Death had taken

place but I knew that my God was all powerful, and He that
had split the Red Sea is just the same today. It was a time
when I would not have "No," and God said "Yes." I looked at
the window and at that moment the face of Jesus appeared. It
seemed as though a million rays of light were coming from
His face. As He looked at the one who had just passed away,
the color came back to the face. She rolled over and fell
asleep. Then I had a glorious time. In the morning she woke
early, put on a dressing gown and walked to the piano. She
started to play and to sing a wonderful song. The mother and
the sister and the brother had all come down to listen. The
Lord had undertaken. A miracle had been wrought.
The Lord is calling us along this way. I am thanking God for
difficult cases. The Lord has called us into heart union with
Himself; He wants His bride to have one heart and one Spirit

with Him and to do what He Himself loved to do. That case
had to be a miracle. The lungs were gone, they were just in
shreds, but the Lord restored lungs that were perfectly sound.
There is a fruit of the Spirit that must accompany the gift of
healing and that is longsuffering. The man who is going
through with God to be used in healing must be a man of
longsuffering. He must be always ready with a word of
comfort. If the sick one is in distress and helpless and does not
see everything eye to eye with you, you must bear with him.
Our Lord Jesus Christ was filled with compassion and lived
and moved in a place of longsuffering, and we will have to get
into this place if we are to help needy ones.
There are times when you pray for the sick and you are
apparently rough. But you are not dealing with a person, you
are dealing with the satanic forces that are binding the person.

Your heart is full of love and compassion to all, but you are
moved to a holy anger as you see the place the devil has taken
in the body of the sick one, and you deal with his position
with a real forcefulness. One day a pet dog followed a lady
out of her house and ran all round her feet. She said to the
dog, "My dear, I cannot have you with me today." The dog
wagged its tail and made a big fuss. She said, "Go home, my
dear." But the dog did not go. At last she shouted roughly,
"Go home," and off it went. Some people deal with the devil
like that. The devil can stand all the comfort you like to give
him. Cast him out! You are dealing not with the person, you
are dealing with the devil. Demon power must be dislodged in
the name of the Lord. You are always right when you dare to
deal with sickness as with the devil. Much sickness is caused
by some misconduct, there is something wrong, there is some

neglect somewhere, and Satan has had a chance to get in. It is necessary to repent and confess where you have given place to the devil, and then he can be dealt with.

When you deal with a cancer case, recognize that it is a living evil spirit that is destroying the body. I had to pray for a woman in Los Angeles one time who was suffering with cancer, and as soon as it was cursed it stopped bleeding. It was dead. The next thing that happened was that the natural body pressed it out, because the natural body had no room for dead matter. It came out like a great big ball with tens of thousands of fibers. All these fibers had been pressing into the flesh. These evil powers move to get further hold of the system, but the moment they are destroyed their hold is gone.

Jesus said to His disciples that He gave them power to loose and power to bind. It is our privilege in the power of the Holy

Ghost to loose the prisoners of Satan and to let the oppressed
go free.
Take your position in the first epistle of John and declare,
"Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." Then
recognize that it is not yourself that has to deal with the power
of the devil, but the Greater One that is in you. Oh, what it
means to be filled with Him. You can do nothing of yourself,
but He that is in you will win the victory. Your being has
become the temple of the Spirit. Your mouth, your mind, your
whole being becomes exercised and worked upon by the
Spirit of God.
I was called to a certain town in Norway. The hall seated
about 1500 people. When I got to the place it was packed, and
hundreds were trying to get in. There were some policemen
there. The first thing I did was to preach to the people outside
the building. Then I said to the policemen, "It hurts me very

much that there are more people outside than inside and I feel
I must preach to the people. I would like you to get me the
market place to preach in." They secured for me a great park
and a big stand was erected and I was able to preach to
thousands. After the preaching we had some wonderful cases
of healing. One man came a hundred miles bringing his food
with him. He had not been passing anything through his
stomach for over a month as he had a great cancer on his
stomach. He was healed at that meeting, and opening his
parcel, he began eating before all the people. There was a
young woman there with a stiff hand. Instead of the mother
making the child use her arm she had allowed the child to
keep the arm dormant until it was stiff, and she had grown up
to be a young woman and was like the woman that was bowed
down with the spirit of infirmity. As she stood before me I

cursed the spirit of infirmity in the name of Jesus. It was
instantly cast out and the arm was free. Then she waved it all
over. At the close of the meeting the devil laid out two people
with fits. When the devil is manifesting himself, then is the
time to deal with him. Both of these people were delivered,
and when they stood up and thanked and praised the Lord
what a wonderful time we had.
We need to wake up and be on the stretch to believe God.
Before God could bring me to this place He has broken me a
thousand times. I have wept, I have groaned, I have travailed
many a night until God broke me. It seems to me that until
God has mowed you down you never can have this
longsuffering for others. We can never have the gifts of
healing and the working of miracles in operation only as we
stand in the divine power that God gives us and we stand
believing God, and having done all we still stand believing.

We have been seeing wonderful miracles these last days and
they are only a little of what we are going to see. I believe that
we are right on the threshold of wonderful things, but I want
to emphasize that all these things will be through the power of
the Holy Ghost. You must not think that these gifts will fall
upon you like ripe cherries. There is a sense in which you
have to pay the price for everything you get. We must be
covetous for God's best gifts, and say Amen to any preparation the Lord takes us through, in order that we may be
humble, usable vessels through whom He Himself can operate
by means of the Spirit's power.

16:The Gift of Prophecy

In 1 Cor. 12:10, speaking of the diversities of gifts by the
same Spirit, Paul writes, "To another prophecy." We see the
importance of this gift from 1 Cor. 14:1, where we are told to

follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that
we may prophesy. We see also that he that prophesieth
speaketh unto man to edification, and exhortation and
comfort. How important it is then that we should have this gift
in manifestation in the church in order that the saints might be
built up and made strong and filled with the comfort of God.
But with this as all other gifts we should see that it is operated
by the Spirit's power and brought forth in the unction of the
Spirit; so that everyone who shall hear prophecy, as it is
brought forth by the Spirit of God, shall know that it is GOD
who is bringing forth that which is for the edification of those
who hear. It is the Spirit of God who takes of the deep things
of God and reveals them, and unctionizes the prophet to give
forth that which is a revelation of the things of God.
Utterance in prophecy has a real lifting power and gives real

light on the truth to those who hear. Prophecy is never a mind
reflection, it is something far deeper than this. By means of
prophecy we receive that which is the mind of the Lord; and
as we receive these blessed, fresh utterances through the Spirit
of the Lord the whole assembly is lifted into the realm of the
spiritual. Our hearts and minds and whole bodies receive a
quickening through the Spirit-given word. As the Spirit brings
forth prophecy we find there is healing and salvation and
power in every line. For this reason it is one of the gifts that
we ought to covet.
While we appreciate true prophecy, we must not forget that
the Scriptures warn us in no uncertain manner concerning that
which is false. In 1 John 4:1 we are told, "Beloved, believe
not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:
because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

And John tells us how we can tell the difference between the
true and the false, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every
spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is
of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is
come in the flesh is not of God; but this is that spirit of
antichrist whereof ye have heard that it should come." There
are voices which seem like prophecy and some have got into
terrible darkness and bondage through listening to these
counterfeits of the true gift of prophecy. True prophecy is
always Christ-exalting, magnifying the Son of God, exalting
the blood of Jesus Christ, encouraging the saints to praise and
worship the true God. False prophecy deals with things that
do not edify and is designed to puff up its hearers and to lead
them into error.
Many picture Satan as a great, ugly monster with great ears,

eyes and a tail; but the Scriptures give us no such picture of
him. He was a being of great beauty whose heart became
lifted up. He is manifesting himself everywhere today as an
angel of light. He is full of pride, and if you don't watch he
will try to make you think you are somebody. This is the
weakness of most preachers and most men -- the idea of being
somebody! There are none of us who are anything, and the
more we know we are nothing, the more God can make us a
channel of His power. May the dear Lord save us from all
these pride side-lines -- they are the devil's traps. True
prophecy will show you that Christ is all in all, and that you
are in yourself less than nothing and vanity. False prophecy
will not magnify Christ but will make you think that after all
you are going to be some great one. You may be sure that
such is inspired by "the chief of the sons of pride."

I want to warn you against the foolishness of continually seeking to hear voices. Look in the Bible. Here we have the voice of God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Don't run away with anything else. If you hear the voice of God it will be on the line of the Scriptures of truth given in the inspired Word.

In Rev. 22:18, 19 we see the danger of attempting to add to or take from the prophecy of this Book. True prophecy, as it comes forth in the power of the Spirit of God, will neither take from nor add to the Scriptures, but will intensify and quicken that which already has been given to us of God. The Holy Ghost will bring to our remembrance all the things that Jesus said and did. True prophecy will bring forth things new and old out of the Scriptures of truth and will make them

living and powerful to us.
Some may ask, "If we have the Scriptures, why do we need
prophecy?" The Scriptures themselves answer this question.
God has said that in the last days He will pour out of His
Spirit upon all flesh," and your sons and your daughters shall
prophecy." The Lord knew that in these last days prophecy
would be a real means of blessing to us, and that is why we
can count on Him giving us, by means of the Spirit, through
his servants and his handmaids, true prophetic messages.
I want to give you a warning concerning listening to voices. I
was at a meeting in Paisley in Scotland and came in touch
with two young women. One of them wore a white blouse but
it was smeared with blood. They were in a great state of
excitement. These two girls were telegraph operators and
were precious young women, having received the Baptism in

the Spirit. They were both longing to be missionaries. But
whatever our spiritual state is we are subject to temptations.
An evil power came to one of these young women and said,
"If you will obey me, I will make you one of the most
wonderful missionaries that ever went out." This was just the
devil or one of his agents acting as an angel of light. One of
these young women was captured immediately and she
became so excited that her sister saw there was something
wrong and asked the overseer to allow them to be free for a
time.
As she took her into a room, the power of Satan endeavoring
to imitate the Spirit of God, manifested itself in a voice, and
led this young woman to believe that the missionary
enterprise would be unfolded that night if she would obey.
This evil spirit said, "Don't tell anybody but your sister." I

reckon that everything of God can be told everybody. If you
cannot preach what you live, your life is wrong. If you are
afraid of telling what you do in secret. Some day it will be
told from the housetop. Don't think you will get out of it. That
which is pure cometh to the light. He that doeth truth cometh
to the light that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are
wrought in God.
The evil power went on to say to this girl, "You go to the
railroad station tonight, and there will be a train coming in at
7:32. Buy a ticket for yourself and your sister. Then you will
have six pence left. You will find a woman in a carriage
dressed as a nurse, and opposite her will be a gentleman who
has all the money you need." She bought her ticket and had
just six pence left. The first thing came right. Next, the train
came in at exactly 7:32. But the next thing did not come. They

ran from the top to the bottom of that railroad train before it moved out and nothing turned out as they had been told. As soon as the train moved out the same voice came and said, "Over on the other platform." All that night until 9:30 these two young women were rushed from platform to platform. As soon as it was 9:30 this same evil power said, "Now that I know you will obey me, I will make you the greatest missionaries." Always something big! They might have known it was all wrong. The evil power said, "This gentleman will take you to a certain bank at a certain corner in Glasgow where he will put all that money in for you." Banks are not open at that time of night in Glasgow. If she had gone to the street this evil spirit mentioned, there probably would not have been a bank there. All they needed was a little common sense and they would have seen that it was not the Lord. If

you have your heart open for these kind of voices you will
soon get into a trap. We must ever remember that there are
many evil spirits in the world.
Were these two people delivered? Yes, after terrible travail
with God, they were perfectly delivered. Their eyes were
opened to see that this thing was not of God but of the devil.
These two sisters are now laboring for the Lord in China and
doing a blessed work for Him. If you do get into error on
these lines, praise God there is a way out. I praise God that He
will break us down till all pride leaves us. The worst pride we
can have is the pride of exaltation of self.
Paul wrote at the commandment of the Lord, "Let the
prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge. If
anything be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first
hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all
may learn, and all may be comforted." If you are not humble

enough to allow your prophecy to be judged, it is as surely
wrong as you are wrong. Prophecy has to be judged. A
meeting such as this one that Paul suggests would certainly be
the greatest meeting you ever had. Praise God, the tide will
rise to this. It will all come into perfect order when the church
is bathed and lost in the great ideal of only glorifying Jesus.
Then things will come to pass that will be worth while.
Coupled with prophecy you will have the fruit of the Spirit
that is goodness. They were holy men who spoke in prophecy
in days of old as the Holy Ghost prompted them, and so today
the prophet who can be trusted is a man that is full of
goodness, that goodness which is the fruit of the Spirit. But
when he gets out of this position, and rests upon his own
individuality, he is in danger of being puffed up and becoming
an instrument for the enemy.

I know some people who had a wonderful farm, very
productive, in a very good neighborhood. They listened to
voices telling them to sell everything and go to Africa. These
voices so unhinged them that they had scarcely had time to
sell out. They sold their property at a ridiculous price. The
same voices told them of a certain ship they were to sail on.
When they got to the port they found there wasn't a ship of
that name. The difficulty was this, to get them not to believe
these false voices. They said perhaps it was the mind of the
Lord to give them another ship, and the voice soon gave them
the name of another ship. When they reached Africa they
knew no language that was spoken there. But the voice did not
let them stop. They had to come back, brokenhearted, shaken
through, and having lost all confidence in everything. If these
people had had sense to go to some men of God who were

filled with the Spirit and seek their counsel, they would soon
have been persuaded that these voices were not of God. But
listening to these voices always brings about a spiritual pride
that makes a man or woman think that they are superior to
their brethren, and that they are above taking counsel of men
who they think are not so filled with the Spirit as they are. If
you hear any voices that make you think that you are superior
to those whom God has put in the church to rule the church,
watch out, that is surely the devil.
We read in the Revelation that the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy. You will find that true prophetic utterance
always exalts the Lamb of God.
No prophetic touch is of any good unless there is fire in it. I
never expect to be used of God till the fire burns. I feel that if
I ever speak, it must be by the Spirit. At the same time
remember that the prophet must prophesy according to the

measure of faith. If you rise up in your weakness, but rise up
in love because you want to honor God, and just begin, you
will find the presence of the Lord upon you. Act in faith and
the Lord will meet you.
May God take us on and on into this glorious fact of faith, that
we may be so in the Holy Ghost that God will work through
us on the line of the miraculous and on the lines of prophecy,
where we shall always know that it is no longer we but He
who is working through us, bringing forth that which is in His
own divine good pleasure.

17:The Discerning of Spirits

"To another discerning of spirits" (1 Cor. 12:10). There is a
vast difference between natural discernment and spiritual.
When it comes to natural discernment you will find many
people loaded with it, and they can see so many faults in

others. To such the words of Christ in the sixth chapter of
Luke surely apply, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in
thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine
own eye?" If you want to manifest natural discernment, focus
the same on yourself for at least twelve months and you will
see so many faults in yourself that you will never want to fuss
about the faults of another. In the sixth of Isaiah we read of
the prophet being in the presence of God and he found that
even his lips were unclean and everything was unclean. But
praise God, there is the same live coal for us today, the
baptism of fire, the perfecting of the heart, the purifying of the
mind, the regeneration of the spirit. How important it is that
the fire of God shall touch our tongues.
In 1 John 4:1 we are told, "Beloved, believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are of God." We are further

told, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is
come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of
antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and
even now already it is in the world." From time to time as I
have seen a person under the power of evil, or having a fit, I
have said to the power of evil, or satanic force that is within
the possessed person, "Did Jesus Christ come in the flesh?"
And straightway they have answered "No." They either say
"No," or hold their tongues, refusing altogether to acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ came in the flesh. It is
then, remembering that further statement of John's, "Greater is
He that is in you than he that is in the world," that you can in
the name of the Lord Jesus Christ deal with the evil powers
and command them to come out. We as Pentecostal people
must know the tactics of the evil one and must be able to
displace and dislodge him from his position.

I was preaching in Doncaster, England, at one time on the line
of faith and a number of people were delivered. There was a
man present who was greatly interested and moved by what
he saw. He was suffering himself with a stiff knee and had
yards and yards of flannel wound around it. After he got home
he said to his wife, "I have taken in Wigglesworth's message
and now I am going to act on it and get deliverance. Wife, I
want you to be the audience." He took hold of his knee and
said, "Come out, you devil, in the name of Jesus." Then he
said, "It is all right, wife." He took the yards and yards of
flannel off and found he was all right without the bandage.
The next night he went to the little Primitive Methodist
Church where he worshiped. There were a lot of young people
who were in bad plight there and Jack had a tremendous
business delivering his friends through the name of Jesus. He

had been given to see that a great many ills to which flesh is
heir are nothing else but the operation of the enemy, but his
faith had risen and he saw that in the name of Jesus there was
a power that was more than a match for the enemy.
I arrived one night at Gottenberg in Sweden and was asked to
hold a meeting there. In the midst of the meeting a man fell
full length in the doorway. The evil spirit drew him down,
manifesting itself and disturbing the whole meeting. I rushed
to the door and laid hold of this man and cried out to the evil
spirit within him, "Come out, you devil! In the name of Jesus
we cast you out as an evil spirit." I lifted him up and said,
"Stand on your feet and walk in the name of Jesus." I don't
know whether anybody in the meeting understood me except
the interpreter, but the devils knew what I said. I talked in
English but these devils in Sweden cleared out. A similar

thing happened in Christiania.
The devil will endeavor to fascinate through the eyes and
through the mind. At one time there was brought to me a
beautiful young woman who had been fascinated with some
preacher, and just because he had not given her satisfaction on
the line of courtship and marriage the devil took advantage
and made her fanatical and mad. They brought her 250 miles
in that condition. She had previously received the Baptism in
the Spirit. You ask, "Is there any place for the enemy in one
that has been baptized in the Holy Ghost?" Our only safety is
in going on with God and in constantly being filled with the
Holy Ghost. You must not forget Demas. He must have been
baptized with the Holy Ghost for he appears to have been a
right-hand worker with Paul, but the enemy got him to the
place where he loved this present world and he dropped off.

When they brought this young woman to me the evil power
was immediately discerned and immediately I cast the thing
out in the name of Jesus. It was a great joy to present her
before all the people in her right mind again.
There is a life of perfect deliverance, and this is where God
wants you to be. If I find my peace is disturbed on any line, I
know it is the enemy who is trying to work. How do I know
this? Because the Lord has promised to keep your mind in
perfect peace when it is stayed on Him. Paul tells us to present
our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which
is our reasonable service; the Holy Spirit breathes through
him, "And be not conformed to this world; *but be ye*
transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove
what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."
He further tells us in Phil. 4, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever

things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever
things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things
are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any
praise, think on these things." As we think about that which is
pure, we become pure. As we think about that which is holy,
we become holy. And as we think about our Lord Jesus
Christ, we become like Him. We are changed into the likeness
of the object on which our gaze is fixed.
To discern spirits we must dwell with Him who is holy, and
He will give the revelation and unveil the mask of satanic
power on all lines. In Australia I went to one place where
there were disrupted and broken homes. The people were so
deluded by the evil power of Satan that men had left their
wives, and wives had left their husbands, and had gotten into
spiritual affinity with one another. That is the devil! May God

deliver us from such evils in these days. There is no one better
than the companion God has given you. I have seen so many
broken hearts and so many homes that have been wrecked.
We need a real revelation of these evil seducing spirits which
come in and fascinate by the eye and destroy lives, and bring
the work of God into disrepute. But there is always flesh
behind it. It is never clean; it is unholy, impure, satanic,
devilish, and hell is behind it. If the enemy comes in to tempt
you on any line like this, I beseech you to look instantly to the
Lord Jesus. He can deliver you from any such satanic power.
You must be separated on all lines if you are going to have
faith.
The Holy Ghost will give us this gift of discerning of spirits if
we desire it so that we may perceive by revelation this evil
power which comes in to destroy. We can reach out and get

this unction of the Spirit that will reveal these things unto us.
You will have people come to meetings who are spiritists.
You must be able to deal with spiritist conditions. You can so
deal with them that they will not have any power in the
meetings. If you ever have Theosophists or Christian
Scientist, you must be able to discern them and settle them.
Never play with them; always clear them out. They are better
with their own company always unless they are willing to be
delivered from the delusion they are in. Remember the
warning of the Lord Jesus, "The thief cometh not, but for to
steal, and to kill, and to destroy."
Before Satan can bring his evil spirits there has to be an open
door. Hear what the scriptures say: "That wicked one toucheth
him not: (1 John 5:18). "The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil: He shall preserve thy soul" (Psa. 121:7). how does Satan

get an opening? When the saint ceases to seek after holiness,
purity, righteousness, truth; when he ceases to pray, stops
reading the Word and gives way to carnal appetites, then it is
that Satan comes. So often sickness comes as a result of
disobedience. David said, "Before I was afflicted, I went
astray." Seek the Lord and He will sanctify every thought,
every act, till your whole being is ablaze with holy purity and
your one desire will be for Him who has created you in
holiness. Oh, this holiness! Can we be made pure? We can.
Every inbred sin must go. God can cleanse away every evil
thought. Can we have a hatred for sin and a love for
righteousness? Yes, God will create within thee a pure heart.
He will take away the stony heart out of the flesh. He will
sprinkle thee with clean water and thou shalt be cleansed from
all thy filthiness. When will He do it? When you seek Him for

such inward purity.

18:The Gift of Tongues

"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that
ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue,
speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh
mysteries" (1 Cor. 14:1, 2).
It is necessary that we have a great desire for spiritual gifts.
We must thirst after them and covet them earnestly because
the gifts are necessary and important, that we, by the grace of
God having received the gifts, may be used for God's glory.
God has ordained this speaking in an unknown tongue unto
Himself as a wonderful, supernatural means of communication in the Spirit. As we speak to him in the
unknown tongue we speak wonderful mysteries in the Spirit.
In Rom. 8:27 we read, "He that searcheth the hearts knoweth

what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession
for the saints according to the will of God." Many times as we
speak unto God in an unknown tongue we are in intercession
and as we pray thus in the Spirit we pray according to the will
of God. And there is such a thing as the Spirit making
intercession with groanings which cannot be uttered.
On this line I want to tell you about Willie Burton, who is
laboring for God in the Belgium Congo. Brother Burton is a
mighty man of God and is giving his life for the heathen in
Africa. He took fever and went down to death. They said, "He
has preached his last; what shall we do?" All their hopes
seemed to be blighted, and there they stood, with broken
hearts, wondering what was going to take place. They left him
for dead; but, in a moment, without any signal, he stood right
in the midst of them; and they could not understand it. The

explanation he gave was this, that, when he came to himself,
he realized a warmth going right through his body; and there
wasn't one thing wrong with him. How did it come about? It
was a mystery until he went to London and was telling the
people how he was left for dead, and then was raised up. A
lady came up and asked for a private conversation with him,
and arranged a time. She asked, "Do you keep a diary?" He
answered, "Yes," She told him, "It happened on a certain day
that I went to pray; and as soon as I knelt, I had you on my
mind. The Spirit of the Lord took hold of me and prayed
through me in an unknown tongue. A vision came before me
in which I saw you laid out helpless; and I cried out in the
unknown tongue till I saw you rise up and go out of that
room." She had kept a note of the time and when he turned to
his diary he found that it was exactly the time when he was

raised up. There are great possibilities as we yield to the Spirit
and speak unto God in quiet hours in our bedrooms. God
wants you to be filled with the Holy Ghost so that everything
about you shall be charged with the dynamic of heaven.
He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but
he that prophesieth edifieth the church" (Verse 4). I want you
to see that he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth
himself or builds himself up. We must be edified before we
can edify the church. I cannot estimate what I, personally,
owe to the Holy Ghost method of spiritual edification. I am
here before you as one of the biggest conundrums in the
world. There never was a weaker man on the platform.
Language? None. Inability -- full of it. All natural things in
my life point exactly opposite to my being able to stand on the
platform and preach the gospel. The secret is that the Holy

Ghost came and brought this wonderful edification of the
Spirit. I had been reading this Word continually as well as I
could, but the Holy Ghost came and took hold of it, for the
Holy Ghost is the breath of it, and He illuminated it to me.
And He gives me language that I cannot speak fast enough; it
comes too fast; and it is there because God has given it. When
the Comforter is come He shall teach you ALL things; and He
has given me this supernatural means of speaking in an
unknown tongue to edify myself, so that, after being edified, I
can edify the church.
In 1 John 2:20 we read, "But ye have an unction from the
Holy One, and ye know all things." In verse 27 we read, "But
the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you,
and ye need not that any man should teach you; but as the
same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is

no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."
Even, when you are baptized in the Spirit you may say, "I
seem so dry, I don't know where I am." The Word says you
have an unction. Thank God you have received the anointing.
The Holy Ghost here says that He is abiding and that He
teaches you of all things. These are great and definite
positions for you. The Holy Ghost would have you stir up
your faith to believe that this word is true that you have the
unction and that the anointing abideth. As you rise up in the
morning believe this wonderful truth, and as you yield to the
Spirit's presence and power you will find yourself speaking
unto God in the Spirit and you will find that you are
personally being edified by doing this. Let everything about
you be a lie, but let this word of God be true. The devil will
say you are the driest person and that you will never do

anything, but you believe God's word, that the anointing
which ye have received of Him abideth in you.
"I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye
prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that
speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church
may receive edification." You must understand that God
would always have you to be in the place of prophecy, for
everyone who has received the Holy Ghost has a right to
prophesy. In verse 31 we read, "Ye may all prophesy one by
one." Now prophecy is far in advance of speaking in tongues,
except that you have the interpretation of the speaking in
tongues, and then God gets an equivalent to prophecy. In
verse 13 we read, "Let him that speaketh in an unknown
tongue, pray that he may interpret." This is an important word.
After receiving the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and speaking in

tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, I did not speak with
tongues again for nine months. I was troubled about it because
I went up and down laying hands upon people that they might
receive the Holy Ghost, and they were speaking in tongues,
but I did not have the joy of speaking myself. God wanted to
show me that the speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave
utterance, which I received when I received the Baptism, was
distinct from the gift of tongues which I subsequently
received. When I laid hands on other people and they received
the Holy Ghost, I used to think, "Oh, Lord Jesus, it would be
nice if You would let me speak." He withheld the gift from
me, for He knew that I would meet many who would say that
the Baptism of the Holy Ghost can be received without the
speaking in tongues, and that people simply received the gift
of tongues when they received the Baptism. I did not receive

the gift of tongues at that time, but nine months later I was going out of the door one morning, speaking to the Lord in my own heart, when there came a volume of tongues. When the tongues stopped I said to the Lord, "Now, Lord, I did not do it, and I wasn't seeking it; so You have done it, and I am not going to move from this place until you give me the interpretation." And then came an interpretation which has been fulfilled all the world over. Is it the Holy Ghost who speaks? Then the Holy Ghost can interpret. Let him that speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret, and God will give it. We must not rush through without getting a clear understanding of what God has to say to us.

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (Verse 15). If you pray

in an unknown tongue in the Spirit you do not know what you
are praying; you have no understanding of it. It is unfruitful to
those round about you; but you have the same power to pray
with the understanding under the unction of the Spirit as you
have to pray in an unknown tongue. Some say, "Oh, I could
do that, but it would be myself doing it." If YOU pray, it is
yourself, and everything you do in the beginning is yourself. I
kneel down to pray and the first and second sentences may be
in the natural; but as soon as *I* have finished, the Spirit begins
to pray through me. The first may be yourself. Granted. The
next will be the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost will take you
through, praise the Lord. Everything but faith will say, "That
isn't right." Faith says, "It is right." The natural man says, "It
isn't right." Faith says, "It is right." Paul says, "I will pray with
the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also;" and he

does it in faith. The devil is against it and your own self-life is
against it. May God the Holy Ghost bring us into the blessed
place where we may live, walk, pray and sing in the Spirit,
and pray and sing with the understanding also. Faith will do it.
Faith has a deaf ear to the devil and to the working of the
natural mind, and a big ear to God. Faith has a deaf ear to
yourself and an open ear to God. Faith won't take any notice
of feelings. Faith says, "You are complete in Him."
It is a wonderful thing to pray in the Spirit and to sing in the
Spirit, praying in tongues and singing in tongues as the Spirit
of God gives you utterance. I never get out of bed in the
morning without having communion with God in the Spirit. It
is the most wonderful thing on earth. It is most lovely to be in
the Spirit when you are dressing and you come out to the
world and the world has no effect on you. You begin the day

like that and you will be conscious of the guidance of the
Spirit right through the day.
"I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: yet in
the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also,
than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (Ver. 18, 19).
Many people will come round and say that Paul said he would
rather speak five words with the known tongue than ten
thousand words without understanding. Then will always
leave out that part of the sentence, "I thank my God, I speak
with tongues more than ye all." Paul was here correcting the
excessive speaking in tongues without interpretation, which
was not for the edification of the assembly. If there was no
interpreter present, they were simply to speak to themselves
and to God. Suppose we had someone preaching and we had
twenty or thirty people all up and down in tongues, it would

be very serious. There would be confusion. The people who
attend the meeting would rather have five words of edification, consolation and comfort than ten thousand words
without understanding.
Because you feel a touch of the Spirit you are not obliged to
speak in tongues. The Lord will give you a sound mind so that
you will hold your body in perfect order for the edification of
the church. But Paul here says that he spake in tongues more
than they all; and, as it is evident that the Corinthian church
was given to this thing very considerably, he certainly must
have been speaking tremendously in tongues both day and
night. He was so edified by this wonderful, supernatural
means of being built up, that he could go to the church, and
preaching in a manner so that they could all understand him,
he would marvelously edify the saints.
"In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other

lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they
not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign,
not to them that believe, but to them that believe not" (Verses
21, 22). There are many who call themselves believers who
are extremely unbelieving. One of the unbelieving "believers"
was a Methodist minister who lived in Sheffield, England. A
man gave him a check and told him to go and take a rest. This
man also gave him my name and address; so, when he got to
Bradford, he began to inquire about me. He was warned
against me as one of the "tongues people," and was told to be
very careful and not to be taken in, for the whole thing was of
the devil. He said, "They will not take ME in; I know too
much for them to take me in."
He was quite run down and needed rest; and when he came he
said, "A friend of yours sent me, is it all right?" I replied,

"Yes, you are welcome." But we could do nothing with that
man. It was impossible. Talk? You never heard anyone talk
like him. It was talk, talk, talk, talk. I said, "Let him alone, he
will surely finish some day." We had dinner, and he talked
through dinner time; we had the next meal and he talked
through that.
It was our Friday night meeting for those seeking the Baptism
and the room began to fill with people and still he talked. No
one could get an edge in. He lodged himself in a place where
he could not be disturbed by those coming in. I said, "Brother,
you will have to stop now, we are going to pray." As a general
thing we had some singing before going to prayer; but this
time it was different. It was God's order. We got straight to
prayer and as soon as we began to pray two young women,
one on this side and the other on the other side began speaking

in tongues. And this minister--it was all so strange to him--
moved from one to the other to hear what they were saying. In
a little while he said, "May I go to my room?" I said, "Yes,
brother, if you wish." So he went to his room and we had a
wonderful time.
We went to bed about eleven o'clock or so and at half-past
three in the morning this man came to the bedroom door.
Knock, knock, "May I come in?" "Yes, come in." He opened
the door and said, "He is come, He is come" -- holding his
mouth, for he could hardly speak in English. I said, "Go back
to bed, tell us tomorrow." Tongues are for the unbeliever, and
this man was an unbeliever, an unbelieving "believer." Again
and again I have seen conviction come upon people through
the speaking in tongues.
The next morning he came down to breakfast and said, "Oh,
was not that a wonderful night?" He said, "I know Greek and

Hebrew, and those two young women were speaking these
languages, one was saying in Greek, 'Get right with God,' and
the other was saying the same thing in Hebrew. I knew it was
God speaking, and I knew it was not they. I first had to repent.
I came in an unbeliever, but I found that God was here. In the
night God laid me on the floor for about two hours. I was
helpless. Then God broke through." Here he began again to
speak in tongues, right over the breakfast table.
God will have witnesses of His mighty power that no man can
gainsay. You will have to see that the Holy Ghost will speak
through you in tongues and interpretation which will bring
conviction to the unbeliever in the open air; and you will find
that God will convict you by this means.
I will explain to you the most perfect way to receive the gift.
Come with me to the second chapter of 2 Kings and I will
show you a man receiving a gift. Elijah had been mightily

used of God in calling down fire and in other miracles; and
Elisha is moved with a great spirit of covetousness to have
this man's gifts. You can be very covetous for the gifts of the
Spirit and God will allow it. When Elijah said to him, "I want
you to stop at Gilgal," Elisha said, "As the Lord liveth and as
thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee."
There was no stopping him. When Elijah wanted Elisha to
stop at Jericho he said in substance, "I am not stopping." The
man that stops gets nothing. O, don't stop at Jericho; don't stop
at Jordan; don't stop anywhere when God would have you
move on into all of His fullness that He has for you.
They came to Jordan and Elijah took his mantle and smote the
waters. They divided; and Elijah and Elisha went over on dry
ground. Elijah turned to Elisha and said in substance, "Look
here, what do you want?" Elisha was wanting what he was
going to have, and you may covet all that God says that you

shall have. Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy
spirit be upon me." This was the plow-boy, who had washed
the hands of his master; but his spirit got so big that he
purposed in his heart that, when Elijah stepped off the scene,
he would be put into his place.
Elijah said, "Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if
thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto
thee." May God help you never to stop persevering till you get
what you want. Let your aspiration be large and your faith rise
until you are wholly on fire for God's best.
Onward they go, and as one steps, the other steps with him.
He purposed to keep his eye on his master until the last. It
took a chariot of fire and horses of fire to part them asunder,
and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. I can fancy I
hear Elisha crying out, "Father Elijah, drop that mantle!" And
it came down. Oh, I can see it lowering, lowering and

lowering. Elisha took all of his own clothes and rent them in
two pieces, and then he took up the mantle of Elijah. I do not
believe that, when he put on that other mantle, he felt any
difference in himself; but when he came to Jordan, he took the
mantle of Elijah and smote the waters and said, "Where is the
Lord God of Elijah?" And the waters parted and he went over
on dry ground. And the sons of the prophets said, "The spirit
of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha."
It is like receiving a gift; you don't know that you have it till
you act in faith. Brothers and sisters, as you ask, BELIEVE.