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Prayer

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Much with God alone is the secret of knowing Him and of influence with Him. He yields to the persistency of a faith that knows Him. The short prevailing prayer cannot be prayed by one who has not prevailed with God in a mightier struggle of long continuance. Our ability to stay with God in our closet, measures our ability to stay with God out of the closet. Hasty closet visits are deceptive, defaulting. We are not only deluded by them, but we are losers by them in many ways and in many rich legacies. Tarrying in the closet instructs and wins. We are taught by it, and the greatest victories are often the results of great waiting — waiting till words and plans are exhausted, and silent and patient waiting gains the crown.

Spiritual work is taxing work, and men are loath to do it. Praying, true praying, costs an outlay of serious attention and of time, which flesh and blood do not relish. Few persons are made of such strong fibre that they will make a costly outlay when surface work will pass as well in the market. We can habituate ourselves to our beggarly praying until it looks well to us; at least it keeps up a decent form and quiet conscience — the deadliest of opiates! We can slight our praying and not realize the peril till the foundations are gone. Hurried devotions make weak faith, feeble convictions, questionable piety. To be little with God is to be little for God. To cut short the praying makes the whole religious character short, scrimp, niggardly, and slovenly.

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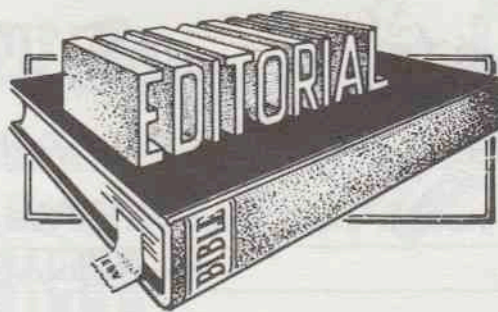
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DROUGHT!!!!

The summer is past! Yes, with the passing of Labor Day activities, summer is officially over. Kids are back in school all across the country and thoughts turn to leaf-raking, apple cider, followed quickly by the snows of winter.

But let's go back to the summer. "In the good ole' summertime" goes the old song. Yet, the summer of '88 will be remembered for different reasons. Recently a headline in USA Today trumpeted "Hottest Summer in 52 Years." People sweltered, air-conditioners strained, and utility bills soared as temperatures rose above the 100 degree mark and new records were set all across the country.

But it was not only hot; it was awfully dry. Crop damage ran into the hundreds of millions and fall and winter food prices will reflect the effects of the '88 drought. While visiting the Penns Creek Camp I heard the news of a shrinking reservoir of water and the possible dire results of the drought.

A recent period of devotional reading presents a pleasant change from reading of the ravages of summer drought. Let your mind and heart exult in this passage from the gracious lips of the Master himself, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life." Christ's gracious words to the Samaritan woman should bring comfort and solace even to those who have read them many times before.

Take courage, dear reader. Christ has abundance of living water for our spiritual thirst. One never need suffer the effects of spiritual drought in his life. For our supply does not depend upon the whim of a raincloud, but rather upon the never-failing spring of life-giving, fresh water.

However, ours is a serious responsibility, for a thirsty world needs what we have in abundance. Let us never be like the Dead Sea, which takes in but never gives out. He desires that out of our innermost being shall flow "rivers of living water." Stay close to our Source. Guard well our lives and drought will not touch us. Hot, oh yes, the enemy may blow his fiery breath upon us to try to discourage. Dry, need never be. Drought is never a real possibility by a flowing river.

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What is HOLINESS?

Bishop Foster's Description

One of Methodism's great bishops, Randolph S. Foster, has spoken thus concerning the Bible's teaching of this glorious truth: "In the university of Heaven, whose president is God, and whose catalog is the Bible, the course of study is plainly laid down. We may say without fear of successful contradiction that God's Word has majored on holiness: It breathes in the prophecy, thunders in the law, murmurs in the narrative, whispers in the promises, supplicates in the prayers, sparkles in the poetry, resounds in the songs, speaks in the types, glows in the imagery, voices in the languages, and burns in the spirit of the whole scheme, from alpha to omega, from its beginning to its end. Holiness! Holiness needed, holiness required, holiness offered, holiness attainable, holiness a present duty, a present privilege, a present enjoyment, is the progress and completeness of its wondrous theme. It is the truth glowing all over, welling all through revelation, the glorious truth which sparkles and whispers and sings and shouts in all its history and biography and poetry and precept and promise and prayer, the great central truth of Christianity".

And the great John Fletcher described it (Christian Perfection) as a great constellation composed of "these gracious stars—perfect repentance, perfect faith, perfect humility, perfect meekness, perfect self-denial, perfect resignation, perfect hope, perfect charity for our visible enemies as well as our earthly relations; and, above all, perfect love for our invisible God, through the explicit knowledge of our Mediator, Jesus Christ. And, as this last star is always accompanied by all the others, as Jupiter is by his satellites, we frequently use the phrase 'perfect love' instead of the word perfection, understanding by it the pure love of God shed abroad in the hearts of established believers by the Holy Ghost."

It Is Not A Fad or Fanaticism

Many who recognize the scripturalness and the reasonableness of the idea of holiness are fearful that as an experience it is a fad, or maybe fanaticism. As Bishop Foster's thrilling description showed, this truth is consistent with **the whole of Bible teaching**. There is no doubt that its friends as well as its foes have gone to extremes in representing and misrepresenting it. Eight years ago Dr. S. Olin Garrison edited a book entitled **Forty Witnesses**, which contained the spiritual biographies of forty witnesses to the truth of this glorious experience as they had come to experience it themselves. The Introduction was written by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss.

Of the forty personal testimonies given, thirteen were by women, three were by doctors of medicine, one was a Methodist Bishop, five were then College Presidents or Professors in colleges, and at least thirteen had been awarded Doctor's degrees. That is said to show that these persons were considered by others as knowing whereof they spoke. Twenty-five

were Methodists, five were Friends (or Quakers), one was Baptist, four were Episcopalian, three were Congregationalist, and two were Church of England folk. What a denominational cross-section! But their testimonies agreed on this fact: there is such an experience as Christian Holiness which is obtainable in this present life.

Ten years ago Beacon Hill Press published a book entitled **Holiness in Doctrine and Experience** by an Anonymous Compiler, in which eighty-nine individuals were quoted or cited in reference to this grand theme. Many more representative denominations and groups were included than in the Garrison book. Their testimony corroborated that of the others.

An English theologian, Henry Field, offers five Scripture bases as proofs that this glorious experience is attainable in this life. He says: "1. **It is proved from the fact that God commands it** (Deut. 6:5 cf. Luke 10:27; Matthew 5:48; Romans 6:11; II Cor. 7:1; Heb. 6:1; 12:14; James 1:4; I Peter 1:15-16). If it is not attainable, then God has issued a command which is impossible to obey. . . . Who is prepared for this conclusion? 2. **It is proved from the fact that God promises it** (Deut. 30:6; Ezek. 26:25-29; Matt. 5:6; I Thess. 5:23-24; I John 1:7-9). If it is not attainable, then God's promise will fail; but 'He is not a man that he should lie.' 3. **It is proved from the fact that Holy and inspired men prayed for it in behalf of the Church** (John 17:20-23; Eph. 3:14-21; Col. 4:12; I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20-21; I Peter 5:10). If it is not attainable, the men who offered these prayers were deluded by the Holy Ghost, and inspiration is not to be trusted. 4. **It is proved from the fact that the Bible points it as the greatest object of all God's dealings with men**. It is the object of Christ's mediatorial work (Luke 1:68-75; I John 3:8; Eph. 5:25-27; Titus 2:14); . . . 5. **It is proved from the fact that the Scriptures present us with examples of those who have realized it. . . .**"

The practicalness of this experience has been described by Dr. J. G. Morrison: "When entire sanctification is come, then love becomes perfect. With hatred gone, and envy no more, and jealousy driven away, and pride cast out, and anger transformed, and malice removed, and unholy ambition sanctified, and self-seeking banished, and avarice nailed to the Cross, and covetousness clean gone forever, the heart, now released from its bondage to moral corruption swells with ecstasy of perfect love to God, perfect fellowship with God's children, and a tender compassion for the lost members of Adam's race."

We have seen that the Bible is a Book on holiness; it tells of a holy God, a holy Christ, and a Holy Spirit. God made a holy man, who lost his holiness through sin. The Bible reveals a plan of salvation that restores man to a holy state through a holy Christ; it tells of a holy heaven where nothing unholy can ever enter. It promises that man may dwell forever with a holy God and holy saints and holy angels. The command is "Follow peace with all men and holiness (the sanctification) without which no man shall see the Lord."

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Church News

He Was A Brilliant Fool

Goethe was the greatest literary genius Germany ever produced.

He had a keen insight into human nature and emotions, and his ability to express it rivaled that of Shakespeare.

God let this talented man live for eighty-three years, but although Goethe read the Bible many times, he never found God. On his deathbed at age eighty-three his last words were "Mehr licht! Mehr licht!" More light! More light!

Goethe did not need more light. He needed to accept and walk in the light he had.

In Luke 16 Jesus tells of the rich man in hell asking Father Abraham to send someone to his five brothers to testify to them lest they come to the same place of torment.

"They have Moses and the prophets," Abraham replied; "let them hear them."

"Nay, Father Abraham," the tormented man cried out, "but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent!"

There follows one of the most powerful statements in the whole Bible: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

If people will not walk in the light they have, they will not walk in more light. If you will not right now do what you know is right, then do not expect God to give you more light!

Like Goethe, you will be crying, "More light! More light!" as you go to eternal darkness and hell.

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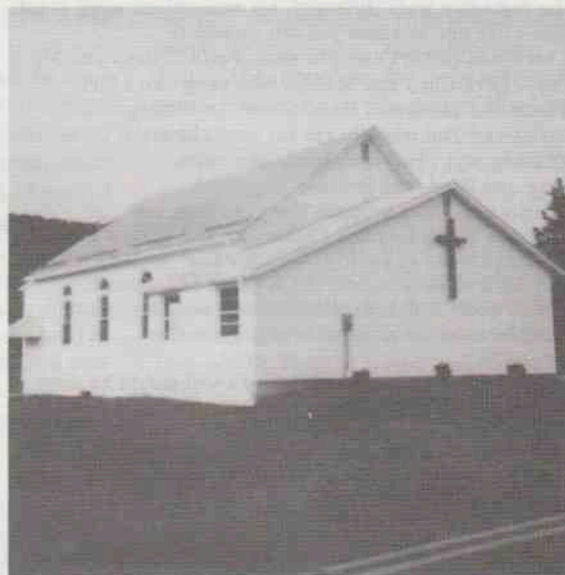
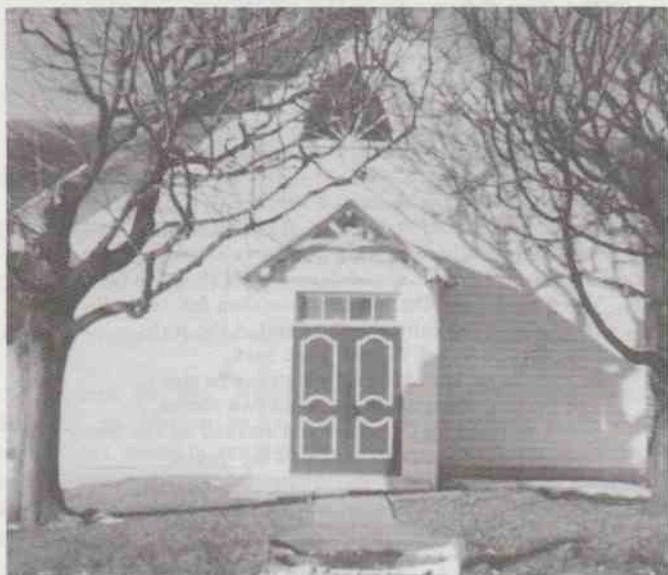
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Center Union God's Missionary Church Re-Dedicated



The re-dedication service of the Center Union God's Missionary Church in Bucks Valley, Newport, PA, was celebrated July 24, 1988. The morning service was opened by singing "Let All The People Praise Thee" led by class leader Anthony Little.

Rev. Eugene Winter, who pastored here from 1982-1985, brought greetings to the church with his own poetic reminiscence, rhyming his way through more than thirty years of events at Center Union.

The Morley Family visited with us and provided special singing for the morning service.

The original Center Union Church built here in 1860, was destroyed by fire in 1902. During the past two years, the second structure now 75 years old, has been completely remodeled and refurnished. And so, after many months of labor, long hours, and some anxiety as the day of re-dedication drew near, it was fitting that Rev. R. T. Herr, our guest speaker for the morning service should read from Deut. 12 and challenge us to "Recover from the long and tedious task of remodeling the building; Recover from any differences that may have occurred during the choosing and changing process, and be an influence for God in the community."

The afternoon service began at 2:00 p.m. with a more-than-capacity crowd in attendance, and the Lebanon Valley Gospel Band in concert. General

Superintendent, Rev. Paul Miller gave the dedicatory address, choosing for a text, Psalm 100:4 "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name". He reminded us that "in both the Old and New Testament, God had a special place to meet with His people". Referring to II Chron. 2:6 and 6:18 "the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built," Rev. Miller brought to our attention that "God is extravagant, not wasteful, but extravagant in giving to us abundantly. God is good; His mercy is everlasting; His truth endureth forever. This house is a house of worship, and we dedicate not only the building but the people also, for the people are the church".

At the conclusion of the prayer of dedication and charge to the Board of Trustees, the Band again played several selections, including the grand old hymn, "Awakening Chorus". It seemed the Band was at its best for these very special services.

As the evening service opened, Pastor Timothy Cooley led the congregation in singing "He Ransomed Me". Bradley Spitler directed the band in playing some excellent hymns of praise, concluding with a beautiful arrangement of "It Is Well With My Soul".

Rev. Herr, pastor of Center Union for 25 years, from 1957-1982, brought the final message of the day, reading

from I John 2:15-16 with emphasis on "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world". He said, "If love is not real, it is a sham. We need a revival of genuine love. Too many homes break up because of the lack of genuine love. Do you understand the force of love? If you allow this force to lead you in the wrong direction, you are headed in destruction. To love the world is a poor bargain. Life is exceeding temporary. If you really want to live, find eternal life in Jesus Christ".

So, we have gone from having a one-room building to having a finished basement with several Sunday School rooms, in addition to a Children's Chapel. We have a lovely refurnished sanctuary with beautiful new furnishings, but this is not enough. It will be no better than a shrine to an idol if God's presence is not here. Psalm 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it". May God send us a gracious spiritual awakening until we can victoriously proclaim with the song writer "Jehovah reigns and sin is backward hurled...Jehovah reigns and let His glorious banner be unfurled...Jehovah reigns!"

— Mrs. Margaret Hetrick

Center Union Rededication

by Rev. Eugene Winter

So we all did our best, there was no time to fool.
There was Millers and Cormans and the Hetrick clan,
The Straubs and the Kitners and Warren the man.
His remedies were different, his concoctions were great,
And after one swallow you felt so sedate.
There was Gilbert and Florence, Faith, Shirey and Mark,
Tony, Lori, Chad and Mandy, who sang like a lark.
There was Anna and Harold, and the Burkepiles,
Lettie and Ted who always sat near the aisle.
Timothy and Cheri and Justin their son,
Dora and Brad, and Brother Raymond.
Charlie and Dave brought their families, too
With the Strawzers and Pastor, we had quite a few.
The days went so swiftly, the time flew so fast,
It is hard to believe that three years had passed.
Due to poor health, Brother Winter was through,
And the need for a pastor was fully in view.

Again prayer was made that God's will would be done,
That in choosing a pastor, they'd get the right one.
They wanted someone with vigor and vim,
So the Lord up and sent them, Brother Tim.
He is faithful to souls, he teaches God's Word
Doing his best to honor the Lord.

There was need to expansion, so they acquired some land,
They raised the church, like the back of a hand.
They put in a basement and a parking lot,
Renovated the entrance and the speakers plot.
They varnished and painted, and the windows are new,
From inside looking out, you get a good view.
To God be the glory! Let His name be praised!
We all have to marvel at His goodness and ways.
I pray that the anointing and Holy Ghost fire,
Will be upon pastor, people and choir.
May the Lord bless our neighbors, and the men who have worked,
May we all do our duty in helping the church.
That souls will be saved and believers filled,
And those that attend here will be spiritually thrilled.

As a speaker today, I'm just a filler,
In a few moments you'll hear from our Brother Miller.
But in case I have missed it, and there is a stir,
Then it will be our Brother Herr.
On the other hand, if I have spoken unduly,
The next voice will be our Brother Cooley.

Bucks Valley, Center Union or the Newport Church,
Was started from scratch, without even a search.
Our dear Brother Herr, while walking the street,
Heard a call from some men whom he chanced to meet.
They asked him the question, "Are you a preacher?"
And he answered right back, "That I am, sir".
They told of this building and the plans that were made,
A chicken house, shed, or a storage for hay.
But if someone here would form a congregation,
It could still be in use for a soul saving station.

Brother Herr then contacted Brother G. I. Straub,
And together they claimed the building for God.
Satan worked hard to keep the doors closed,
But through Christ was defeated with all of his foes.
The Straubs and the Moores, who then felt the call,
Cleaned out the cobwebs and painted the walls.
The electric as yet had not been seen,
So they lit up the place with lanterns so clean.
The heating department installed two stoves,
Which warmed up the sides, and smoked up the nose.
Revivals were started and lasted for weeks,
For salvation and holiness, the people did seek.
There was fruit that remained, who found peace at the altar,
One brother we know, it is Bradley Halter.

Brother Herr fed the flock for twenty five years,
With times of rejoicing, shouting and tears.
His labors were great, his love over-flowed,
For his people he prayed, that to heaven they'd go.
Through thick and though thin they stuck it out,
And when the going was tough you would hear a loud shout.
They were good days, souls really got saved,
And the holiness teaching was all ablaze.
At last came the time to say, "Good-bye"
And that night as he spoke, there was not a dry eye.

For a few short months they had no preacher,
So the Bishop would come, as speaker and teacher.
Time traveled on, another pastor was needed,
Just to have Gods will, for this they all pleaded.
Brother Winter was called by our Brother Straub,
And was asked what he felt was the will of God.
The answer came back with a sort of a thrill
"To pastor at Newport, I would feel 'twas God's will".
The people then voted, the majority ruled,

Love That Unites

They walked with God in peace and love,
But failed with one another;
While sternly for the Faith they strove,
Brother fell out with brother;
But He in whom they put their trust,
Whom knew their frames that they were dust,
Pitied and healed their weaknesses.

He found them in His House of Prayer,
With one accord assembled;
And so revealed His presence there,
They wept with joy and trembled;

One cup they drank, one bread they brake,
One baptism shared, one language spake,
Forgiving and forgiven.

Then forth they went with tongues of flame
In one blest theme uniting;
The love of Jesus and His Name,
God's children all uniting;
That love our theme and watchword still,
The law of love may we fulfil,
And love as we are loved.

— Unknown

The Defeated Parson

The testimony of George D. Watson, and how he entered into victory.

Oh! sweet will of God, Thou hast girded me round
Like the deep moving currents that girdle the sea;
With omnipotent love is my poor nature bound,
And this bondage to love sets me perfectly free.

And now my King Jesus has all His own way,
I wait but to catch His low whispering word;
'Tis my bliss to behold His gold sceptre's bright sway,
And my triumph I see in each step of my Lord.

"I went to the National Camp Meeting at Oakington in 1869 and there first heard a sermon on entire sanctification. I went to the altar seeking it, led there through the influence of Alfred Cookman, who was then a member of my Conference. I received a great blessing, felt great tranquility and called it perfect love. I went back and testified to holiness.

"My presiding elder opposed the doctrine and ridiculed me for preaching in advance of my elders, and so did others. And under the pressure I did not testify as often as I should. I did not preach against it, but I did not stand up for the doctrine and soon got back into my old state. I then descended from a restful Christianity to a toilsome Christianity and also began using tobacco again.

"I had hours of communion with God, but they were unsteady, and I had a great deal of soul twilight. I loved to preach; enjoyed a revival; felt much enthusiasm in all the interests of my church; felt at home in Christian society and was often thrilled with the harmony and grandeur of Bible truth.

"I went into science and philosophy. For four or five years I ate the strongest intellectual food that the Church could furnish me. But I was starving my heart by trying to feed my brain. All this time I was trying to seek God. I would break down and cry over my condition. God blessed my labours, and souls were converted.

"But I was having a terrible struggle with myself. I felt my whole life to be one unending will-struggle. I suffered more than tongue can tell, from melancholy. An unkind or unfavorable criticism, or an apparent neglect, would often hurl my spirit into deepest gloom.

"I grew tired of living in the public eye; tired of routine work, but most

tired of myself. My wife was sick, and I could not bear sickness. I had a great deal of trouble that others did not see was trouble, and yet sorely tried me.

"In October 1876, I began to seek holiness again. I was now filled with all sorts of notions. I said, 'I will grow into it.' Then I took up the repression theory, then the Zinzendorf theory. I was like a sailor, first setting his sails one way, then another.

"One cannot always tell by the way a man talks what he thinks. Three weeks before I was sanctified, I said in a preachers' meeting, 'When God converts a soul, He makes it as pure as it ever will be.' And at the same time I was seeking holiness!

"About this time a local preacher came and said to me: 'Would you object to having a few holiness people from Cincinnati come up and hold a threedays' holiness meeting?' I told him I should be very glad to have them come. On the first day of December, 1876, the holiness meeting began. That night, after my wife had retired, I prayed for an hour, as was my custom. Sometimes the next day I would get mad, and my wife would say, 'I am ashamed of you. I am afraid you have not a bit of religion, and you preaching as you do.' I felt ashamed, and yet I would sometimes defend myself and then go away and pray and cry over it.

"But that Friday night I was teachable as I lay on the edge of the bed, with my hand under my cheek and my face toward the door, so as not to disturb any one.

"Then the Lord began to talk to me. 'Will you receive it?' 'Yes, Lord,' 'Will you consent for Me to make your family sick, your wife sick?' 'Yes, Lord; give me the blessing.' 'Will you let Me take your health in My hand?' 'Yes, Lord, Any time You want me to die, I will consent to go.' 'Will you consent to leave those large appointments you have been having? Will you consent to take a poor appointment for Me?' 'Yes, Lord, I will take the poorest appointment in Indiana if it is Thy will.' (And there were some poor ones.) 'Suppose I want you to go and preach among The Freedmen, will you go?' I said, 'Yes, Lord, if it is Thy will,' 'Will you give up your tobacco that your body may be My temple?' I had tried several times to give it up but would go back to it again. I said, 'Yes, Lord, I will give it up. I will do anything. Give

me the blessing.'

"When I got through, I dropped to sleep. I do not know how it was but, when I waked up next morning, I found the appetite for tobacco was gone. I never have taken back the consecration.

"The following Monday, December 4, at noon, I went into my study and began reading the Scriptures, with the first chapter of First Peter: 'Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ . . . Elect according to the foreknowledge of God and Father, through sanctification of the Spirit.' I stopped. 'There,' said I, 'that is sanctification of the Spirit.' I stopped. 'There,' said I, 'that is sanctification.' 'Whom having not seen, ye love,' 'I do love Thee, and I know Thou lovest me.' 'In whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.'

"As I uttered these words, God let loose a Niagara of salvation in my soul. I walked back and forth shouting, 'Glory to God!' After a time that subsided into a calm.

"My next appointment was where the church was very worldly. Still there were some lowly ones, as there are in all churches. The Lord saved some there, but I had a terrible time. I got rash and said harsh things. I would say things that took the skin off. Instead of encouraging and strengthening the weak, I would strike hard blows. Several times I lost the witness of holiness and would have to fly back to the fountain.

"Sometimes I acted wrong with my wife. I tried to hurry her along and have her get the experience as I did. It was not her nature, and it could not be expected she would get it as I did. Sometimes, perhaps, I would say things to try to urge her along too fast. Then I would see I had done wrong and ask her pardon. Then I would go to the Lord and say, 'Put me in the fountain.'

"I went to another place and began urging men too fast. An old man, the one who led Bishop Hamline into sanctification, came to me and put his arms around me and said, 'You are preaching holiness in the wrong way.'

"About that time I had a sort of vision. I thought I saw a large flock of sheep. Some were scratched with thorns, some with the wool off. Others

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A Spiritual Will

George D. Watson

When we say that everybody is just as holy as he determines to be, it may at first sound a little extravagant, and most religious persons may think it incorrect. And yet such is exactly the case: everybody on earth is just as holy as he has determined to be.

This involves a great many things about the will; not merely one spasmodic act, or a few hundred acts, but it includes a **supreme choice** of the will, and also many thousands of minor volitions. And it involves a great deal as to the depth of the will, its magnitude, the intelligence under which it is acted, and the degree of perseverance, and the minutiae of acts; and then that marvelous quality, essence, or flavor of the will which we call the "spirit" of an action. Hence, the expression must be understood on a vast scale. Nevertheless it is true — spiritually true, philosophically true, experientially true — that every angel and man is just as holy as he determines to be; no more, and no less. Let us look at this a little in detail.

1. There are two great departments to the will: choice and execution; or, the elective and persevering acts. Both these forms of the will are involved in holiness. The soul must **choose** to be holy, or it never can be. The very angels were once on probation and had to choose obedience; and all their accumulated sanctity through thousands of years has been conditioned on their supreme choice of perfect obedience to God. The very first choices in repentance, to turn from sin, is choice of holiness. And after conversion, under added light and newly discovered needs, the soul again chooses holiness, with a depth and completeness of choice for which it never had the capacity until it was born of God. But all choices of the will are fruitful **only** according to the amount of perseverance accompanying them, which is the will's executive side. It is sublime for a creature to deliberately choose God — choose to be good, and humble, and pure, and loving — greater than the creation of the physical world; but it is sublimer still to patiently persist in that choice through ten thousand difficulties day after day and year after year, through ever-changing vicissitudes, over seemingly insurmountable hindrances, both in ourselves and in our

environment, to keep reinforcing that choice, and pushing it to the front of every other choice, until the perseverance of the choice becomes a supernatural despotism of the soul — this is what tells.

Perseverance is the grandest quality possible for a created being to have. Just look at it. Every choice, every possibility that the soul may have, would amount to nothing without it. Perseverance in the creature corresponds exactly with the attribute of immutability in God; for what is divine immutability but the everlasting continuance of God in sameness of being, so that His immutability is His perseverance? Again, perseverance in the creature corresponds with the uniformity of natural law in creation. Let us just suppose the laws of nature should suddenly cease, or change. Everything would be thrown into confusion — the air might drown us, water burn us, and sunlight freeze us. The uniformity of natural law is but the beautiful, ceaseless outflow of God's unchanging wisdom; and perseverance in the choice of holiness, on the part of the creature, is the lovely mirror of God's immutability and nature's uniformity. Thus a holy will must first choose holiness, and then persevere in the choice; and the latter requires a great deal more strength than the former; for a great many choose but fail to persevere.

2. A **spiritual** will not only chooses holiness but is constantly repeating that deep interior determination from a higher standpoint, and with a wider vision as to its import; with an added depth of solemnity, and an increasing affection and sweetness in the choice.

Because the soul is invisible, and all its actions spiritual, and because we are not able to measure it by physical proportions, or exact intellectual data, it is difficult for us to understand many things about our interior lives. For instance: a quiet, thoughtful decision which we make today may be a hundred times stronger and broader than it was possible for us to make ten or twenty years ago. Our spiritual nature grows in quality, in intensity, in intelligence, in moral weight, in stretch of fervor, for which there are no outward measurements; and an act that we perform today may have in it a magnitude of meaning, a moral

worth to God and ourselves, a hundred or a thousand times beyond what the same action would have had a few years ago. Hence the growth of the will, in conformity to God, involves this multiplied increase of holy determination.

3. The character of a holy will involves not only the choice to be holy in general, but the **multiplying** of that choice as it runs out in all the details of life.

We must not only choose to be saved, to receive Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but, whether we know it or not, we shall each of us choose the particular type of piety that specially characterizes our lives. There is a dominant trait in every one's religious character — some one thought around which religious life will crystallize. With some, it is duty; with others, work; with others, knowledge; with others, love; with others, suffering; with others, faith. And all of these types are blended with other types, in endless variety and degrees. While there is always something in each Christian's heredity, or education, or habits, or environment which predisposes him to a particular type of religious life, yet, as he grows in grace and becomes positively spiritual in his whole life, there comes out more and more the element of His will in choosing a special form of spiritual life, and also in choosing the degree of fervor and devotion that shall mark his life. As he grows into fellowship with Jesus, this exercise of spiritual determination becomes more beautiful and more multiplied, as well as more persistent.

He chooses the various graces of the Spirit with deliberateness and firmness; he chooses in detail the various perfections of Jesus; he chooses to receive the Holy Spirit as a Divine Person; he chooses to cultivate special fellowship with God, until his whole will becomes spiritualized. How long it takes us to learn the vast stretch of that command, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might" — that is, with all thine affections; and then, with all thine intellect; and lastly, with all thy will! Just as the Holy Ghost is the Executive of the Godhead, and the last

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My heart has been full of praise to the Lord for all His kindness shown to those that He loves! The words of the Doxology are ringing in my heart today, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow!" He is the source of every blessing. "Every good and perfect gift cometh from above". Rather than counting our blessings one by one, we could be weighing them ton by ton. Thank you Lord for your blessings on me!

We thank the Lord for the wonderful general conference of the God's Missionary Church recently conducted. The presence of God was felt from the very outset, and a spirit of unity prevailed among the brethren. It is an impossible task to put 100 men and women of different character and personality together and not have some disagreements. Thank God for that which is in our hearts which helps us to "disagree agreeably". Our General Superintendent's message to the conference was anointed of God, and reverently received by the conference body. Truly the need of this hour is revival! Thank you Bro. Miller for stirring my heart as to what I need to be doing in order to see the Spirit of God move in my life and church that I pastor.

Conference is also a time for election of officers for the coming conference year. Two members of our Home Missionary board will not be returning to serve in the coming year. We want to express our appreciation to Rev. Paul Martin and Rev. Michael Hoskins for their years of service to the Department of Home Missions.

Bro. Martin served as Superintendent of the department for three years as well as an advisory member for the past two years following the appointment as President of Penn View. It is because of Bro. Martin's leadership that several of the works in God's Missionary Church are in operation today!

Thank you Bro. Martin for your Spirit-anointed leadership and support for Home Missions! You will be missed!

Bro. Hoskins served as an advisory member to the department for three years following the work among the Seneca Indians. Fifteen years spent working with our department as pastor of a work or advisor on the board. Thank you Bro. Hoskins for your labor among us. Great will be your reward in Heaven!

Let me take just a minute to introduce our new board members. Rev. Bradley Dixon, pastor of Pottersdale Bible Mission, was elected to the board for the coming year. Bro. Dixon is a concerned pastor, interested in expanding the borders of the church at home. He is a very handy man with carpentry and mechanics and will be a great addition to the board. Welcome, Bro. Dixon. Rev. Rodney Watkins, pastor of the Holiness Church of Milroy, Pa. was also elected to the board. Bro. Watkins is also an instructor at Penn View. His involvement in various mission works will bring a great deal of experience to our department. Welcome to you as well Bro. Watkins. Those returning to our board are Rev. Tom Bickert, secretary; Rev. Marlin Baum, treasurer; and Rev. Tim Cooley as an advisory member. Of course, Bro. Miller is the chairman of all boards and his years of experience and knowledge are greatly appreciated.

It is the prayer of this department that in the coming year as we labor together that new ground will be taken for the Lord Jesus Christ! Satan's stronghold be destroyed and the Kingdom of God advanced! It will only be so as we believe together, and work together in one accord with the Blessed Holy Spirit! To every supporter of Home Missions we say a great big "THANK YOU" for all you've done to make this work at home possible! May the Lord's choicest blessings be your today!

A SPIRITUAL WILL.....

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Person in the Trinity, so the flooding of our wills with grace is the last and highest form of religious life. Yet, as the third Person of the Trinity must produce conviction at the beginning of a religious life, so the will, in its **choosing** capacity, must act in the very first stages of a religious life; yet, taking the Christian life as a whole, the will, in its upper ranges of spirituality, is about the last part of our nature that graduates in the school of Christ, for the will never reaches its highest perfection until it chooses to be turned into love, and persistently unites itself to all the fullness of God.

4. God looks at the secret determination of our wills, and deals with us according to the attitude of those wills toward Himself.

Just as all God's character is embodied in the expression of His will; so God looks at everything in us as it is expressed through our deliberate choices and perseverance. Personality is the crown of all existence, and personality is clothed in the will. The Holy Spirit responds to our deliberate choices. We may feel utterly weak, and poor, and wretched, but if from the depths of our being we intelligently and deliberately choose God, then God responds to that choice and honors it. There's something in the boundless majesty of God which leads Him to put more honor on the first pious choice of a little child than He does on all the instinctive actions of all the animal creation; and every time that choice is repeated, and expanded, and intensified in a long life, it calls forth a fresh recognition of honor and approval.

It is with the will that we touch God, as it is by His will that He sanctifies us. Every time we choose that which pleases God, it is like the blossoming of another flower in the spiritual world; and every time we persevere in a God-like choice, it is like the ripening of the fruit of that flower.

It is by the Christlike habits of the will that we become one with God, and see that our mission is revealed in the words: "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

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THE DEFEATED PERSON.....

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had horns. Then there were lambs. I was walking around among the sheep with a club trying to keep them right. I saw I was wrong. This was three years after I had been cleansed.

"Then I was in a hurry. I wanted to

be as perfect as Paul in all things, right away.

"The Lord has since melted me down and softened my heart. I love all God's people. The devil has tried, on one side, to make me too tame. I had been too radical and, when I began to be too conservative, the Lord brought me back. I was like a pendulum — first swinging too far this way, and then the Lord would bring me back.

"And now, after suffering many defeats, learning many lessons in this Canaan of perfect love, I praise God for the trials of my faith and for His marvelous keeping power. I have learned that I must be an uncompromising, unwavering witness to the cleansing power of Christ; that I must not make an idol of holiness or holy people; that I must not lean upon my emotions, but must walk by faith, and sometimes in seasons of darkness; that Satan tempts and tries me more directly and boldly than ever before; that I must often be dead to things and plans that are in themselves innocent; must sow and reap, or sow and let others reap.

"My heart breaks down under a delicious burden of humble and adoring praise to the wonderful Jesus. I have no will of my own. My will is the will of my Father. A sense of utter nothingness is growing upon us,

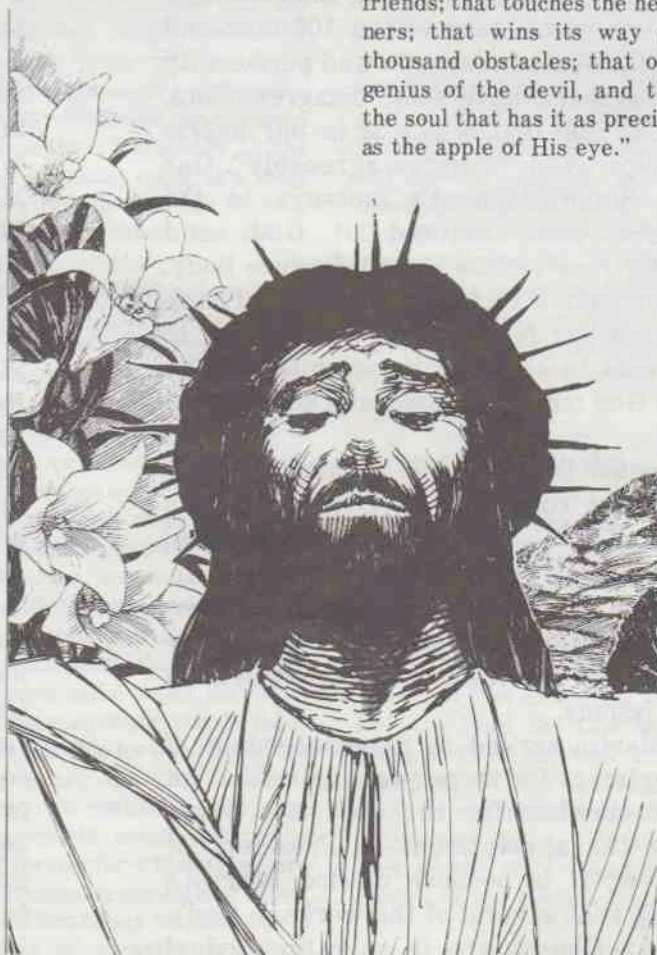
together with an increasing sense of the merit of Jesus."

During his subsequent years, George Watson burned with a passion to show God's children the nature and possibility of full salvation or scriptural holiness. He left his pastorate to become an evangelist, that he might reach the largest number of Christians possible with the message. He avoided the danger into which many fall of glorifying the crisis-experience alone, real though it was to him.

We end this sketch with a quotation that reveals Dr. Watson's view of the Christian life after the crisis-experience. It is taken from his book, *The Inner Spirit of the Cross*.

"When the soul enters sanctification, it is just the beginning of the spirit which is to spread, intensify and brighten, until the crucifixion life becomes a beautiful flame of self-abnegation. This takes hold of all sorts of woes and troubles, mortifications and pains, poverties and hardships, as a very hot fire takes hold on wet logs and makes out of them fresh fuel for more self-sacrificing love. It opens the gate of Heaven without touching it.

"This is the spirit that wears out the patience of persecutors, that softens the heart of stone; that in the long run converts enemies into friends; that touches the hearts of sinners; that wins its way through a thousand obstacles; that outwits the genius of the devil, and that makes the soul that has it as precious to God as the apple of His eye."





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Paul Martin, President

The song "Praise Him, Praise Him..." has been on my mind as I think of the summer traveling with the Praise Singers. The Lord has been so gracious to give safety in travel over the 10,000 miles the group traveled, from Kansas south to the Carolinas. The reception given this group as they ministered in churches and camps was tremendous as they sang the gospel songs in the "Spirit".

In a few days Penn View will open her doors for another school year and we are trusting the Lord that this will be a great year in training youth for the Christian Ministry. The needs are so many for workers in the "whitened Harvest" field, and Penn View has been providing workers for these fields around the world and in America.

It is a thrill to have many new students this year in the Academy and the Institute. Several families have moved into our area in order to have their students in our school and also to attend one of several conservative holiness churches near the school. God has a definite purpose and plan for the lives of youth and Penn View is used of God to help our youth find their way in God's plan.

Mr. Rodney Watkins has been elected as president of the Alumni association and is doing an excellent job of enlisting recruits for Penn View. We deeply appreciate every one who has trained here at Penn View and is out in the market place faithfully serving the Lord.

A special jubilee service is planned for October 1 at 6:30 p.m. At this service we will listen to the Lebanon Valley Gospel band and also plans are to have the mortgage burning for the main administration and class room building. Do plan to

attend this very special evening of inspiration.

October 8-16 is the time for our fall revival meetings with Rev. Ron Coleman as the evangelist. Join with us in prayer for a mighty out-pouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon each service. The evening of October 10th the service will be held in the G. I. Straub memorial tabernacle and will be a special Harvest Home event. Each year at this service a display of food items is arranged in front of the tabernacle as a gift to Penn View.

I believe we are facing some dreadful times unless God intervenes. These days many are looking for the soon return of our Lord; in fact, some look at certain dates that have been set in their mind for His return. It would be glorious for the Lord to soon return, but until then we must continue to do His work in the field of service in which we are called to serve. These are not days to sit idly by and wait for His soon return. We must be about His work as never before. There are many souls to reach who need the soul rest that the Lord provides.

In closing, please accept my invitation to pray much for the needs of our Bible School. The enemy fights hard, but thanks be to God that gives us the victory over the battles. There must be continued support of Christian Schools. Our children will be lost unless we do all that we can to help them into the Kingdom. Sure there are problems at Bible Schools, but in no way do they compare to the situations in public, government schools.

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