

The Word of Faith

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MAINTAIN THE GLOW

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Many times people ask me to pray for them because they need more power to help them in every day Christian living. I ask them if they have the Holy Ghost, and tell them He is their power. If they don't have the power when they have the Holy Ghost, that means either they or Jesus are lying about it. He said that after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, you shall receive power.

The Holy Ghost did come and people who have Him should have the power. Usually this will show where people are living and how. The Bible didn't say that they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and felt like they ought to.

Feelings don't have anything to do with it. It's a matter of faith and believing what God has done about it. The Holy Spirit is a divine personality. Spirit-filled people are just as much filled with the Spirit when they feel like they're not as when they feel like they are.

Instead of believing what the Bible and what Jesus said, we have a tendency to believe what our physical senses tell us. Instead of believing on the inside of us with our inner man and our hearts, we try to believe with the outward man. Feelings will fluctuate. It's not a physical

feeling, it's an inward witness.

It's a spiritual sense. You can be conscious of that indwelling presence. If you try to examine your feelings and shake yourself to see if you have any power, then you'll feel helpless. You're not depending upon any physical power that you have.

People think this is a physical something. It isn't, because it's a spiritual something. We get into trouble and get into difficulty because of wrong thinking. We're not thinking right in line with God's Word.

Jesus said, in John 14:16,17, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." You have to be a child of God to become acquainted with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will remain with us forever. He didn't mean that we have to pray through every revival to get the Holy Ghost all over again. Bless God, every day right at home He'll remain with you. He'll stay in you and live in you. That's what He intended.

Have we ever thought about looking on the inside for strength yet? Or are we waiting for

God to send something down on us to strengthen us? Are we singing, "Come by here, Lord, Come by here?" It's good to know that He's just standing by if you need Him.

Instead of trusting Him and depending on Him, it's the flesh trying to do it. We're praying primarily out of our own understanding, and our own minds are confused, perplexed, and worried. We worry before we pray, while we pray, and after we pray. And all of our praying didn't amount to a hill of beans.

When we pray we put too much of the flesh and body into it. We put too much of our own mental capacities into it. Instead of letting Him help us and comfort us, we put too much of the body and mind into it.

I've done that too. Sometimes I would pray for hours about things and knew better all the time. I would just wear myself out. It was just like a dark cloud hanging over my head. You see, you're so mentally upset and concerned about things that have happened that you've probably just worn yourself out.

You felt like somebody had been beating you all over your body with their fists. You see, you're trying to do it physically. Your mind is all confused. He's not in your head. He's in your heart and in your spirit.

The reason your body becomes a temple of the Holy Ghost is because your body is a temple of your own spirit. He indwells you. It's so wonderful right in the midst of perplexity to have Him right there standing by you.

You can actually find rest in the midst of battle. You can come to the place that you'll just laugh right out loud. Nothing seems right, but when you wake up in the night worrying, you'll just start laughing.

You can laugh because you have inside information. First, you have information that's inside the Bible; and second, you have information that's inside of you. It's down in there, in your inner being. Jesus called it your "belly".

He said that out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water. Another translation calls it your innermost being. Then Paul calls it the inward man. Peter calls it the hidden man. The Bible also calls it your heart, or your spirit. I'm conscious of it.

If you're just seeking physical blessing then you are searching with your physical senses. You believe you have to have some kind of a physical manifestation. But for a moment just shut off your physical senses and look on the inside of you. He's there.

I John 2:20 says, "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Where do you know all things? You know all things from the inside of you. It's not up in your head. These are spiritual things that He's talking about.

If you knew it in your head then those who are the most educated would know the most about spiritual things, and usually they know the least.

They have educated their minds at the expense of their hearts.

The 27th verse says, "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." This unction and anointing are the same thing.

This doesn't mean that God doesn't need teachers in the church, because He put teachers in there. What He's saying is that when the teacher teaches, the anointing that you have inside will tell you that's true.

Many times when I begin to read the Word and study the Spirit of God began to show me certain things. My head couldn't receive that because my head had been educated religiously, but my heart would tell me that it was so. Something within me told me that it was so.

Sometimes your mentality will have a tendency to push it away, but on the inside of you there will be a thrill. You don't know how it could be so, but somehow you know that it is so. He is the truth. He is trying to teach you.

Very often in services of teaching you can almost see it written on people's faces. Their minds seem to be going like crazy trying to understand. They need to look on the inside; and if they would, they would find they have a thrill in there.

Several years ago I was in Tulsa, and a man said something to me about the building which is now our headquarters. I just shut it off with my mind because I had other plans. My other plans were already even

formulating, and so I just didn't think about what he said.

Finally he almost dragged me over to this place. The minute we came through the door I had a thrill and an unction in my spirit. I still didn't want to believe it. In my mind I wanted to do something else. I didn't need anybody to tell me because that was the anointing telling me.

I felt the anointing in me. The Bible says that the anointing abideth in you. Too many times we're waiting for something to move on us and shake us. We're waiting for something like a chill. But it's all on the inside of you.

The anointing remains in you. You always have the anointing then to pray. The anointing is in there. He said that He abideth in you.

Somebody still might say, "But I don't feel like it." He's in there just as much when you don't feel it as when you do feel it. If He came and then went, then He wouldn't be abiding.

You have to believe the Bible because it says that you do have Him. Then secondly, you have to do what Paul told Timothy. II Timothy 1:6 says, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." He's talking about the gift of God that's within thee.

When he talked to Timothy about stirring up a gift, what was it? He's talking about the gift of the Holy Ghost. First Paul talks about the laying on of hands, and then he says, "For God hath not given us the Spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." This gift is a Spirit.

It seems to me that it's quite obvious he's talking about the Holy Ghost. That's the same thing John talked about. Jesus called Him the Comforter, Counsellor, Helper, Advocate, Standby, Strengthened. John called it the anointing of the Holy One.

Fire is a type of the Holy Ghost. Stir it up. You can stir up the anointing. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and he said, "Be fervent in spirit." Moffat's translation says, "Maintain the glow."

He gave you this fire and this anointing. But it's up to you to do something about it. It's up to you to maintain the glow. You need to stir up the embers and the inner fire. It's up to you to stir Him up.

The Amplified translation of Romans 12:11 says, "Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord." Be aglow and afire with the Spirit. The Spirit is fire.

How does all of that apply to our prayer life? We want to maintain the glow in our prayer life. You don't pray that God will give you the Holy Ghost if you already have Him, because He's already there. We use the expression about being refilled and refilled, but you don't find such expressions in the Word.

Our wrong expressions have defeated the purpose of God in our lives. Too many times we spend all of our time trying to get filled up again and again. The New Testament says that He's in there, so we need to recognize it and stir Him up.

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January Crusade

On January 8th we begin our first Crusade of the new year.

God blessed us mightily in 1970 in our Crusades and we are expecting even greater things in this coming year.

Our January Crusade will be at:

Calvary Evangelistic Temple
1501 West Berry Street
Ft. Worth, Texas

Our first service will be Friday Evening, January 8, 7:30 P.M. The meeting will run through Sunday Evening, January 17, 7:30 P.M.

There will be two services each day, except Sunday, at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Remember, this is an All Faiths Crusade so we invite all people of all denominations to attend. Come expecting great things to happen.

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Radio News

The Bible says, "A good report maketh fat the bones." We have the good report that we are now ready to return to the air on Radio Station WQMS-FM, December 21 at 8:45 A.M. You may dial this program in at 96.5, Monday through Friday.

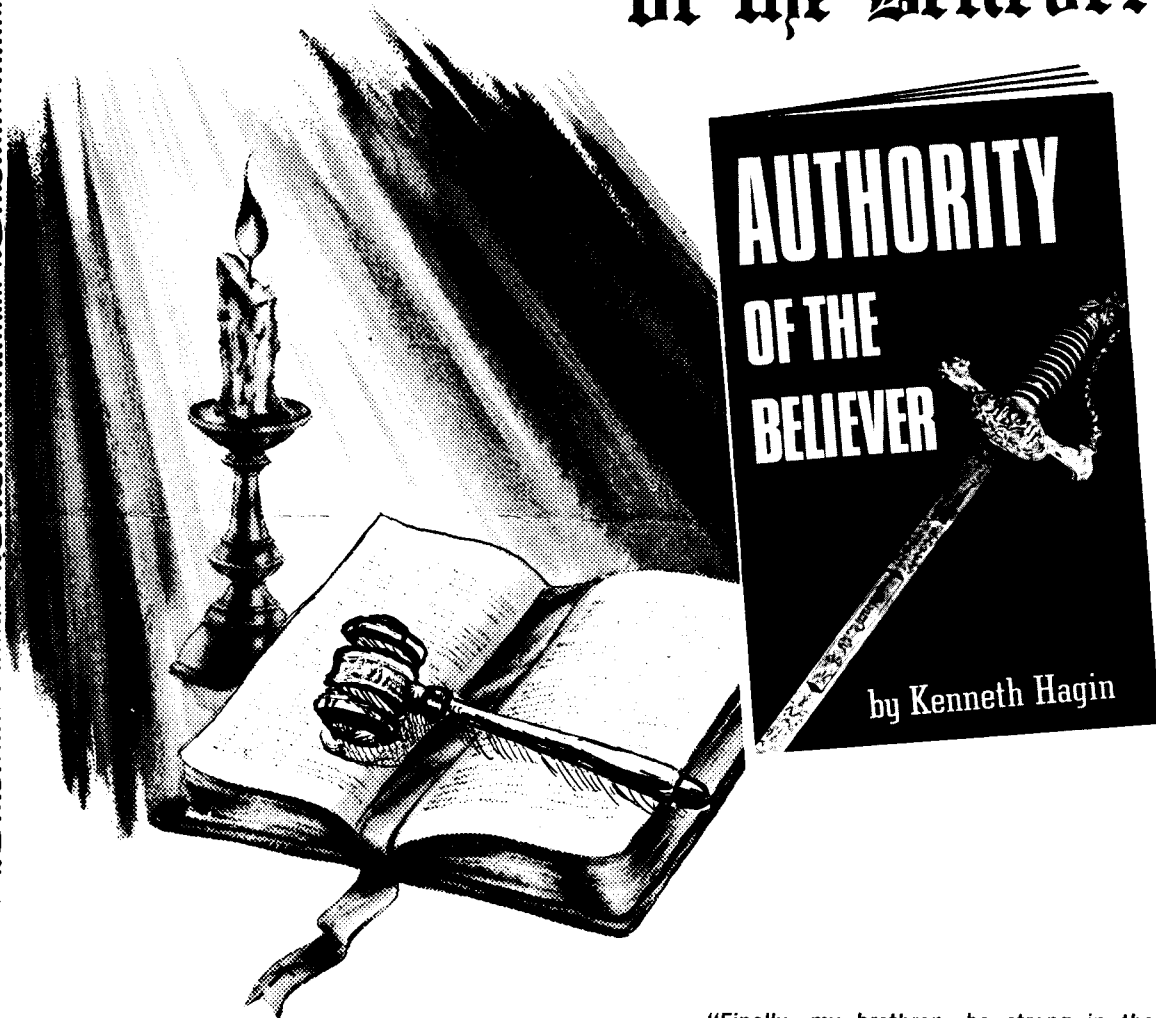
This station is now in the process of enlarging their coverage area and we are glad to be on this station again.

"True forgiveness is forgetting who hurt you while the pain is still there."

MONTHLY LESSON

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