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## FELLOWSHIP

This word literally means "fellows in the ship," and is consequently exceedingly consolatory to be in the same ship with the conqueror of Mt. Calvary, the captain of our salvation and that is none other than the good old ship of Zion of which we sing, "She has landed many a thousand and can land as many more" and is the only one that ever succeeds in outriding the storms and landing her passengers in the haven of everlasting rest. Oh the mighty host of ships which crowd along the wharfs of this probationary earth and all claiming to make a sure run for the celestial metropolis, to which we all so ardently aspire. These ships have an endless diversity of cognomens selected from the vocabularies of the 6,000 languages and dialects in the world. Like the great Titanic, that cost \$3,000,000 and so recently went down to await the resurrection trumpet. Following the millennial dispensation which is now dawning so brilliantly, ominously and auspiciously, in the infinitesimal inventions taking nigh cuts on every unification of human labor, even flooding the word with paradoxes.

The hero chieftan laying down his pen closes his  
eyes at ten ;  
The lightning courier leaps along the line  
And tells the St. Louis tale at nine ;  
Halting a thousand miles, whence he departed  
And getting there an hour before he started."

At the front of this grand column. Uucle Sam  
marches on bearing the star spangled banner, while  
a million voices sing, reverberating from the four  
cardinal points.

"Of all the mighty nations in the east or in the  
 west;  
 Oh this glorious Yankee nation is the greatest and  
 the best:  
 Our mountains, lakes, and rivers are all a blaze of  
 fire,  
 And we send the news by lightning on the telegraph-  
 ic wire!  
 From the great Atlantic Ocean, where the day be-  
 gins to dawn,  
 Leaps across the Rocky Mountains far away to Or-  
 egon!  
 Oh these great and mighty rivers which course  
 along the hills,  
 Are just the thing for washing sheep and driving  
 cotton mills!  
 Then come along, make no delay come from every  
 nation  
 Come from every way, our hands are broud enough  
 Don't be alarmed, for Uncle Sam is rich enough  
 To give us all a farm.

(a) The iron horse not only takes a nigh cut  
 thru all the great mountain ranges, but climbs them  
 like an antelope up their craggy steeps and over  
 their dizzy summits, to accommodate the millions  
 who have their habitation amid the rocks and snow  
 banks; the rack and pinion system of cogs and pul-  
 leys, proving more than a match for steep grades;  
 thus the Lord has let me climb over the great moun-  
 tain ranges of both hemispheres, actually looking  
 on the highest mountain on the globe, Everest in  
 the Himalaya range, 29,002 feet and his brother  
 Conchingingua only 46 feet his inferior. These  
 wonderful inventions, steam, electrical, automobiles  
 and airships are the collapes of the speedily coming  
 millenium, over on the ragged edges of our own  
 retreating Gentile dispensation. N. B. the millenium

as you see Rev. 21 and 22 is followed by the glorious Edenic restitution; thus bringing us back to the pristine beauty and glory which lighted up the world antecedently to Satan's dark pall and dismal tread.

(b) As you see the positive proclamation, "there was no more sea," confirmatory of the conclusion that the sanctifying fires, which will consummate the final restitution of the earth to hear Edenic state Acts 3:19 will burn up the oceans and seas, as water is a compound of oxygen and hydrogen; the former, the great supporter of combustion and the latter most combustible element in all the world. Consequently in the glorious final restitution this earth will superficially be 15 to 20 times its present magnitude; the beds of the oceans and seas having all been eracuated, the frozen poles melted and the deserts all restored, till the beautiful prophecy certifying that they will bloom with roses and violets, will be gloriously verified.

(c) As so many great ships have gone down while the centuries have rolled along since the watery world has been traversed by so much floating and I sailing craft, like the Titanic and the Rio Genero and the Central America and so many other magnitudinous ships which have gone down to make these allusions illustratively of the awful spiritual wreckage which has been thus cymbolized in the material world The captains of these denominational and sectarian brigs, schooners, yachts and diversied crafts even running up to the most giganic steamers that ever plowed the watery world, shouting vociferously till they actually render themselves hoarse pleading with you to get aboard their ship everyone telling you his is the best; their agents running thru all the maritime cities, and sending their advertisements to the ends of the earth, presenting every inducement to you to take passage with them. N. B. They have been on this run 6,000 years, going

out with the grandest equipments, banners flying, bands of music roaring, and even congratulatory cannons and horns and bells are proclaiming the inspiring anticipations actuating the jubilant multitudes sailing with them, and all shouting jubilantly, "We're going home to die no more." Yet we have never heard from any of them after they sailed away Somewhere amid the broad oceans, carried by wild winds, tossed by tempests, driven by hurricanes, they have been wrecked on the shores and never again heard of; the sea birds singing his mournful requiem their only funeral dirge. Now reader in what one of these ships are you sailing. Be sure that you are aboard the old ship of Zion, under the captaincy of King Jesus, the patriarchs and prophets, apostles and 200 millions of near ties have all sailed on that ship.

(d) Of all the millions of crafts, barks, schooners, brigs and every diversity, from the smallest yacht to the most majestic steamer have been embarking from all parts of this earth, thru all the fugitive centuries from the days of Eden to the present hour and not a word from any of them; meanwhile we have in God's blessed books a cheering record of the blood bought millions, the innumerable host, who in the successive ages have sailed on the good old ship of Zion and all reached the Haven of eternal rest Therefore you cannot afford to said on any other vessel however magnificent and delightful the equipment may be. While I was on the other side of the world in 1906, my daughter Effie, the wife of Rev. F. M. Hill of the Kentucky Conference, stole a march on me, embarking on the good old ship of Zion, testifying in her dying hour that she saw it; her noble husband following 22 years afterward, drowned in Salt River thus sadly called from the battle field to the Mount of victory.

(e) When I crossed the Atlantic ocean the sec-

ond time in 1895, a storm struck us 500 miles this side of Gibraltar and was on us five days without letting up; meanwhile I could not discriminate between midnight and noonday as the whole 24 hours were wrapped in dense clouds so that, the sun, moon and stars signally failed to reach us with a solitary ray; no light being seen but that which is caught from the lurid lightning as it traversed his cloudy pathway and from the foam on the rolling billows towering like mountains all around us, rolling over the ship and literally burying her in a profound Oceanic sepulchre, out of which anon she would rise only to meet another great rolling sea to give her still another interment in the stormy deep; meanwhile all the people I could understand, as our ship was German and we had sailed from Italy and the most of them from Italy and the most of them speaking those languages; but all the English speaking people were crying aloud to God for His mercy promising Him if He would only let them put their foot on land that they would never sail again; meanwhile they asked me why I did not join them in that promise as an auxiliary to our limited petition going up from every heart, imploring His merciful rescue from the watery, winding sheet which we saw wrapping the ship.

(b) She would climb great mountain seas up to the summit and suddenly fall giving us a peculiar feeling perhaps you have never to realize that you are falling, down, down, down and eventually reach the bottom of the wave though with quivering shock as if the ship were breaking into smithereens when another great sea rolls over us, giving us still another deep interment in the bosom of the hoary Atlantic, till she again reaches the surface and we can look out thru the portholes, as every door and window was closed water tight so far as possible; despite all the labors of the sailors, great seas get-

ting into the ship which they relieved till their uttermost ability by pumps incessantly in operation. As I looked out thru the portholes and saw the great ocean, cut up by deep chasms and traversed by towering mountains lasting the stars and it seemed that I could see the great God of the ocean, mounted on His storm chariot, drawn by wind steeds and with His great sovereign seas on all sides and commanding them *ad libitum*. Those five days were an epoch in my biography, to me invaluable, as I never before had such a conception of my own nothingness and His unspeakable majesty I received and at the same time, how paradoxically little I felt, I thanked the Lord for the lesson, the ocean is the grandest symbol of the divinity in all the world, His unspeakable magnitude, vastitude, grandeur and glory.

(b) During the storm, I saw a ship officer, very large man passing by and I ask him if he was not afraid that a boiler would burst, when he smiled and said, we have 36, and if one should fail perhaps we would get along alright. The ship was a great "German Loyd" and fortunately well supplied with coal, which is really in the providence of God, our security. As the storm was from the West and we were facing it. Consequently if we had not been thus amply supplied with steam power, we would have been driven before the awful hurricane and wrecked on the coast of Africa where the cannibals and crocodiles would have eaten us up.

(i) That storm cost the ship company a heap of money as they kept those 36 boilers hot all the time at high pressure; incessantly shoveling in the coal. The consequence was we shot thru the storm like an arrow and reached New York on schedule time. If it had been an old style said ship our wreckage on the African coast would have been inevitable. Therefore the conclusion follows that we should be sure and sail on a sea worthy vessel over this stormy

ocean of probationary life. Rest assured the good old ship of Zion is without a peer or a competitor. None of these denominational brigs and schooners will ever take you over. Therefore the supernatural to put you on board and entire sanctification to furnish you plenty of fire and fuel to make the run, constitute the indispensable *sine qua nons*, involved in the momentous issue of this risking and perilous voyage.

(j) Rely upon it, while Satan is on the throne look out for storms! Do not congratulate yourself on fair weather and tranquil seas. Therefore be sure that you are born from above and sanctified holy, then holding the infallible promises with the grip of a drowning man, be true to God at every cost.

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## CHAPTER ONE

### OUR HUMANITY

In this partnership we give the Lord our humanity and He gives us in exchange, His divinity. In this we are infinitely gainers. In my constant work here dictating to amanuensis, I need a sharp knife to keep the pencils in good order. Our noble engineer, who beats up this holy mountain fortifying us against the chilly winters, and at the same time running all the machinery of the publishing house, kindly takes my knife when it gets dull and giving me a sharp one in its place. In this I decisively the gainer; yet he does it not only freely but gladly. In our swap with our blessed Heavenly Father mortal tongue can never tell our infinite gain in the exchange. Man failed in the garden of Eden under most auspicious and encouraging circumstances; really no conceivable apology for his failure. It

would seem, that he would certainly have profited by the lugubrious warning and have pulled in the very opposite direction subsequently, uncompromisingly and eternally; yet he did not, but after the fall in the antediluvian world when God in His condescending mercy continued to come down and walk with him carrying his burdens, fighting his battles, winning his victories as you see abundantly exemplified in case of Enoch who walked with him, without a break, 300 years, when he honored him with a chariot to ride away to heaven, without an ache or a pain or a solitary shadow of death darkening his pathway. He is no respecter of persons. The very fact that Enoch walked with His so successfully, confines the gracious possibility for all the others to have done likewise. Yet we see that evil actually predominated over good, to such an alarming extent especially after the intermarriage of the Sethites, i. e. holiness people with Cainites, i. e. the idolatrous worldlings; the latter proving too strong for the former having the down hill pull on the probationary plain, tilted the mso egregiously and appallingly as to tilt them from the equilemrium of heavenly hope, even precipitating them over the fatal falls of impardonable sin, i. e. grieving away the Holy Spirit, Gen. 6:3, till they actually could not be saved and consequently God in His mercy sent the flood to destroy them all, except the one righteous, savable family on the earth; thus a signal mercy to all the people who would subsequently be born into the world, as these unsavable anti deluvians would have ruined them; at the same time a special mercy to the antediluvians themselves; from the simple fact that there are infinite degrees in hell, everyone punished from all the evil he does. they will not let God save them, mercy says," Cut Consequently when people settle the matter that him down , why cumbereth he the ground?"



(g) Now it would seem that after the flood, when the people were constantly looking at the skeleton of the unfortunate antediluvians and plowing them up as they tilled the earth, that they would surely have profited by their sad and deplorable failure; yet they did not as the word says, they went on and got worse than the antediluvians which would follow them as a logical sequence from the simple fact that they sinned against more light and knowledge than their predecessors. The Patriarchial Dispensation was on a higher plan than the ante diluvian, as they had the church organization in the family, the father, the prophet, priest and king of the home and the mother the prophetess, matron and queen; thus launching the politic ecclesiasticism in embryo. During this dispensation, Noah, Melchizedek, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Jethro, and Joseph, shone out stars of the first magnitude, brilliant types of Jehovah radiating their light upon the earth, to guide wandering pilgrims along the King's highway. Therefore all the people were without excuse who did not walk in the light of those saintly examples.

(h) While the antediluvians had sky light the postdiluvians enjoyed the beautiful star light, flashing out from those brilliant patriarchial constellations; the beautiful rising moon out of the Mosaic dispensation, walking up the azure sky, vindicates her sovereignty; the constellations all reverently recognizing her Queen-ship. The wonderful revelation of the great Jehovah when He came down on Mt. Sinai, amid thunderbolts lightening shifts, earthquakes and flaming fire, with His own hand writing the law of tables of stone, and using his mediator Moses, to proclaim his infallible word to all the people; actually writing his laws in the Pentateuch 3582 years ago, which I had in my hand repeatedly in the Samaritan convent in Shechem Palestine.

(i) How wonderfully He lead them 40 years through the wilderness by the cloudy pillar by day and the fire by night; at the same time Miraculously feeding them with manna, rained down from the clefted rock smitten by the rod of them victories over their enemies; thus bearing them on His bosom those wonderful two score years replete with thrilling memories or His merciful and glorious deliverance, even utibying the brazen image of those destructive rattlesnakes which were heaping their camp with mountains of the dead; rebuking the iniquitous rebellion of Korak, Dothan and Abiram, the earth opening her mouth to give them sepulchre and instantaneously closing on them forever.

(g) The wonderful miracles manifest in retreat of the Red Sea to give them an Exodus, through its profound abyss; at the other terminus of the wonderful 40 years peregrination, the blood of Jordan halting in his precipitous sweep down to the sea. Accumulating a swelling deluge above them, that they might walk dry shod into the promise land. How wonderful and significant the falling of Jericho, responsively to the rams horn, jubilee trumpets and triumphant shouts of Joshua's army, having marched around it seven times; the victory culminating with the number seven which always means Christ which is both man and God; four standing for man, north, south, east and west the cardinal points representing the world, whose Lord is man and three, signifying God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, four plus three equals seven.

(k) The conquest of Joshua (which means Jesus) was a stupendous miracle from beginning to end; God giving him the victory over those seven nations, each one greater than Israel; even hauling the son on his floaming chariots to stand still over Gibeon and the moon over the valley of Ayalon, till thirty one kings representing all of south Canaan, loose

their heads; then hastening to the great north where we see the combined armies under Johiam, King of Hozior all go down in blood. The four hundred and fifty years under the Judges are actually a series of stupendous miracles, under the leadership of Othniel, Shamgor, Ehud, Mother Deborah, Barak, Gideon, Jephtha, Samson, Samuel followed by stupendous interventions during the reigns of Saul, and David, the latter actually bringing Israel to the front of the world and holding her then by his own military prowess, during his personal reign; Solomon by his wisdom perpetuating it another generation.

(b) John the Baptist was the glorious and delectable daybreak after the long dark prophetic interregnum of four hundred years since the day of Malachi, the greatest of the prophets honored above all with the precursor-ship of his Lord, actually interrogating him in His official Messiahship by Baptism thus anointing Him for the high priest-hood. How awful the blindness of that generation honored not only with the antediluvian, post-diluvian starlight, the Johanic moonlight, but actually the glorious messianic sunlight; all combined and reaching the glorious Pentecostal of the Holy Ghost dispensation, yet after all the great rank and file, lead by the officials of church and state, actually so blind, that they could not see the glorious son of righteousness shining in their midst, having already risen upon his world with healing in his wings thus blindly and stupidly rushing deedlessly through brightest noon-day pellmell into the unfathomable abyss of eternal despair; thus culminating in the indubitable demonstration of the melancholly confession that man is a failure and has always been.

(m) Oh! how the egotistical boasters of the present day, preach human amelioration, with unblushing assurance. They have been during that in

all ages gone by when the facts demonstrate the very contrary; our infallible Savior climaxing it all in the certification that the world will get worse to the end, when eH shall come and dethrone the Devil take it into hand and reign forever; refering us to the antediluvian Sodomites and Gomorrahians who got worse to the very last day when the flood come and took away the former and the fiery deluges the latter.

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## CHAPTER TWO

### GOD'S SUCCESS

The great reason why man has proved a failure in every embarkation, even under the most favorable circumstances in unfallen Eden, when he was king of the great world which God had made, with its fertile continents and unnumerable sea great islands, swarming with herds and flock and the great oceans and beautiful crystal seas inhabited by endless varieties of Aquatic animals, from the microscopic coral insect, the smallest of all and yet doing the greatest work, i. e. building up great islands in the sea e. g. the beautiful sunrise empire of the Japanese and other insular groups in the tropical oceans and donated them all to King Adam and Queen Eve, who had nothing to do but sit upon the throne of the world and utilize the beasts of the field and fishes of the sea, conservitavly of their own ease and comfort; yet they proved a failure, fatally lassoed by Satan and let captive at his will. Then he promised them to raise up a Son, generated by their own bodies, to conquer their enemy and regain paradise; thus unfurling the glittering constellation of messianic hope, to cheer and energize them to make another effort under the redemption dispen-

sation, to be true and regain their lost ground still condescending to walk with them as illustrated in the cast of Enoch who walked with Him three hundred years, when He honored Him with a glorious chariot ride up to heaven, there on the heights of celestial glory, to walk and talk with Him forever; thus beautifully illustrating the gracious possibility of not only standing but even in the glorious ultimatum, gaining all the lost ground yet the failure was so decisive appertaining to the multitude, as to superinduce the necessity of the great flood, to sweep away all but the one righteous family; that having profited by the lugubrious as antediluvian failure, he might have another chance under other circumstances still more auspicious than ever before; the antediluvian skylight having been augmented by the patriarchal starlight. Noah, Melchizedek, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and with the overcoming succession of Moses, not only a prophet but a mediator between fallen man and a loving, merciful heavenly father thus augmenting the glittering constellations with the lovely moonlight as she walked out in her queenly majesty congratulated and welcomed to a queenly throne by all the heavenly host.

(p) Oh what a sunburst on the world now ushers in! the radiant host of inspired prophets, augmenting and corroborating the flaming testimony of the antecedent patriarchs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Elijah, even honored with the succession of Enoch the antediluvian luminary, also implemented with a chariot ride from earth to glory thus these two brilliant witnesses held up by omnipotent grace as souvenirs of the primitive economy which would have been the happy lot of every human being after due probationary attestation, instead of going down into the grave we would all have been honored with a translation, without ever meeting the grim monster and acquiescing in the gloomy so-

jour in the dust whence we came awaiting the arch angel's trumpet. Of this primitive economy we a brilliant souvenir on the Mount of transfiguration, where Peter, James and John were permitted to behold Jesus in His glorified investiture, with Moses and Elijah by His side; the former representing all who will be glorified through the resurrection, (as this was the happy lot of Moses, who after enjoying a grand Pisgah view of the promised land, God permitted him to fly away to His presence, meanwhile He sepulchered his vacated tenement in a ravine, and when He wanted him to stand with His Son on the Holy mountain, there to represent all who will be transfigured through the resurrection, He sent down Michael, to resurrect and bring Him up, Jude. 9, who found it necessary to defeat the devil in an hand to hand battle before he could take him, and Elijah here represents all the saints who will be transfigured through the translation, like himself, Enoch and the Apostle John; Elijah representing the dispensation of the law and the prophet, Enoch, the ante diluvian and John representing the Gospel dispensation, a thrilling inspiration to you and me, as we belong to that dispensation and so fortunate to be living on the earth amid the very dawn of the millenium, collapse the Gentile times, and the Rapture of the saints. The Lunar Chronology, measured by the revolution of the moon around the earth, and used by the patriarchs and the prophets and Christ and His Apostles, actually makes the Rapture of the saints over due 69 years; while the calandar chronology, measuring time by the revolution of the planets around the sun and used in Europe, makes the Rapture of the saints over due 27 years, while our chronology measuring time by the revolution of the earth around the sun makes the Rapture of the saints due 1923 (eight years hence 1915). The reason we have

no record of John's translation is the simple fact that he was the last writer, having out lived the Apostles a whole generation; consequently no one was left to give us the record in the Bible, Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, who lived and wrote in the second century, into which John survived twenty-one years, till missing at the age of one hundred and one and never more seen, states in their writing their assurance that he was translated. John Wesley always believed it and so do I.

(q) The reason why man has failed in every dispensation, is because he is a dependency, in the wisdom and goodness of God, created in His own image and likeness, that he might be His love-slave forever, in this world and all others. In this respect he is like the angels, all of whom are dependences and consequently ruined when they deflect from that attitude. God never created a devil nor a sinner as He cannot make anything bad; "The good tree only producing good fruit" *et vice versa*. Lucifer, under this complimentary cognomen which means light bearer; was perhaps the greatest of all the arch angels, at least he stood at the front; like you and myself and all the angels, created on probation, but unfortunately some of them failed to keep it Jude 6. Lucifer, the first to conclude, he would rather be independant and consequently conspired to be a God instead of an arch angel thus deflecting from his attitude as a love slave and severing the cord which identified him with God, the source of all life and light. Consequently when this fatal rupture supervened death and darkness, succeeded life and light, never to retreat, as it is utterly impossible to regain his lost ground, as the angels were all adults and willingly deflected from God and followed fallen Lucifer. Isa. 14:12.

(s) And Rev. 12:3, 4, "The dragon's tail drew one third of the stars and cast them down," i. e.

Satan's influence drew after him one third of the angels, a mighty host when we consider the vastitude of the celestial universe, our sun attended by eleven great worlds of which Earth is comparatively small; Neptune 60 times her magnitude, Uranus 80 times; Saturn 1,100 times; and Jupiter 1,400 times the magnitude of this world; meanwhile astronomy reveals 217 million suns, accompanied by two billions 170 million worlds, among them Alcyone of the Pleiades, 1,200 million times the magnitude of this world; till the discoveries from Harvard University Observatory on the Andes Mountains, South America, in 1913, pronounced the primal centers of the celestial universe, but having discovered that she too is moving, involving the conclusion that she is not the primal center, honored with the effulgent throne on which the great Jehovah reigns over the illimitable universe. Consequently the astronomical world is again at sea, all ranging the fenceless fields of the avid immense, hunting the primal center of the celestial universe, around which these 217 million suns with their vast retinues of worlds are all revolving. Where we consider the conviction of the greatest astronomers, that the vast retinue of suns and worlds, already reached by telescopes, constitutes but the suburbs of the universe, our finite minds sink into unutterable bewilderment, lost in contemplation of the unconceivable vastitude of God's magnificent creation. Heaven in the Greek and the Hebrew unless it simply refers to the atmosphere which is the first heaven, is always in the plural number; thus corroborating the science of astronomy revealing the celestial universe, consisting of innumerable worlds. So far as we can ascertain, the divine economy goes for life in all its forms and phases, from the microscopic animalcule to the brightest and most glorious archangel; thus decisively favoring the con-



clusion that all these celestial worlds, which have reached organic development are inhabited. That is the reason why we find so many demons, the Gadarene Luke Cha. 8, having 10,000 and yet not unsaveable, as Jesus cast them all out and made him a flaming preacher of the Gospel. As I trow he is still doing, as omnipotence, finds no hard jobs. The reason why the E. V. has heaven in the singular number all the time is because the translators were afraid of astronomy and geology; infidels having made them a specialty and as the philosophy of the universe was not then understood, these infidels manipulated them antagonistically to aith in the Bible where as there is perfect harmony, between all science and the Bible; as the latter is simply the exegesis of God in the spiritual world, and the former the exegeses of the same God in the material world. Consequently, all presumed disharmony is simply the blunder of human ignorance

(u) In this glorious exchange, in which we give God our humanity and receive his divinity, we are infinitely gainers; because he takes our humanity and eliminates out from it everything Satan put in it, and thus harmonizes it with his own divinity. In the deep and unquestionable realization that man is a failure, the trouble is at once relieved by the triumphant consolation that God is a success, and we giving up the frail bark of our effete humanity, leaving it the sport of the billow and the caprice of the storm leap aboard the good old ship of Zion, and thus sink away into His divinity; His omnipotent grace, eliminating out of us the Satanic nature inherited from Adam our federal had and thus we get back to our primitive attitude, in which we were created, not independencies, as Lucifer the archangel espoused in his deflection from God when he aspired to the divinity in contradistinction to his native unfallen humanity; thus severing the um-

biblical cord, by which he was identified with omnipotent Life and Light and sinking into hopeless alienation and wreckage, along with the vast revolt, including one third of all the heavenly host, who unfortunately in his track forfeited their identity, with the divine Life and Light, thus precipitating headlong into irretrievable death and darkness; as they were intelligent adults willingly departing from God. Consequently there was no redemption; having forfeited their connection with Him; no possibility of regaining it; like the ship whose cable is severed and the winds have carried her away on the stormy deep and she has no power to return because the storms are still bearing farther away in the opposite direction; hope having eternally fled; consequently irretrievably destined to the awful maelstrom whose suction power is constantly increasing as the whirlpool is dashing her round and round with uncreasing velocity and constant approximation to the awful vortex, into which every ship is swallowed up sinking to rise no more.

(v) In case of humanity, we never sin personally in the fall, but only seminally, as Adam was the seed of humanity. The word says that when God created everything, its seed was in itself Adam was the only creation, Eve but a transformation of Adam's rib, which was created with him. I. Cor. 15:22. "In Adam all die, but in Christ shall all be made alive." As we were all in Adam when he sinned we all sinned in him seminally. He was created with the power to repeat himself infinitesimally. When he sinned he lost his spiritual life, superseded by spiritual death. Consequently he could not transmit what he did not possess. Therefore he has filled the world with people, minus spiritual life. Evidently for this reason God provided redemption for us all He did not for the fallen angels who had all sinned personally; whereas we had not, but only seminally.

(w) When does the revivification in Christ supervene? Heb. 2:9. "By the grace of God Christ tasted death for everyone." When do you become one human being? The very moment, soul and body united constitute personality, which is far back in the prenatal state, ve or six months antecently to the physical birth, when the omnipotent grace of God in Christ, reaches the immortal soul, the moment it becomes a human being; justification sealed in heaven, for the sake of Christ alone, the Holy Spirit the Executive of the Trinity corroborating that justification in the execution of His normal work, i. e. the new creation.

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### CHAPTER III.

#### HOW DOES GOD IMPART HIS DIVINITY TO US?

This question is answered Phil. 2:12, 13, "Work out your own salvation, with fear and trembling, for it is God who worketh in you to will and do of his own good pleasure." The hands on my watch on the outside, where I see them incessantly, as they reveal to me the hour of the day; meanwhile the machinery works within and marks the time as the moments come and go, to our astonishment holding on so long. Forty seven years ago, when the Lord baptised me with the Holy Ghost and fire, as a college president, the Free Mason, the Odd Fellow carried a gold watch and chain which cost me \$160.-00. That wonderful baptism, which burned up the college president, the free mason, the Odd fellow, as I was chaplain of both lodges and the Southern Methodist preacher, learning me John the Baptist number 2, who ignored his own personality, certifying that he was only a voice for God. This wonderful conflagration, burnt up all my creeds, human-

isms of every kind, sectarianism, politics, lodgery, fashion, styles and of course as the Bible I Pet. 3rd. ch. and elsewhere forbids wearing gold, my watch and chain had to go, succeeded by a silver watch at the cost of \$20.00, which I carried a few years, till I heard that they were making iron watches and selling them for \$1.50. Then the silver had to retreat before the iron, for which by retail I paid \$2.00 and it has been with me every since, astonishing me with its durability and indefatigability, literally eclipsing in durability and efficiency, the gold and silver which preceded it. Now you know the important work of a watch is internal and invisible. It is absolutely important that the hands work without harmonically with the wonderful complicated machinery within; yet the hands are a very small matter. The other day I accidently broke one of them and the new successor only cost me 15 cents.

(x) In the above scripture we have the problem solved; if we want Him to do the great work within, the only paladium against eternal perdition, we must work without gladly obedient to His commandment with fear and trembling," i. e. fear lest we will not do it right and trembling with awe, in lugubrious contemplation in case of delinquency on our part; as our salvation is depending and really depending ourselves, though we cannot do any part of it. All we can possibly do is to accept the situation pertinent to the appreciative and successive recipient of God's work, by which alone we can be saved. This adjunct "with fear and trembling," reveals the **modus operandi** by which we are to work, showing up how real profound heart broken conviction.

Come humble sinner in whose breast,  
A thousand thots revolve,  
Come with your guilt and fears oppressed,

And make this last resolve;  
 I can but perish, if I go  
 I am resolved to try,  
 For if I stay away I know,  
 I must forever die;  
 But if I die with mercy sought,  
 When I the King have tried,  
 That were to die delightful thought,  
 As sinner never died.

Thus our work is simply perfect submission to the blessed Holy Spirit, who will give us a thunder bolt conviction, a dynamite conversion, and a sunburst Sanctification, meanwhile we are perfectly passive in his hands, letting him have his way with us, at the same time trembling with awe lest we may fail to reciprocate His omnipotent grace, redeeming mercy and dying love with perfect submission, summary humility, imfeigned gratitude and superabounding appreciation of all His felicitous benefactions in our behalf; meanwhile His part is to work in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure; thus actually giving us the joyful spontaneity of glad and perfect obedience to His holy commandments, ringing out the soliloquy,

“Here Lord I give myself to thee,  
 ’Tis all that I can do,”

Whereas it is all we have to do from the simple fact that He is certain to do the balance.

(y) This inward work which His divinity administers has for its grand salient achievements, the supernatural birth, i. e. “born from above” Jno. 3:7, not as E. V. “again” which is not in the original, as **pollian** the Greek for again, does not occur, but **an-oothen** from **ana**, above and **theu**, the adverbial termination; therefore it literally means, a work, coming

down from God out of heaven. Oh how Satan manipulates thru his false prophets to deceive the poor ignorant people. I have participated in many debates with Campbellites, whose grand battering ram was born of water and spirit John 3:5; construing it literal water and making it not only essential to salvation but a knock down argument for immersion, observing that we could not be born of a thing less than ourselves. Consequently they take the poor sinner, full of sin, right out of debauchery, sensuality, inebriation, rascality and everything vile and abominable; actually an incarnate demon, asking if he believes Jesus Christ is Son of God, which every demon in hell could answer in the affirmative, and really it indicates nothing at all in the way of experimental salvation. Though they take him down to the river and put him in over his head and pronounce him a bonified Christian, fully flegged and are very apt to elect him to a church office, in order to hold him the more effectually. You see in this the birth does not come from above, but they actually go down to get it.

(z) Nicodemus made the same blunder, thinking that it was an operation to be performed on his body, and consequently observing to our Savior, "How can a man be born when he is old, how can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus lovingly and explicitly corrected him v. 6. "That which is generated of depravity is depravity, that which is generated of the Spirit is Spirit," v. 7, "Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born from above" v. 8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell, whence it cometh nor whither it goeth; even so is every one who is born of the Spirit." I know not why they use the work "wind" in this verse, as the Greek is not **anemous**, wind, but **pneuma** the regular word for Spirit throughout the Bible and

here means the Holy Ghost. Now let me give you the plain English of this beautiful verse, which has been so woefully perverted and misunderstood. "The Spirit breathes on whom He will; thou hearest His voice, but canst not tell whence He cometh, nor whither He goeth, so is every one who is born of the Spirit." Every sinner is dead, a spiritual corpse, till the Holy Spirit, breathes on him and quickens him into life. The dead man has ears, but does not hear. The moment he is raised from the dead he hears with his ears.

We cannot know the movings of the Holy Spirit, whence He cometh and whither He goeth; whom He converted lost or whom He will next resurrect.

(a) We see our Savior not only corrected the serious mistake of Nicodemus but actually castigat-ed him for his ignorance; responding to him "Thou art a teacher in Israel and knoweth thou not these things, involving the conclusion that he should have known them, and ought to have been ashamed of his own ignorance in view of his opportunities as a teacher in Israel. How strange to contemplate the fact that millions of preachers instead of receiving the correction Jesus gave Nicodemus, are still tangled up in his hobble, thinking that it means something done to the body, whereas the Savior as positively corrected this very mistake, assuring him that it was something that came down from God out of heaven a pure spirituality, i. e. something for his soul and not his body.

(b) This conclusion is abundantly confirmed in our Savior's next sermon to the woman at Jacob's well, to whom he mentioned water seven times whereas in case of Nicodemus he only made the solitary allusion. The woman naturally thought He meant the water in the well sparkling in its beauty, 90 feet deep, which she had come a mile to get, as its quality is extraordinary; whereas he told her

twice over that she was mistaken, He had no such a meaning; but meant "Living water" i. e. the water of Life, which is none other than Himself, as you see Isaiah 55:ch. the chapter opens "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and drink as they freely flow without money and without price." You know He did not mean to come and get a drink of material water, but to come to the God of Israel, i. e. the Jehovah of the O. T., identical with the Christ of the New.

(c) In this case of the women, you have a brilliant demonstration and of the beautiful lucid and consolatory fact that He meant himself the Savior of the world, as this poor fallen women, at the bottom of slumdom as He told her that she had five husbands and the one she had then was not her husband, thus telling her plainly just what she was and sending the thunder bolt of conviction straight to her heart, so she repented and there found the glorious remedy, the Savior Himself; running away actually forgetting her water pot, leaving it for the next thief to capture, shouting uproariously; she runs all the way back to the city and preaches on the streets, like Paul on the Areopagus, till she stirs the city from center to circumference; gathering around her spell bound and electrified by her thrilling testimony; all realizing the wonderful and paradoxical change that had been wrought in her heart and life, so they all clamour for her to explain herself and tell them how and where she got it. Then she says to them follow me and I will show you the Prophet that came to me. Then she starts back to Jacob's well, the great multitude crowding after her, till she introduces them to the wonderful Galilean Prophet, who had wrought the paradoxical change. He stayed two days. Meanwhile they hung with breathless silence on his eloquent lips, mean-



while many of them believed on him, i. e. got gloriously saved.

(d) Eph. 2:1 "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespases and in sins." In this passage, quicken is **zooefroyese**, from **zooee**, life and **foyeo**, to create; therefore this powerful Greek compound, literally means to create the divine life in you. The mighty work of the Holy Ghost in regeneration; as every sinner is a spiritual corpse, till He creates the divine life in him, thus raising him from the dead. This life is the water, and the Holy Ghost, the Executor of the Trinity, the Convictor of the sinner, Regenerator of the penitent, Restorer of the backslider and Sanctifier of the believer. Therefore in this mighty work of Regeneration wrought in the heart of the penitent sinner, by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, in answer to prayer, is the very supernatural birth which Jesus preached to Nicodemus John 3rd chapter, and to the Samaritan woman, 4th chapter, when He spoke so positively, "Ye must be born from above," i. e. this birth is to come down from God and out of heaven otherwise it is Satan's counterfeit and can never life people up to heaven.

(e) The other great work which God performs within you Phil. 2:12 is the destruction of the sin personality, cognomened in the bold and lucid Pauline parlance, the old man the body of sin, Rom. 6:6. Our own sins are not as old as we are. This inherited sin which we all inherit from Satan through fallen Adam, our Federal head, is pertinently denominated the "Old man," because it is old as the devil, having originated far back yonder in by gone eternity, antecedently to the creation of Adam, when Lucifer, the great archangel sinned and was driven out of heaven, one third of all the angels following him in the revolt, becoming demons and cast out when Michael the archangel had the armies of heav-

en against them, thus expurgating all sin out of heaven, very quickly after it originated, under the leadership of fallen Lucifer, whose influence drew after him one third of all the heavenly host Rev. 12: 1, 4. And cast them down from heaven, with out the possibility of ever regaining their lost ground, as they have no redemption, having sinned wilingly after reaching adult age.

(f) No wonder God issued the decree, "without the Sanctification, no one shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14, when we consider the fact, that He lost one third of His angels, by the intervention of sin in heaven. Of course He will never under any circumstances let it get back.

(g) Every human being has the old man in the heart i. e. devil nature, which must be destroyed and as it says eradicated, i. e. dug out by the roots. God has but one method with sin and that is destruction. Carthage fought Rome, 143 years, for the Metropolitanship of the world. In the latter part of this period, Cato was the great statesman and orator, making the great senatorial auditorium roar and reverberate, with his stentorian voice; winding up every great oration, with the statement, **Carthago Delenda est**, Carthage must be destroyed. His wonderful speeches had the desired effect. Rome fought on those 140 years, without intermission, till she destroyed Carthage, her final and formidable enemy which had fought her so long and given her so much trouble; at one time Hannibal, the mighty warrior having crossed the Alps in the rigor of winter, poured down his thundering legions into sunny Italy, suddenly and unexpectedly as if they had all risen up out of the earth; but to fight the armies of this mistress of the world, in the battle of Canae among the slain, 80 senators, left dead on the field; the Carthaginian soldiers stripped from the finger of her slaughtered knights, 3 bushels of gol-

den rings. If such is the enthusiasm of Rome for the dominion of the world, which she gained, but could not hold; as the Barbarians, Goths, Huns, Vandals and Heruli, after a war of 400 years, finally destroyed A. D. 476, entering the city, where an enemy had not trodden in 600 years, and spending a whole week gathering the gold and silver, from the palaces, temples, and shrines; and a common soldier who was not able to buy a breakfast when he entered the city, having to employ a donkey to carry his purse of gold and silver, as it would have broken his own back, thus having become millionaires, Oh! what indefatigable perseverance and heroic enthusiasm, should characterize us in this war of extermination against sin in our own hearts, which will certainly drag us into hell if not eradicated.

(h) Therefore we cannot afford to take any risk on it. God alone can do this quick and meet the momentous mandate "ye must be born from above," i. e. receive a birth which comes down from God out of heaven and without which we are forever lost. This supernatural birth brings the new creation into the heart and life and constitutes the foundation of that Christian experience which every one must have or lose his soul world without end. Therefore a church which is delinquent on this momentous issue has no right to an existence as she is Satan's delusion, his greased plank over which to slide people into an awful hell. His false prophets are scattered through christendom leaving no stone unturned, to sidetrack and delude people, making them think they are Christians when they are not; as they all prominently, claim the name of Christian, whether Catholics, Campbellites, or some other counterfeit, banking on the name, when they have no experience.

(i) If you have been born from above, you have a glorious experience knowing that you have passed

from death unto life, from the power of Satan unto God, received forgiveness of sin, an inheritance among the sanctified, by the faith which is in Christ, Paul's Commission, Acts 22 ch.

(j) If the old man of sin has been crucified, and his body destroyed and buried into the death of Christ, into which all sin must be buried or into hell; proving Satan's millstone around your neck, dragging you down to rise no more, but sink forever as hell has no bottom.

Hence we see these mighty works of God in the fully abandoned believing heart are the summary of the new creation wrought by the Holy Ghost in regeneration giving the recipient a new heart and a new spirit, in the clear and bold phraseology of Eze-kiel's commission, enunciated among the captive Jews on the banks of the Cheber in Northern Chal-dea, 900 years ago before Matthew gave it in his Gospel, fifteen years after our Lord's ascension up to heaven thus giving regeneration clear and distinct twice over, following with the great second work, which takes away your stony heart and gives you a heart of flesh, really specifying it twice, so no one will fail to see it, meanwhile both of these mighty works wrought by the Holy Ghost in the interior spirit of wrecked humanity, brilliantly symbolized, by sparkling clear water on you, thus the ordinance with water beautifully and powerfully typifying, the great work of the Holy Spirit, resurrecting the dead human spirit, as Jesus, when he called Lazarus from the tomb after he had been dead four days, and putrefaction had made momentous headway in physical disintegration, as certified by Martha; then commanding them, loose him and let him go; as his body wrapped in the shroud and his face tied up with a napkin must be disencumbered; thus beautifully symbolizing the grand reality, that sanctified people are disencum-

bered of all the habitude peculiar to the land of spiritual dead out of which they were rescued by the giant grip of the resurrection power; blessedly emancipated from the thralldom of narcotics, tobacco in its diversified forms, opium as well as all intoxicants; gloriously liberated from the thralldom of lodging, sectarianism, politics and all socialistic despotisms. While God is the author of religion, sectarianism is Satan's counterfeit; patriotism the consanguinity of godliness, while politics are Satan's trickery, to corrupt the popular mind. When we had travelled all the way around the world 30,000 miles and finally steamed through the golden gates of San Francisco Bay, my heart did jubilantly sing,

Lives there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself has said,  
    This is my home, my native land;  
Whose heart within him ne'er has burned,  
As home his footsteps he has turned  
    From wandering on some foreign strand?  
If such there be, go mark him well,  
For him no minstrel rapture swells;  
High through his titles, power and pelch,  
The wretch concentrated all in self;  
Living shall forfeit fair renown  
And doubtly dying shall go down  
To the vile dust from which he sprung,  
Unswept, unhonored and unsung.

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