

(Audio) The Heavenly Executive

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Transcript

I was strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. And I have been praying for quite a number, quite a long time now, for a certain sum of money for our foreign mission work. I've already know where to place that money, strategic places around the world, because in our ministry of gospel projects, our work goes right through the whole world, behind the Iron Curtain into Hong Kong, right in Soviet Russia, as well as other parts of the world.

And I have to confess to you that my faith has not yet risen to have that money. Now, will you pray for me, because the moment I have that faith, that money will be on the foreign mission field, where it's greatly needed just now. And we, somebody asked Mr. Mueller, are you the great man with the great faith in God? No, he says, I'm the little man with the little faith in the mighty God.

And that's just the way I feel tonight. And I pray, oh God, give me more faith, faith, mighty faith that promises and looks to God alone, laughs at impossibilities and says it shall be done. And as we look out over the vast harvest field of the world, and as we see our needs as pastors and evangelists, in material ways as well as spiritual ways, we say, oh God, who is sufficient for these things but thou alone.

And I believe, my brother, my sister, if we had this united faith, that all these mountains would disappear. And I have known God just to laugh and laugh at me after I've doubted sometimes, you know, about something going to happen, and God made a fool of me. He sent me the check, and one check, one gift

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And he said, huh, look at that, what about trusting me again? Oh ye of little faith. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more. For there he comes whose right it is, and I will give it him.

Thank you, praise the Lord, hallelujah, hallelujah. Now tonight, I am going to speak to you on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I could go on this subject night after night for several months, and all the various applications of this ministry from Genesis to Revelation, we have a small outline of the work of the Holy Spirit in a little book in the back of the table called The Glorious Third Person that you can use as a church study guide with some Bible class if you care.

Now, I want tonight just to speak in a very simple way. I have never spoken on the outline that I'm giving you tonight. I have never spoken on this outline before because God has been speaking to me along this outline, why I don't know.

And I want those of you who are older in the faith to bear with me, because the message is so simple. You know, it's just like the unsaved. It's just like the gospel meeting.

We preach the clear, simple gospel of Jesus Christ over and over and over again. It's the same message over and over again. And many, maybe many believers say, well, why does the pastor talk the same thing over and over again, repetition after repetition? For the simple reason there's unconverted people in the congregation.

And one night the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ is going to shine in and they're going to be saved. And I feel about, I call sometimes Bible conferences evangelistic meetings for defeated Christians. Evangelistic meetings for defeated Christians.

And I told my wife after our engagement, I said, now remember, you must never preach one single message unless it's going to revolutionize some life. The message must revolutionize some life. And look to God to revolutionize somebody's life in the meeting.

No matter what Bible conference it is. If it's only a little devotional talk to a woman's missionary gathering. And we have discovered, as we have traveled in different parts of the world, that we have taken it so much for granted that everybody is filled with the Holy Ghost.

And everybody knows about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. And I think we can say it's like the unconverted people hearing the gospel. An evangelist comes along and the invitation is given and the person gets saved.

And then they say, why? I never had your pastor preach the gospel before yesterday. But the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ didn't shine into the darkened soul. And you know, I may come to your church and give a message on the Holy Spirit.

And your life may be entirely revolutionized. And then you could go to your pastor and say, why didn't you preach that before the way Brother Stewart preached? And the poor pastor is bewildered. Of course he preached on the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Just the same way. But you see, suddenly the light dawned upon that soul. And the left and right completely revolutionized.

And so, those of you who are old in the faith, you just bear with me tonight in this simple outline. I'm reading from Ephesians chapter 3. And this is Paul's prayer, as you know. Ephesians 3 verse 14.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory and the church by Christ Jesus through all ages, well without end. Hallelujah.

Now, first of all, concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit, he inaugurates and he incarnates. Now, for example, we read in Hebrews 10 verse 20, the beginning of verse 19, having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way which he has opened up for us, or a freshly slain way, as we have in our Greek testament. Our blessed Lord Jesus Christ inaugurated a new and living way.

He opened up the new and living way and, glory be to God, he performed the opening ceremony. He inaugurated a new and living way. The veil that kept man from the presence of a holy God was rent in twain from top to bottom when he died.

And he inaugurated the freshly slain way. And he not only brought himself into the holiest of all, but he brought every one of us in. And we all follow him as our final leader.

Now, because the Lord Jesus inaugurated and performed the opening ceremony for the new and living way into God's holy presence, he paved the way for the Holy Ghost to come. And so the Holy Spirit inaugurates and he incarnates. Just as Bethlehem was the incarnation of the Son, Pentecost was the incarnation of the Holy Spirit.

Oh, you say, but, eh, yes, it's true. You say, but the Holy Ghost came like Christ. Yes.

The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost just as definitely as the Lord Jesus Christ came at Bethlehem. But you say, you say, but the Lord, the Holy Spirit has no body. The Lord Jesus had a body.

Yes. The Holy Spirit has no body, but he has a body. The church is the body of the Holy Ghost.

And so as we read in the last verse of Ephesians 2, the church is the habitation of God through the Spirit. And so on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inaugurated a new dispensation. And he became incarnate into the church of Jesus Christ.

The continuation of the incarnation, God still dwelling in human flesh. And then, for example, the next ministry personally to the sinner is, he informs, he interrogates, he indicts, he invites, he introduces, he impregnates. May I say that over again? He informs, he interrogates, he indicts, he invites, he introduces, and he impregnates.

Now, first of all, he informs. The Holy Spirit tells the sinner about the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and arose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Living, he loved me. Dying, he saved me. Buried, he carried my sins far away.

Rising, he justified freely forever. One day he's coming, O glorious day. And I have known Russian Orthodox, Greek Catholics, Muslims, Jews, all classes who were informed by the Holy Ghost concerning just the truth of John 3.16 and they were saved the first time they received the information.

And then, he interrogates. You know this word in John 16.18 When he is come, he will convince. And the idea behind the Greek word is that it's the cross examination of a witness.

The cross examination of a person and because of this cross examination he's discovered guilty in the sight of the law of the nation. And the Holy Ghost interrogates. And because he interrogates, he convicts us and he convinces us that we are lost and undone.

And thus he indicts us and says, Thou art the guilty sinner. Thou art the one that crucified the Lord Jesus Christ. And then he invites us.

Revelation 22.17 The Spirit and the bride say come. And let him that hearers say come. And let him that is a thirst come.

And whosoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely. You have an expression there in Hebrews 10.29 Doing death's fight to the Holy Spirit. Now you know the Holy Spirit is the great evangelist of the Son of God.

The greatest evangelist in the world. And I can think I can call every leading evangelist in the world by their first name including American ones. But I want to say to you the greatest evangelist of the Son of God in the world is the Holy Spirit.

And the Holy, you see the Holy Spirit ought not to be here. Let's understand that. The Holy Spirit ought not to be here.

Who ought to be here? By the Lord Jesus. But why is he not here? Because he will says away with him, away with him crucify him, crucify him. And the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost to bring home to the unsaved their damning sin of Christ's rejection.

And so he is the great evangelist and the Spirit and the bride say come. And his ministry is to invite lost guilty sinners to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. And so it's called the apostle says in Hebrews you're doing death's fight to the spirit of grace and the word death's fight means insulting.

And the sinner insults the spirit of grace. Why is he called the spirit of grace? Because he speaks in the Gospel the grace of God through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And the sinner damns his soul when he insults the Holy Ghost and says no, I don't want Jesus Christ as my savior.

And then he introduces do you know that you would never have known my dear brother and sister the Lord Jesus Christ your glorious redeemer tonight if you had not been introduced to him by the Holy Spirit. That's why I love the Holy Spirit. That's why I love the Holy Spirit.

I told you. I mocked and laughed at my mother and said no, no, no, no, no and again and again I rejected and insulted the Holy Ghost but he loved me so much he kept on pressing home upon me the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. And brother never forget in true evangelism it's the Holy Ghost that does the work.

The Holy Ghost that gives the invitation. And then he impregnates. You know the Bible is called the sword of the spirit and we are born of water and of the spirit and the water is speaking of the word of God.

And as we have in 1 Peter 1.23 being born again not of corruptible seed but by the incorruptible but by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. And then you remember James 1.18 of his own will begat he us through the word of truth. And then this that verse the Lord woke me up one morning last week with this verse.

Verse 21 receiving with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls. Now the engrafted word is the implanted word and the Holy Ghost implants the seed of the word of God into your heart and conscience and he impregnates the seed of God into your heart and life. And the result is according to 2 Corinthians 5.17 a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Hallelujah. Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation. All things are passed away and behold all things are become new.

Now how do you know you are a new creation in Christ Jesus? Because friend you have a new set of appetites. The things you used to love you now hate. The things you used to hate you now love.

Now if you don't love the communion and walking with God you are not saved. If you don't love the word of God you are not saved. If you don't love the Christ of God you are not saved.

If you don't love the saints of God you are not saved. He impregnates and the result is a new creation in Christ Jesus. And then friend his next ministry is he inducts he installs and he initiates.

Now in the Scottish Presbyterian Church we say when a minister is going to become the minister of that particular parish or pulpit that he is going to be inducted in such and such a Sabbath morning. The Episcopalians they say, I think it is the English Episcopalians that our minister is going to be installed on February the 27th and we invite you to his installation. Well glory be to God friend I discover that I have been inducted and I have been installed and I have been initiated.

Because I read in 1 Corinthians 12.13 For in one spirit have we all been baptized into one body whether we be Jew or Gentile born to free and we have been all made to drink into that one spirit. The moment you repented of your sin the moment that impregnated word became a living reality in your soul and you were born again supernaturally that moment friend you were installed and inducted and you were initiated. In other words you were placed by the Holy Ghost into the mystical supernatural body of Jesus Christ and you were first united to Christ the head of the church and united to every other member of the body.

Say hallelujah somebody. Do you know this? I always I always feel sorry for Christian people who have to be initiated into some secret society of air. Glory be to God friend I have been initiated into the finest society of men and women the world wide over.

Do you know friend that I have been undersentenced of death by the Gestapo. I have been undersentenced of death by the Russian secret police and believers friend by the hundreds in Eastern Europe were willing to lay down their life for me even husbands with wives and children I want to say to you friend there is no there are no people on earth like the aristocracy of God. Glory be to God friend we can come at this camp meeting we can come at this camp meeting and we can have this blessed glorious fellowship.

You can meet a Chinese you can meet a Russian you can meet a Japanese you can meet an Indian you can meet any person and if they are born again and have the indwelling Holy Ghost instantaneously he is your brother he is your sister in Christ and you just as if you had known him for millions of years. Oh thank God for that. And then friend I would like to say that he inhabits Galatians 4 and 6 because ye are sons God has sent forth the spirit of his son into your hearts crying Abba Father the moment you are born again that moment the Holy Ghost took up his residence his royal residence in your heart and life and thus your body became the temple of the Holy Ghost now he also ensures we have in Ephesians 1 13 that after that he believed and heard the word the truth of your salvation you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise now God the Father is the sealer and the Holy Spirit is the seal and I am the one that is sealed and I am told in Ephesians 4 30 and grieve not the Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed until the day of redemption now rejoice that you have been sealed but don't forget the exhortation grieve not the Holy Spirit of God now what does this mean this to you I can't go on about the seal but because I am inhabited by the Holy Spirit and because he has insured me by his seal upon me then the word of God says the Apostle says in the 14th verse I have received the earnest of my coming inheritance now this earnest this word Arabon we use in everyday Greek commercial language as the young ladies engagement ring it's an old Phoenician word and they used it for trading commerce the initial down payment the installment payment and as in our French Bible it reads the down payment and in my country of Scotland for example two of the world champion drivers are Scotsman Jim Clark and Jack Stewart they live beside us now Jim Clark he will be down in Florida soon at Sebring to win again and Jim's a fine boy and Jim's got a sheep farm and his daddy has a sheep farm and his father when he was a younger man would go with his father and they would go to the market you see and this was the time once a year they were hiring the help for the farms and Mr. Clark and all the other elderly farmers would come along and say now what about you would you like to work for me and the man said yes but at what wages will you pay me and how many babies do you have in the cottage on the farm and they would say well now what about your wife is she strong is she healthy what about your sons and daughters what can they do and then they would come to the agreement and then the father the worker would be handed over a coin and we said he received the hours and he would go excitedly to the other farmers and they would say have you been hired yet for the year yes he says how do you know there it is you say I've got that for Mr. Clark he's hired me and I'll start with him three months from now that was the earnest and if you read my book on Murray McCain you say you will find that nobody in Murray McCain's church or Andrew Boner's church could ever take communion unless they got the token and the first thing they would say after we're born again have you got the token and the poor crass fallen young convert was saying no I haven't got it yet I haven't got it yet give it to me next year I haven't got it yet they weren't good enough to sit at the Lord's table they weren't holy enough you say and you couldn't get to the Lord's table without the token I can show you these tokens and nobody sat at Murray McCain's nobody and sometimes in these gatherings they had to meet outside like here and there would be 5,000 sitting down at the Lord's table all the tables spread and there would be thousands there and one poor preacher preaching to 5,000 there another preaching to 5,000 there another preaching to 5,000 there and it took sometimes 25 ministers to serve the tables but nobody could get to the Lord's table without the token now what was the token when he got that token that was the earnest of the inheritance that was the down payment that was the seal was the fact that that is the earnest you see that you can participate in the Lord's table and the indwelling Holy Ghost and the seal of the Holy Ghost upon me is God's pledge and guarantee of my ultimate glory oh friend you'll excuse me mention my mother because these are precious days for me as you can understand my mother just gone home and I am now writing about my mother and my brother ready telephoned me that he's written a poem about mother and you see we I said to mother when she was dying there we were expecting to die anytime and the sent for

us and we thought she was going to heaven and she clasped my hand and she said hallelujah James her face all lit up with glory almost 89 years of age she went in her 89th birthday and she says it's wonderful isn't it and isn't he wonderful you see and she faces all lit up and we're just talking about the Lord and then she said to me oh she said what will it be upstairs what will it be upstairs glory be to God we've got the token down here we've got the earnest down here the earnest of the indwelling Holy Ghost taking the things of Christ and revealing them unto us and if it's so if this is just the earnestness this is just the installment oh glory be to God what will be the future inheritance oh friend friend I lie back in bed at night and I get so excited saying oh that will be glory for me what will be glory for me when I'm transfigured and transformed and like my blessed Lord and I see him face to face oh yes how wonderful and then will you notice that he indoctrinates as we have in John 16 13 the Lord Jesus says when he the Holy Spirit will come he will guide you into all truth now this is what I want you dear pastors oh especially dear pastors please put that down he indoctrinates you know our churches are filled with dear brothers and sisters who have never been indoctrinated in the truth of God by the Holy Ghost and you know it's possible like my dear wife to go through university and go through 4 years of seminary and have maybe 16 years of education and never been taught of the Holy Ghost you have no excuse brother sister you have no excuse for not knowing the Bible and if you would ask me what was the greatest need of the hour it's spirit taught men and women who know the book and who taught them the book the Holy Ghost the Holy Ghost and oh friend we need almost all the churches all they know is what the pastor has taught them oh I thank God for the minister this week you blessed pastors in your teaching but oh it's a tragedy if all your congregation knows what you taught them how wonderful it is to have a congregation like Spurgeon had he had about 8000 members and all could preach almost as good as he they were taught of the Holy Ghost any of Spurgeon's elders Spurgeon had 100 deacons anyone could take his place and at the moment notice the drop of the hand and the prince of preachers he indoctrinates he'll guide you, he'll lead you, he'll take you by the hand get the book and say Holy Ghost I don't understand and say Holy Ghost please teach me and he'll indoctrinate you and friend he'll stand there's nothing friend in the time of prosecution nothing will make you stand than a real deep spiritual insight into the word of God I had a little fella I have no right to call him a little fella because we're both the same age 17 and he was my bible expositor and I was the evangelist he was blind and he had a white stake so that he wouldn't be knocked down as he crossed the road he had a braille bible I don't know if you've seen a braille bible you know the old braille bible sometimes you had about maybe 14 volumes that completed the whole bible and when this little fella you know brought his bible with him the others had to help carry it to the pulpit and then you know the pastors would come from miles around only 17 years of age and he would start this way and oh brother you talk about the fella shouting over there oh brother he started magnify Christ the Holy Ghost opening up the book through him oh friend we just had to cry glory hallelujah glory hallelujah I couldn't stand it you know when you travel with your own evangelist you know you get fed up with them don't you fed up with the picture of whatever it is you know but I want to tell you friend that when this little fella 17 started teach the word and magnify the Lord oh I said I had to get out almost every time I couldn't stand any longer oh he just magnified Jesus now who taught him he left school at 13 years of age who taught him the Holy Ghost and that is why I would say to you dear pastors try and bring along your people to these conventions bring them by the hundreds and let the Holy Ghost teach them through the word and then when you go back with them why you will be able to go deeper and deeper and deeper in the word of God yourself and then may I hurry he interprets now you know the fundamental idea of an interpreter is that he is a guide you see the fundamental idea about the guide is that you will not be a babes in the wood you will not be a stranger you see in that foreign country the country will not be foreign to you you will feel perfectly at home in that country because the guides business the interpreters business is to interpret the country to you and to

inform you everything about that country its history, its music everything now the most perfect example of the Holy Spirit as the interpreter is in Genesis 24 and there you find that the servant is sent for a bride for Isaac the father's son and you know the work of that servant of that guide was to meet every need of Rebecca until she saw Isaac face to face glory be to God and the work of the Holy Spirit of God is my interpreter is my guide is to tell me more about my Isaac and to meet every need I have until I see my blessed Savior face to face he interprets and then you know he invigorates he invigorates this has been a great verse of mine for years Romans 8-11 but if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you or if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies how? by his spirit that dwelleth in you he invigorates I believe this has nothing to do with anything spiritual this is the mortal body here and now I don't believe this is the transfigured body when we are going to see the Savior face to face I believe this is now and we have to claim it we have to claim it my mother-in-law is from Dallas, Texas but she lives in Montgomery, Alabama and my mother-in-law has been a guest over again and again and again and just about five years ago she took a terrible heart attack and the daughter said you'll not live she couldn't move do nothing and one day she felt when she was in bed, an inward urge to go to the church that day and she said to her daughter my sister-in-law telephone the pastor and tell him to send a car I'm going to church but my sister-in-law said mother you don't need that bed send for the pastor, I'm going to church I'm a being God and she went to the church and she sat at the back propped her up and as the minister was explaining the word of God that morning, the Holy Ghost said you go forward and mother got up and she walked for the first time for years and she walked the whole way from the back of the church to the front and she was healed I was with her as I passed through Montgomery my mother-in-law I think is 85 years of age a dear old brother came to me with twinkling eyes in Copenhagen many years ago and he said brother Stuart here's an olive oil and he gave me a little bottle of olive oil and I said what's that for? he said I want you to anoint me with oil in the name of the Lord and pray for me and I said it doesn't look like there's anything wrong with you oh no he says I'm fine I said well why do you want me to pray for you? he said well brother Stuart it's like this I'm 90 years of age and I haven't got a car and he said you're telling us that when revival comes we're going to have meetings all day and all night for weeks and he said you know he said you know it's like this he says I've been every night now for 3 weeks and he says it's getting hotter and hotter and hotter and hotter and he says you know I will have to have some special invigoration he used the Danish word he says I don't want to miss a meeting I'm just scared of death if I miss a meeting that's when the Holy Ghost will come down so he said brother Stuart will you just kindly anoint me with oil in the name of the Lord I think he was a retired school director very intelligent man distinguished old gentleman and I said hallelujah brother and I anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord placed my hand on him and asked the Lord the Holy Ghost to invigorate him amen glory be to God and so he invigorates he invigorates amen and then he inspires he inspires you know we have in Romans 8 26 there's a breakdown in our prayer life and if you have a breakdown in your prayer life you have a breakdown in every department of your Christian experience and the apostle says I've got a breakdown we don't know what we ought to pray for we don't know what to pray for and we haven't got the power to pray but he says I've got wonderful news the comforter, the paraclete, the Holy Ghost he'll come alongside and he'll help you and the Holy Ghost will pray through you with groanings which cannot be uttered and so glory be to God there's no excuse for a breakdown in your prayer life he inspires me and if I said what would be the second greatest need in your church I would say this men and women who can hold on to God men and women who are giants in prayer and I would suggest to you that one of the problems we have for revival is we've got so few spiritual giants of prayer in our churches that's true this summer in Ireland, in Northern Ireland we had the privilege of meeting with giants in prayer one beloved brother

retired and he was giving himself only to the ministry of prayer and when that man got down on his knees it didn't mean five minutes he was still there after three hours he was a giant and I said to his wife I said you've got a remarkable son I said what a lovely boy I said was he saved when he was five years of age and she laughed and laughed she said he's just saved I said what that guy went about 22 years and he's just saved why has he got such a sanctified look oh she said it's like this she said I knew it was now or never he was a football player and I knew it was now or never and I said oh God I will not eat I will not take one drop of food until my boy is saved and she said I agonized and I fasted in prayer and one night when we come home my son cried down from up above mother I'm saved and now that young convert about 22 years of age can just as giant a prayer warrior as his father I think of another elderly gentleman and he was in all our prayer meetings whether prayer meeting was two o'clock in the morning or six o'clock in the morning he was everywhere but only one cried oh God save my and you know her husband wasn't a believer and she ran away from home and married this unbeliever and he kept on crying oh God save my daughter save my daughter and you know what happened he got a telephone call from his son-in-law and the son-in-law said dad I'm saved I'm saved and he used to say in the prayer meetings oh Lord oh Lord oh Lord he was an Irishman the Irish are wonderful the way they pray and oh Lord oh Lord you never know what they're going to say next they're so strange in their prayers oh Lord oh Lord I can almost hear her telephone now Lord is that her voice on the telephone now telling me she's saved and he kept on saying that in the prayer meeting four o'clock in the morning sometimes and they said Lord I can hear her voice Lord I can hear her voice hallelujah Lord I can hear her voice right now right now she's on the line and my wife would telephone him almost every day and say excuse me brother but is she on the line yet and you know just before we left Northern Ireland this man we were at a Bible conference and he come in and you just thought the Titanic was moving and the Queen Mary he come right in and he said to my wife there she is just like Hannah pointing to to Samuel there she is that's the answer to my prayer and he said to his colleague by the name tell me sister how you got saved now that's the kind of prayer we want and if I were a pastor after teaching my people the word of God by the Holy Ghost from Genesis Revelation I would have meetings to initiate them into the prayer life how to pray and you know I've been praying around these roads that there'd be a time here when God would give us a thousand believers to pack out this building in spring or summer pack out this building to come just to pray I've been in prayer meetings in Europe with 4,000 or 5,000 believers in a prayer meeting it lasts for days think of hundreds of believers all filled with the Holy Ghost and the power of God on them praying oh my dear friend the only time I feel sorry for the devil is when I see some of these folks who are on their knees and going to begin to pray I think he has a heart attack he's paralysed and as our English poet said the weakest saint upon his name and prayer is my dear friend you know in heaven prayer is incredibly difficult without the Holy Ghost I would go a step further and I would say prayer is another impossibility without the Holy Ghost and unless the Holy Ghost is praying through you and unless the anointing of the Holy Ghost is upon you, you're not praying nothing happens and so he inspires I have to hurry he infiltrates you know I was in agony for a certain young man week after week, month after month until I thought he was going to die and somehow I couldn't articulate in words about this young Christian young man my heart, I couldn't articulate in words, express to God have you ever felt that way? the agony of your soul until one blessed day in prayer and agony suddenly I cried O Holy Ghost infiltrate him to the very deepest recesses of his being and the moment I got the word O Holy Ghost infiltrate him I had the witness my prayer was answered and you see he was a superficial Christian he would give out gospel tracts at every prayer meeting but I knew the Holy Ghost had him controlled and so the Apostle Paul prays here in this second prayer to the Ephesians that they would be strengthened by the Holy Ghost now why did they need to be strengthened by the Holy Ghost? in order that Christ may settle down and make himself at home in your heart may I say to you

tonight kindly no matter how much will power you have no matter how much intellectual power you have no matter how much prestige power you have no matter how much personality power you have it is a nuttering possibility for you to represent Jesus Christ without the infiltration and strengthening of God the Holy Ghost it's a nuttering possibility I put this down so that you could remember it I wish we could get this God's great purpose is to lift out of Adam's fallen race by grace men and women boys and girls and make them the companions of the Lord Jesus throughout all the countless ages of eternity now think of it dear child of God God is so charmed with the Lord Jesus Christ his beloved son that he wants to fill up heaven with millions like him think that out, think that through do you have a scripture for that? sure as we have in Hebrews 2 bring him in many sons unto glory and if we are sons of God we must be like the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God and oh friend I pray that the Holy Ghost will infiltrate you down to the deepest recesses of your being that he'll be able to display Christ in all his beauty in all his glory and the trouble is so many Christians they're just like pardoned criminals that's all they are like the dying thief, not like their fossil father God doesn't want to fill up all heaven just with pardoned criminals you read in my first book Dear I Must Tell I used to travel with an evangelist called Happy Jim a famous English evangelist and you know he used to give his life story and he would tell how it took 7 or 8 or 10 policemen on a Saturday night to grab him and get him in jail he was always on the warpath and he was the worst man in the Fulham district of London a district where hundreds of thousands of people live and you see this man was so transfigured and transformed by the Holy Ghost so fully sanctified that when he stood up to give his testimony as the evangelist had such a bad habit of doing so you know about my conversion what was I before I was saved and all that he used to tell that once a week in every campaign he had you see and I said to him one night I said uncle I said please don't stand up and tell your life story tonight, I said please don't I said uncle look at yourself in the looking glass and he said what's the matter with me he was a very proper elderly grandfather and he said is my tie on alright yes I said he starts to move up his hair I said look at yourself in the looking glass, he said what's wrong with me nothing wrong, I said just think of it, look at yourself this fine dignified old grandfather beautiful silver hair smile of Jesus on them and then you stand up and say you were one of the worst sinners the worst blackouts in the whole of London I said nobody believed you so I think he quit after that He was so transformed in the beauty of the Lord Jesus by the Holy Ghost Glory be to God Happy Jim Brine do you ever get his life story Uncle Jim, Happy Jim it's called and my dear friend Happy Jim didn't go to heaven as a pardoned criminal he went to heaven as a sanctified believer like Jesus Christ hallelujah and if our churches are filled with pardoned criminals God doesn't want to fill heaven with pardoned criminals, he wants to fill them with people not only pardoned but glorified, sanctified hallelujah then I must hurry he intoxicates glory be to God Ephesians 5, 18 and be not drunk with wine but in his excess debauchery prodigality but be filled with his spirit he intoxicates oh they were so filled with the Holy Ghost they said you're drunk he says no no no you got got a wrong number, try again yes again, the taverns are closed we're not drunk, we're filled with his spirit and in Ephesians 5 you have the analogy of a man drunk with wine a man filled with his spirit and then you have the contrast between a drunk man and a man who is drunk with his spirit now don't be a fanatic this way please remember friend that the sanest man on earth will be a man and woman filled with the Holy Ghost I can remember in a city in Scotland a young fella staying out in the open air and when he was preaching he says I'm so filled with the Holy Ghost he says I could run up against that wall and I wouldn't feel it and of course one drunk man he couldn't let that by he says good try it let's see and of course he did and the ambulance came now you see these things dishonor the Lord you see be not drunk with wine but in his excess don't be like the drunk man in debauchery but be filled with his spirit in other words the sanest person in your church is the believer filled with the Holy Ghost to my mind in all my readings the most balanced preacher in the world was Charles Haddon Spurgeon that's why I wrote these quotes from

Spurgeon I'm writing his life story just now in a little booklet thank God for balanced believers and the Holy Ghost will keep you balanced and sane he'll intoxicate you Paul says be ye God possessed spirit intoxicated man controlled through and through by the Holy Ghost and the analogy is this when a man is drunk with wine he sings never sings any other time speaking to your cells and sounds and hymns singing and making melody of your heart unto the Lord oh you know when you have revival it's so sweet didn't we have a sweet time this morning just praising the Lord you know when revival comes it's so sweet you know what sometimes you just do for weeks 3,000 Christians 4,000 all you do is praise the Lord sing and sing and sing and sing and it's heaven it's heaven and you all thank God the song leader but when the Holy Ghost takes charge there's no chance of song leader everybody's sane you sing and sing for weeks and weeks and it's not a singspiration oh no no you don't need to advertise the church a packed fool and everybody be singing about the Lord Jesus Christ a drunk man sings and a drunk man gives away his money you know the Scotsman he's called canny and he keeps the Sabbath day and everything else he can lay his hands on and you know he'll never give up anything a Scotsman but you get that Scotsman drunk with money and you never saw how much money he gave to the Salvation Army Salvation Army get more money on Saturday night than any other all the week put together why because they're all drunk they're out in the street so that's why they have they've got their money General Boo says get it off them get it off them boys get it off them ladies and they use the money to take care of the prostitutes and the illegitimate children the drunks and the plagues I'm not speaking against the Salvation Army I'm just giving the illustration because I'm very close to the leaders of the Salvation Army you see when a believer is filled with the Holy Ghost his stinginess is gone you have to keep back and saying you'll give it all away my wife sometimes says if you're not giving give me away too oh yes when you're filled with the Holy Ghost you just want to give and give and give and may I say to you friend that there's a difference between a faith promise and a pledge when you pledge money for God's work that is pledging out of your income but when you make a faith promise you are making a promise in faith for money that you don't even have the Lord told me to give a hundred dollars that's nothing so I'm not bragging the Lord told me to give a hundred dollars to the prayer chapel here in memory of my dear mother well you see that's a faith promise not a pledge because I haven't got the money but when you make a faith promise you're promising to give definite month after month out of what you don't have I know it's a joy it's one of the happiest things for a Scotsman a converted Scotsman sanctified Scotsman you just keep promise not pledge, you don't pledge, you promise a faith promise and you say I'm going to give a hundred dollars a week I'm going to give a hundred dollars a month or something to that missionary or that, or that, or that what I have in God and you know you're talking over your wife you're talking to your family and we're in God and say Holy Ghost what do you want me to give I have a faith promise, not a pledge of what I don't have and you will see beyond a shadow of a doubt that God every time will send you in that money you know many churches say we couldn't support another missionary if you want to have a revival support another ten missionaries you'll have more money in your hand and then I have to hurry he instigates as we have in the 13th chapter there of Acts separate me solemn partners for the work but unto I have called them the Holy Ghost is the instigator not only of revival but he's the instigator of every evangelistic movement and the Lord Jesus says pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will bring forth labors thrust forth labors in the harvest field it's the same word about thrusting out demons expelling demons they say and Christ says you pray the Lord of the harvest that is the Holy Ghost pray to the Holy Ghost pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will thrust forth expel them, shove them out in the harvest field don't beg for missionaries ask the Holy Ghost to shove them out now the Holy Ghost he instigates, he's the instigator of every movement of evangelism isn't that wonderful and in the Acts of the Apostles we find that he's the Lord of the harvest and he instigates every spiritual movement, every evangelistic effort is instigated by the Holy

I said, Lord, how could I take him into the meetings, Lord? I said, Lord, it would disgrace thy name. The Holy Ghost says, that's the man, the man, the man, the man. Well, I had a battle.

If ever I battled, I battled over Herbert Brown. That's another booklet I want you to read, Herbert Brown. I think it's been held, it's coming, the story.

And I said, all right, Herbert. I wasn't very pleasant about the thing. He says, I know it's all right, he says, I've sold everything.

He was a painter, an employed man, so long he'd already sold his business in the meantime. So he'd burned the bridges behind him. He says, I can't go back, I'm ready, you know why? But I said, ready for what? He said, ready for service.

I said, when? Now? He says, let's go. I said, but, but, but, he says, there's no buts, we have to go. And he said, don't you know the Bible? And you're preaching every night, you want to know the scriptures.

Acts 13, eh, separate me Saul and Barton, so that when do I call then? We're separated by the Holy Ghost, let's go. I said, yes, we'll go. Well, can you imagine? For taking this dear brother as my co-evangelist with thee.

And I was known as the boy preacher all over Britain, you see. And I prayed, oh Lord, please give me grace, Lord. But I tell you friend, one of the biggest blessings I ever got in my life was when that dear man of God came to me that night.

And there were tears in his eyes, so sincere. And he said, the Holy Ghost has called me to work with you. I thank God friend, if you see, what was one of the greatest prayers I ever answered in your life? It was that prayer, oh God, give me a man of prayer to be my co-evangelist.

Do you know friend, I can go into homes after 30 years and 33 years and so on, almost 40 years, and you know friend, the people say that was the holiest man of God ever stayed in our home. And you know, you would know when he came into that meeting, the power of God would change. He charged the moment he walked in, charged.

He came to me and he said, Jimmy? He said, now I'm old enough to be your father, so I'm the boss now. I said, alright, let's do it. I said, now we're getting a trailer, we call them caravans.

He said, I bought the trailer. Now he said, I said, what did you buy a trailer for? He says, to intercede, these folks interrupt us, we've got to act. We said, there's no revival, we all see God's God and why don't we have revival? He says, I've got a trailer now, and we're going to pray in the trailer.

And he said, we're not going forth until we're like Peter and Paul. But I said, we can't be like Peter and Paul. He said, of course we can't, the Bible's not true.

Oh, I didn't like this reasoning at all. And he says, we'll wait till we get power. And friend, we were in this caravan praying.

And you know, we had a visitation one day from the devil himself. Now there's many demons, but only one devil. And the reason why some great people, outstanding Christian leaders, fall, is because one day they're visited by the devil himself, his satanic majesty.

Pray for those in the limelight. Pray for those who would do the platform work. Because the devil may one day come past.

I believe, friend, that we had the Satan in that field where our caravan was, our trailer, one day. But you know, we couldn't, we exploded. And I said to Herbert, I said, Herbert, I can't wait anymore, we've got to go out and preach.

And after months of prayer, we went out. And I tell you, friend, oh, what a power came upon the people in the open air. And you know, one Sunday, you know, I forgot to go to a place.

I had eight meetings. You know how God was working. I had to go eight places on Sunday.

And yet I forgot about the seventh meeting, you see. You can understand, it's such a good time of blessing. But you know, so, when I came back to the caravan, here's Herbert waiting on me.

And I say, what's wrong, Herbert? He said, you didn't come to the meeting. I said, what meeting? I've been to every meeting. He said, you didn't go to the seventh meeting, and so and so.

Oh, I says, I plain forgot all about it. I said nothing.

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