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when they make it hard for those who cannot be brought under the power of seducing spirits. John 16:2 says, "Yea, the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

We quote the following from a letter received from a man who, through reading the Pillar of Fire, was delivered from the devil's tongues in a city in Pennsylvania: "I attended the "Tongues" meeting at H-. Here I found men and women lying on the floor in all shapes, and the workers would put big blankets over them. These people on the floor would be jabbering all at once in what they called unknown tongues. While I was praying one of the workers got hold of me and said, Holy Ghost, we command Thee to go into this soul. The workers were jabbering and shaking their hands over me, and a hypnotic demon power (as I know now) took possession of me, and I fell among the people on the floor and knew nothing for ten hours. When I came to my senses I was weak and my jaws were so tired they ached. I believed then that this power was of God. They said I was wonderfully blest, and Rev. W- sent me from one place to another so that I could jabber in tongues. I was told that while I was speaking in tongues the people would fall on their faces and say, 'Yes, Lord,' 'We will, Lord,' thinking that it was God who was speaking through me. I am now jumping and praising God for delivering me from the devil's tongues. When we get the real power of God we can see that this "Tongues" movement is of the devil. Your paper, the Pillar of Fire, is stirring up things here.

The meetings in Mck- and H-have been broken up. I am now going to towns where I spoke in tongues and telling them it is of the devil. I know if it had not been for the PILLAR OF Fire I would have gone to hell. I am so glad that God has some of His own in the world yet. Keep praying for me."

In "Der Evangelist" we read the following about the "Tongues."

THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

N. Gropmann, Berlin-Rudorf, Germany, gives an account of one of his own experiences with the people of the above named movement in regard to speaking in "unknown tongues."

He says, "At Brother H—'s home in Beek, Germany, I had the opportunity to get personally acquainted with a spirit of this kind. A sister belonging to the M. E. Church visited the annual conference at Muehlheim a. d. Ruhr, and on this occasion through laying on of hands by Mr. G- of the same city received the gift of tongues. However, she soon found that instead of receiving her Pentecost she had let a demon take possession of her. She called for us to pray with her that she might be delivered from it and its influence. We responded and prayed with her for hours. Previous to this time the spirit had been talking about the things of God, such as Calvary, the blood, glory, revivals, etc. But now he begin to talk in a fearful, profane manner and call us all sorts of names. In the name of Jesus we commanded the unclean spirit to depart from her, but he, stoutly refusing, told us we better not waste our time, but go home, for he intended to stay. Therefore he began to torment the sister by accusing her of disloyalty to God and pronounced curse upon curse upon her, predicting her destruction and death in the near future. He began to tear and pull her around the room in a terrible way. The more we prayed the more furious he became—cursing and swearing at us. I am not nervous, but I felt a cold shiver running down my back and felt as if the room was filled with demons. The climax was reached when we laid hands on her in the name of Jesus. We could not possibly be mistaken concerning the reality of things, for we heard him curse, swear and call us names. The language was so shocking that I could not very well mention any of it here. Often I was able to understand without the sister interpreting—a mixture of Latin, Italian and French.

Now and then I was able to catch a word, for the spirit spoke very rapidly. I shiver to think that these cursing and swearing demons found and are finding entrance to the hearts of people. Where are people getting to when they give place to such devils? Is it not a sign of the times? Is this the beginning of 'strong delusions' which God will send upon the earth and into which people that refuse to walk in the light will be ensnared?"—From "Der Evangelist," Bremen, Germany, Vol. 60, Dec. 11, 1909.

Some professors of Christianity would not like to be found in dark rooms where spiritual seances are carried on, but they have no hesitation in congregating with those who give themselves over to strange workings of

demon power under the name of religion. May God open their eyes to their deceived and lost condition before the doors of heaven are everlastingly closed against them.

Among the "Tongues" people there are those who claim to be prophets and prophetesses. From time to time the things that they prophesied have been published in their papers. Among those was a prophecy concerning Pike's Peak. This peak, they said, within four months would have a volcanic eruption, and the people of Cripple Creek and surrounding towns were warned to flee for their lives. Nearly four years have passed and there has been no burning crater with floods of lava to make its appearance. Prophecies were also made among them after the earthquake on the Pacific Coast of dreadful things that would soon come to pass which of course have never been fulfilled.

When the "Tongues" first broke out there were two divisions, one led by Seymour and the other led by Parham. Parham's crowd said Seymour's people had the devil in them, and vice versa. At the various "Tongues" meetings there was strife among the workers as to who should be the first to lay their hands on the seekers. When the jaws of the seeker began to work and he commenced to mutter in strange gibberish the worker who had his hands on him at the time would get the glory. Then they would slander one another behind their backs and say they were possessed with evil spirits, which of course was the truth. It was a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Our workers have been stationed in Los Angeles during the whole history of the "Tongues" movement and have watched it closely from the very first outbreaking of demon power in Seymour's meetings. The conditions have been such that it would be impossible to publish the things that have occurred there, things that they have actually seen and heard. The familiarity between the sexes in the public meetings has been shocking. Hell has certainly reaped an awful harvest and infidelity has become more strongly rooted than ever before on the Pacific Coast. The city of the angels, as it is called, is an infirmary for people of all manner of diseases and physical ailments. They have gone there from every land and clime in search of health, and all kinds of extravagances have been taught on the subject of

divine healing by carnal, professors and leaders, some of whom were anxious to gain a following and thus become famous, and of course the soil was well prepared for the spreading of the "Tongues." The ministry of healing has been so perverted in Los Angeles that it is almost impossible to deal with the subject as it should be and place the gift of healing where it belongs. For years the devil has had the full length of rope there on this subject, and of course he has made good use of it. Many persons of wealth have wanted to be healed of their diseases, but they have had no use for salvation. The way of the Cross is despised, and the flesh life has had the pre-eminence.

CHAPTER 6

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT—DO ALL SPEAK IN TONGUES—THE AUTHOR’S CONVERSION—COMMAND OF LANGUAGE—THE JEWS AFTER THE RESTORATION—MIRACLE IN HEARING—MOSES’ ROD—THE “GIFT” A FAILURE—GOOD MEMORIES.

The 12th chapter of First Corinthians sets forth nine different gifts of the Spirit, one of these being the gift of tongues. “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. * * For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” We notice that “divers” is in italics and is not in the original. The right reading would be, “to another kinds of tongues.” The gift of tongues and the interpreting are the last in the list.

The question is asked in the 30th verse, “Do all speak in tongues?” This verse accords with the 11th showing that they do not. Neither is there any great stress put upon the gift of tongues, as will be seen in the first verse of the next chapter: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.” Paul says in chapter 14, verse 19, “Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.” These scriptures are sufficient to show the estimate that Paul put on the gift of tongues. The Corinthian church was born of the Holy Ghost under Paul’s ministry and naturally we would expect the gifts of the Spirit to be made manifest and to be placed where they belong, but how about this latter-day movement which unmistakably bears every evidence of being born from beneath and not from above. The fruit of the Spirit is not in it. Neither are the gifts of the Spirit made manifest which the Corinthian church possessed. Their woeful

lack of spiritual discernment is appalling. People who are converted often possess the gifts of the Spirit to a marvelous degree, but the “Tongues” people show that their lights have been totally eclipsed.

We know the fruit of the Spirit when we see it. We have been too long in the Christian warfare to be deceived by the witchcraft and sorcery in this movement.

At the age of 16 the writer experienced the new birth, and after years of faithful cross-bearing was sanctified wholly, or in other words baptized with the Holy Spirit. There was no manifestation of strange tongues in this baptism, but as truly as ever the disciples received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost we were baptized by the same Spirit. The power of God rested upon us from day to day and marvelous results followed from our ministry in the conviction and conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers. It would take volumes to give our readers even a partial account of the results which followed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

Our natural timidity, which had hindered our service for the Master for so long, was swept away. Our tongue was touched with a live coal from the altar. There was no difficulty to command language in our own tongue. We were enabled to express our thoughts in words that we had never used before and scarcely knew the meaning of. They would come to our mind and fit into the right place when we were standing before an audience. At times the pressure of the Spirit was so great upon us it seemed the earthen vessel would almost break.

Just before delivering a message where there were vital issues involved there were times when we were unable to stand on our feet for half or three-quarters of an hour, but when the moment came to deliver the message strength was given us. We have never lost the power of the Holy Ghost. We still have the Spirit that discerns between the false and the true.

The question is often asked, will the Gentile church in the last days again possess the gift of tongues. Our answer is, all things are possible with God. If His name can be glorified through the gift in these last days we certainly should be on the lookout for it, but it will take some time for the people to

recover from the effects of this counterfeit “Tongues” movement before God could get glory out of the real gift of tongues.

When the Jews are gathered back to Palestine and the nations of the earth go up to Jerusalem to hear the Gospel preached, undoubtedly God will enable the sons of Abraham to speak in languages so they can be understood. The occasion will demand it. If nations are to be converted in a day, it will be necessary for them to understand the language of those who are ministering unto them. The gifts of the Spirit will be imparted, the dead will be raised and wonderful things be accomplished as it was in the days of old.

We have never seen a person who was actually raised from the dead, but we know the time is coming in the history of the Hebrews when the dead will be raised. We have seen a number of persons during the years of our ministry who we knew were dying, who in answer to the prayer of faith were brought back to life and health, but the breath had not entirely left their bodies.

We have had persons come to us who could understand but little English, and tell us that while we were preaching they understood every word we said. We remember a German woman especially who was converted in one of our first revival meetings. She grasped our hand and gave us to understand, in German and broken English, that she had understood every word we had said. She was asked if she understood other preachers who had preached in the same meeting, and she affirmed that she did not. This is only one incident out of many of a similar character.

Acts 2: 8 says, “And how hear we every man in his own tongue, wherein we were born?” We believe there is as much in hearing as in speaking. When the Holy Spirit speaks through a person it is possible for Him to make people to understand, even though they are not acquainted with the language in which the message is given. If we were called to foreign fields we would not expect to put in years learning the language of the people to whom we went to minister. We would have faith for divine illumination and help to acquire the language of the natives in a short time.

If all the people who were present on the day of Pentecost heard Peter's message in their own language this was a greater miracle than the gift of tongues. Most any old clairvoyant can mutter and speak words that no one can understand, but there is a limit to the power of demons, there are things in the spiritual realm that they are unable to comprehend.

When Moses and Aaron cast their rod down before Pharaoh it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh called up the sorcerers and the magicians, and with their enchantments they did the same thing; they cast down their rods and they became serpents, but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. Pharaoh saw this, yet he continued to harden his heart and refused to let Israel go.

The Lord commanded Moses and Aaron to take their rod and stretch it out over the waters of Egypt that they might become blood. The fish in the rivers died, and the water became so unwholesome that no one could drink of it. The magicians continued to work with their enchantments and succeeded in turning some water to blood. The famine of water was upon them, and the Egyptians were everywhere digging around the river beds to find a pure stream, but for all this Pharaoh would not relent, he hardened his heart and went into his house.

When the plague of frogs was on the land and they came up into his bed-chamber and dough-troughs he had the magicians trying to bring up frogs with their enchantments, and they did so. But when the plague of lice came they could go no further. They repeatedly tried and failed. Then they acknowledged to Pharaoh that the finger of God was upon them, but still the king's heart was hardened.

God continued His plagues until the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, "for the boils were upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians"(Exodus 9:11).

The claims that the "Tongues" people have made of being able to speak the languages of the heathen have been proved false time and again. They found that their so-called tongues were a complete failure in foreign lands. Oftentimes when they thought they were speaking in the tongues of angels they were using the vilest language that could possibly fall from the lips of a human being. We will give one instance with which we are familiar. A person

who had received the tongues thought he was talking about the coming of Jesus, to a Chinaman, who listened for a while and then started after him with a knife, threatening his life. When the Chinaman was asked what caused him to become so angry, he said the person with the tongues was cursing him and his gods and using other language too shameful to repeat.

We have known persons who were reared in homes where several languages were spoken, and while they were unable to speak in more than one language, under the hypnotic spell of demons in the "Tongues" meetings they have been able to speak, in a measure, in these foreign tongues that they were familiar with when they were children. Of course they would come out of a spell claiming to have the "Tongues," when the fact is, under a prolonged nervous strain, through some kind of strange phenomena that we are unable to explain, they were enabled to recall things that had been forgotten for years. We note the fact that those who claim to have received the tongues are of extremely nervous temperament, many of whom, at some time in their lives, have suffered from nervous prostration. The writer is personally acquainted with a number of persons of this kind who now are identified with the "Tongues" movement.

It must be remembered that some people have good memories and as they go from place to place coming in contact with the "Tongues" people they learn a sort of lingo that makes it appear that they have received what they call their "Pentecost." All they need is to utter a few sentences in some foreign tongue and they are fellowshiped as having the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In this country there are multiplied thousands of people whose parents were foreigners, whose native tongue they never learned, but are more or less familiar with, and when seeking the tongues it is easy to recall the language they heard in their childhood days. We remember certain phrases in the German language that we learned from a neighbor when we were a child. And this is no doubt true of many of the "Tongues" people. Most of them, we understand, can utter only a few sentences at best.

We asked one of our missionaries if she could speak German. She said she could not, but we found that she could understand her parents when they were conversing in the German language. We suppose that in a "Tongues" meeting they would call such a person an interpreter. We have heard

persons in the Western states mimic Chinamen perfectly, so that it was impossible to tell the difference. And when “Tongueism” is sifted down it will be found that the cunning craftiness of depraved humanity figures in it more prominently than any one has any idea of.

CHAPTER 7

THE OLD RED DRAGON—SATAN’S AMBITION—WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN—WORKS OF THE FLESH—“AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOE”—SODOM—AN OBJECT LESSON—LOT’S PLEA —CUP OF INIQUITY FULL—FALLEN ANGELS—SATAN’S EFFORTS FOILED—NATURE OF DEMONS.

When Satan lost his first estate as an archangel and fell from heaven, his tail drew the third part of the stars with him. These stars, or angels, were cast to the earth, where they have ever since been engaged in the service of the king of darkness. What an innumerable host there must be! Isaiah 14: 12-14 says, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God : I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” A further account of Lucifer says that he made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof, and opened not the house of his prisoners; but notwithstanding all this, God said, ‘ ‘Thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” It was Satan’s ambition to become mightier than God, and while he knows now that this he can never accomplish, he is still trying to hold the world and its inhabitants, and with the hosts that co-operate with him he is waging vigorous warfare against the Son of God. This earth is the purchased possession of Jesus Christ, who, Revelation says, was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The devil knows this, but will not relinquish his claims until he is forced to do so. But thank God, the time is short. A mighty angel will descend from heaven with a chain and cast him into the pit and lock him up, but until this has been accomplished his work of devastation and ruin will continue.

In the 12th chapter of Revelation we have an account of the war in heaven, and how Michael and his angels fought against Satan and prevailed over him. Here he is called a Great Red Dragon.

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