

The Righteousness of God - The heavenly garment . Fitted for the northward turn to canaan.

And after these things I saw another messenger coming down out of the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lightened from his glory, Rev. 18 v 1

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come, to lift up Jesus, to present Him to the world as revealed in types, as shadowed in symbols, as manifested in the revelations of the prophets, as unveiled in the lessons given to His disciples and in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men." *Selected Messages Book 1 :362*

The 1888 Messengers by a loud voice proclaimed complete victory over self, sin, Satan, the world and finally over death by trusting to the power of God. The message clearly demonstrated the only power by which we can conquer all enemies whether physical or spiritual. The messengers further demonstrated that faith in God through the powerful word of God will take a man, any man from any where, or where ever he is, and bring him to where God wants Him. All of this by unwavering trust in God. That is, for man lost in sin and death, to ever experience life, freedom, overcome the devil, every sin, defect, passion and at last reach the heavenly canaan, man must know the righteousness of God, man must be fitted with the righteousness of God, righteousness must be man's life. In essence then, it is impossible to leave egypt, receive freedom and reach canaan with out being clothed in the righteousness of God. This righteousness encompasses the power, life, wisdom and knowledge of God. Then every battle that is fought is a revelation of the power, life, wisdom and knowledge of God. Every decision made, every plan for the work of God, every move made in missionary effort, the response to every need will be a revelation of the infinite glory of God. *The very promise of God, you shall not fight, your God will fight for you will be the constant experience.*

But seek ye first the reign of God and His righteousness, and all these shall be added to you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow, for the morrow shall be anxious for its own things; sufficient for the day is the evil of it. (YLT, Matt 6:33- 34)

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"(ARV, Phil 2:5)

In this study therefore we will by God's grace demonstrate that anyone who has the heavenly garments is enabled to hold to the divine word and if he will not let go, will conquer all and be where God wants him to be. The final work is right upon us. It is a very large and complete work in a world that is becoming more dangerous every day. The entire world is to be warned of coming dangers and be invited to escape the judgement of God. Church leaders and members alike want to accomplish this work. Many are the plans that are being made and laid, and many are the methods being suggested. Will these methods and plan prove sufficient. Do these methods have God's approval and leading. Does God have ways and methods for His final work outlined in His word. Every class must be reached. Some will be hostile, some will be friendly. Prejudice must be overcome unpopular truths must be preached. The church's role in the world must be clearly defined. Will God depend on the technological advances of man?

The people of God have made a Northward turn toward the Promise Land. Satan is marshaling his forces. Error is overspreading the land. The technological advances appear to make the people of God primitive and unprepared for the work. Many have sought to master these advances to equip them for the finishing of the gospel work. Many have sought by large evangelistic efforts to bring thousands into the Church, and thereby finish the work. Still others through the medium of television believe they can finish the work by this method. Still others believe through a combination of all these ways and methods it will be finished. Well, what say you and I? The real question is what does God say?

Has the word any guidance for us? I believe it has. The bible is a book of principles. Every principle by which we must act is found in the word of God. Every principle for the carrying

forward of the work of God is found in His word. We must therefore conclude that the instructions for the finishing of the final work in the earth will be found and followed by those who will finish the work. One of the principles which will be known—experienced and lived by the people of God, will be the principle of—Undeviating obedience to the commands and unmovable faith in the word of God.

"Then opening he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.' Before this opening of their understanding the disciples had not understood the spiritual meaning of what Christ taught them. And it is necessary now that the minds of God's people should be opened to understand the Scriptures. To say that a passage means just this and nothing more, that you must not attach any broader meaning to the words of Christ than we have in the past, is saying that which is not actuated by the Spirit of God. The more we walk in the light of the truth, the more we shall become like Christ, in spirit, in character, and in the manner of our work, and the brighter will the truth become to us. As we behold it in the increasing light of revelation, it will become more precious than we first estimated it from a casual bearing and examination. The truth, as it is in Jesus, is capable of constant expansion, of new development, and like its divine Author it will become more precious and beautiful; it will constantly reveal deeper significance, and lead the soul to aspire for more perfect conformity to its exalted standard. Such understanding of the truth will elevate the mind and transform the character to its divine perfection." Review and Oct. 21, 1880:-

Further this word speaks to us.

"Where there is not only a belief in God's word, but a submission of will to him; where the heart is yielded to him, the affections fixed upon him." Now these are weighty expressions, they are worth considering. "The submission of the will to him," is it done? Is your will submitted to him never to be taken back, or exercised in your own way or for yourself? Is your will surrendered to him? Yours? Yours, I mean? Has he your will? Says one, "I think he has." Well, you want to know it. "Well," says another, "I have been trying to submit my will to him." Well, stop your trying and submit you will to him and be done with it, and know it. "The submission of the will to him," is your will submitted to him? Is it gone so that you know it is gone, and that you have no wish or impulse or any inclination ever in any situation to use it yourself? Is it gone? You can know it. You can know whether that is done. [Voice: "How?"] How? Why by doing it, telling the Lord it is done and it is so. Of course a man knows it is so when it is done. [A voice: "If he does not know it, it is not done."] Exactly. A T Jones.

In the journeying of Israel from Egypt to the Promised land this principle is demonstrated.

In the book of Deuteronomy chapter 2 God has given us vital instructions.

"And we turned and departed into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and we compassed mount Seir many days. And the Lord said to me, Ye have compassed this mount long enough; turn therefore toward the north."(LXE, Deut 2:1-3)

"After passing to the south of Edom, the Israelites turned northward, and again set their faces toward the Promised Land. Their route now lay over a vast, elevated plain, swept by cool, fresh breezes from the hills. It was a welcome change from the parched valley through which they had been traveling, and they pressed forward, buoyant and hopeful."(PP, 433)

They were simply to obey the commands of God, trust to divine power and nothing and no one could defeat them. They would conquer all, even their faults defects and passions, in short they would conquer not only they enemies but themselves too. That is righteousness by faith. Abraham is the father of all them which be of faith. The record of Abraham, then gives instruction in faith- what it is, and what it does for him who has it.

Rom ; 4 , 1. When Abram was more than eighty years old, and sarai his wife was old, and he had no child, God came to Abraham " And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

And he believed in Jehovah; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness."(ARV, Gen 15 : 5 - 6)

Abram accepted the word of God, and expected by the word what the word said. And in that he was right. Sarai, however, did not put her expectation upon the word of God only. She said to him, " And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, Jehovah hath restrained me from bearing; go in, I pray thee, unto my handmaid; it may be that I shall obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai."(ARV, Gen 16:2)

Abram, for the moment, swerved from the perfect integrity of faith. Instead of holding fast his expectation and dependence upon the word of God only, "he harkened to the voice of Sarai." Accordingly, a child was born; but the whole matter proved to be so unsatisfactory to sarai that she repudiated her own arrangement. And God showed his repudiation of it by totally ignoring the fact that any child had been born. He changed Abram's name to Abraham, and continued to talk about making him the father of nations through the seed promised, and of making his covenant with Abraham and the seed that was promised. He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah, because she should "be a mother of nations" through the promised seed. Abraham noticed this total ignoring of the child that had been born, and called the Lord's attention to it, saying, "And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ishmael might live before thee!"(ARV, Gen 17:18)

But " And God said, Nay, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year."(ARV, Gen 17:19-21) By all this, both Abram and Sarai were taught that, in carrying out the promise, in the fulfilling of the word of God, nothing would answer but dependence upon that word only. Abraham learned that in harkening to the voice of Sarai, he had missed the word of God; and that now he must abandon that whole scheme, and turn again to the word of God only.

But now Abraham was ninety-nine years old, and Sarah was eighty-nine. And, if anything, this seemed to put farther off than ever the fulfilment of the word, and called for a deeper dependence upon the word of God - a greater Faith than before. It was perfectly plain that now there was no possibility of dependence upon anything whatever, but the naked word only; they were shut up absolutely to this for the accomplishment of what the word said. All so "through faith," - through helpless, total dependence upon the word only,- "Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed. And was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."

And "therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable." Heb.11:12.And thus was fulfilled the word spoken to Abram, when God said "Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be."(ARV, Gen 15:5)

This is a divine lesson in faith. And this is what the scripture means when urging upon us the necessity of cultivating faith. For this was imputed to Abraham for

righteousness, even the righteousness of God , which is by faith.

Yet " Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him; but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification."(ARV, Rom 4:23-25)

And all "they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." All they who, excluding - yea, repudiating - all works, plans devices, and efforts, of their own, depend in utter helplessness upon the word of God only to accomplish what the word says, - these are they which be of faith, and are blessed with faithful Abraham with the righteousness of God.

When God said move - Israel response must be obedience to the command. This is working out of the common order, and contrary to any human planning.

When God said pass through Mount Seir and do not meddle but buy your supplies - Israel's response must be to implicitly obey God. They must receive the instructions according to God's idea—as God had given them, and not according to they own ideas. There could be no modification. This is working out of the common order, and contrary to any human planning. "And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the border of your brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore;

contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

Ye shall purchase food of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

For Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee in all the work of thy hand; he hath known thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years Jehovah thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

So we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab."(ARV, Deut 2:4-8)

Israel's *relationship* to Moab and Ammon was also defined by God's command.

" And the Lord said to me, Do not ye quarrel with the Moabites, and do not engage in war with them; for I will not give you of their land for an inheritance, for I have given Aroer to the children of Lot to inherit.

Formerly the Ommin dwelt in it, a great and numerous nation and powerful, like the Enakim.

These also shall be accounted Raphain like the Enakim; and the Moabites call them Ommin.

And the Chorrhite dwelt in Seir before, and the sons of Esau destroyed them, and utterly consumed them from before them; and they dwelt in their place, as Israel did to the land of his inheritance, which the Lord gave to them. Now then, arise ye, said I, and depart, and cross the valley of Zaret. And the days in which we travelled from Cades Barne till we crossed the valley of Zaret, were thirty and eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war failed, dying out of the camp, as the Lord God sware to them. And the hand of the Lord was upon them to destroy them out of the midst of the camp, until they were consumed. And it came to pass when all the men of war dying out of the midst of the people had fallen, that the Lord spoke to me, saying, Thou shalt pass over this day the borders of Moab to Aroer ; and ye shall draw nigh to the children of Amman: do not quarrel with them, nor wage war with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Amman for an inheritance, because I have given it to the children of Lot for an inheritance."(LXE, Deut 2:9-19)

They had now come as far Northward as the Ammon and must pass through the territory of the Amorites. Every step toward the promise land is a northward step. These people were warlike, that is they liked war, and liked making war. What would Israel do? They could not fight these giants who were well trained for war. Israel was unskilled and poorly prepared. But God was leading. He had directed that pathway. God gave the command.

Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon. Behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the king of Heshbon, the Amorite, and his land: begin, take possession, and engage with him in battle.

This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples under the whole heaven; who will hear report of thee, and will tremble, and quake because of thee. Deut. 2:24-25.

Moses then sent messengers to the king with warm greetings. "And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the highway, I will turn neither unto the right hand nor to the left. Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet, as the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, and the Moabites that dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which Jehovah our God giveth us." (ARV, Deut 2:26-29)

The king refused " But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for Jehovah thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as at this day." (ARV, Deut 2:30)

" The answer was a decided refusal, and all the hosts of the Amorites were summoned to oppose the progress of the invaders. This formidable army struck terror to the Israelites, who were poorly prepared for an encounter with well-armed and well-disciplined forces. So far as skill in warfare was concerned, their enemies had the advantage. To all human appearance, a speedy end would be made of Israel." (PP, 433-434)

The question is not what Israel would do, but what would God do ?

"These nations on the borders of Canaan would have been spared, had they not stood, in defiance of God's word, to oppose the progress of Israel. The Lord had shown Himself to be long-suffering, of great kindness and tender pity, even to these heathen peoples. When Abraham was shown in vision that his seed, the children of Israel, should be strangers in a strange land four hundred years, the Lord gave him the promise, "In the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Genesis 15:16. Although the Amorites were idolaters, whose life was justly forfeited by their great wickedness, God spared them four hundred years to give them unmistakable evidence that He was the only true God, the Maker of heaven and earth. All His wonders in bringing Israel from Egypt were known to them. Sufficient evidence was given; they might have known the truth, had they been willing to turn from their idolatry and licentiousness. But they rejected the light and clung to their idols.

When the Lord brought His people a second time to the borders of Canaan, additional evidence of His power was granted to those heathen nations. They saw that God was with Israel in the victory gained over King Arad and the Canaanites, and in the miracle wrought to save those who were perishing from the sting of the serpents. Although the Israelites had been refused a passage through the land of Edom, thus being compelled to take the long and difficult route by the Red Sea, yet in all their journeyings and encampments, past the land of Edom, of Moab and Ammon, they had shown no hostility, and had done no injury to the people or their possessions. On reaching the border of the Amorites, Israel had asked permission only to travel directly through the country, promising to observe the same rules that had governed their intercourse with other nations. When the Amorite king refused this courteous solicitation, and defiantly gathered his hosts for battle, their cup of iniquity was full, and God would now exercise His power for their overthrow.

The Israelites crossed the river Arnon and advanced upon the foe. An engagement took place, in which the armies of Israel were victorious; and, following up the advantage gained, they were soon in possession of the country of the Amorites. It was the Captain of the Lord's host who vanquished the enemies of His people; and He would have done the same thirty-eight years before had Israel trusted in Him." (PP, 434-435)

" And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, Ye are not my people, there shall they be called Sons of the living God. But Esaias cries concerning Israel, Should the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved: for he is bringing the matter to an end, and cutting it short in righteousness; because a cutting short of the matter

will the Lord accomplish upon the earth."(DBY, Rom 9:26-28)

"And the LORD said to me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones of every city, we left none to remain. Only the cattle we took for a prey to ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even to Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all to us: Only to the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor to any place of the river Jabbok, nor to the cities on the mountains, nor to whatever the LORD our God forbade us."(WEB, Deut 2:31-37)

Israel was victorious over Sihon the Amorite King. And now they were pressing further northward. Every step took them nearer the promise land. Deut.3:1. Their next encounter would test not only their courage but their faith in God. Before them lay Bashan a very powerful and populated kingdom, with three score cities, high walls, gates and bars. Deut. 3:5

"Filled with hope and courage, the army of Israel eagerly pressed forward, and, still journeying northward, they soon reached a country that might well test their courage and their faith in God. Before them lay the powerful and populous kingdom of Bashan, crowded with great stone cities that to this day excite the wonder of the world-"threescore cities . . . with high walls, gates, and bars; besides unwalled towns a great many." Deuteronomy 3:1-11. The houses were constructed of huge black stones, of such stupendous size as to make the buildings absolutely impregnable to any force that in those times could have been brought against them. It was a country filled with wild caverns, lofty precipices, yawning gulfs, and rocky strongholds. The inhabitants of this land, descendants from a giant race, were themselves of marvelous size and strength, and so distinguished for violence and cruelty as to be the terror of all surrounding nations; while Og, the king of the country, was remarkable for size and prowess, even in a nation of giants."(PP, 435)

How would Israel conquer? Could their military training do it? Were they of sufficient numbers to prevail? Could their human skill and power accomplish anything with these giants? Israel was poorly trained, outnumbered and small in size to compare with these giants. What would they do? Well they looked to the sky and the cloud was there and it was leading them further north to the promise land, but Og and his army was intent on denying them passage and the promise land. They could get the victory only by strict obedience to the word of God. God had given them a word of confidence, a word of faith, a word of power and if they would depend on that word they would prevail. Ponder this pathway to the promise land.

"Og had skillfully chosen the place of battle. The city of Edrei was situated upon the border of a tableland rising abruptly from the plain, and covered with jagged, volcanic rocks. It could be approached only by narrow pathways, steep and difficult of ascent. In case of defeat, his forces could find refuge in that wilderness of rocks, where it would be impossible for strangers to follow them.

Confident of success, the king came forth with an immense army upon the open plain, while shouts of defiance were heard from the tableland above, where might be seen the spears of thousands, eager for the fray. When the Hebrews looked upon the lofty form of that giant of giants towering above the soldiers of his army; when they saw the hosts that surrounded him, and beheld the seemingly impregnable fortress, behind which unseen thousands were entrenched, the hearts of many in Israel quaked with fear"(PP, 435-436)

The king was trusting to his forces and his plans for victory. Israel must trust to the word of God. When the people saw the forces they were afraid for a moment. But the word brought calm and peace. "And Jehovah said unto me, Fear him not; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon."(ARV, Deut 3:2)

"The calm faith of their leader inspired the people with confidence in God. They trusted all to His omnipotent arm, and He did not fail them. Not mighty giants nor walled cities, armed hosts nor rocky fortresses, could stand before the Captain of the Lord's host. The Lord led the army; the Lord discomfited the enemy; the Lord conquered in behalf of Israel. The giant king and his

army were destroyed, and the Israelites soon took possession of the whole country."(PP, 436)

How did Israel get the victory? By total reliance and obedience to the word of God .That is the divine record"So Jehovah our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; besides the unwalled towns a great many."(ARV, Deut 3:3-5)

"O until the Lord your God give your brethren rest, as also he has given to you, and they also shall inherit the land, which the Lord our God gives them on the other side of Jordan; then ye shall return, each one to his inheritance which I have given you.

And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all things, which the Lord our God did to these two kings: so shall the Lord our God do to all the kingdoms against which thou crossst over thither. Ye shall not be afraid of them, because the Lord our God himself shall fight for you. And I besought the Lord at that time, saying, Lord God, thou hast begun to shew to thy servant thy strength, and thy power, and thy mighty hand, and thy high arm: for what God is there in heaven or on the earth who will do as thou hast done, and according to thy might?"(LXE, Deut 3:20-24)

God fought for Israel as he had promised. He never intended that Israel should reach the promise land - the land that was Promised to the faithful by human warfare, but by the divine methods. God's wanted Israel to understand that what He had promise only He could give. It could not be achieved by human power or human works. It could not be worked for. That is exactly the message God sent in 1888. Righteousness is a free gift, justification is a free gift, preparation for translation is by faith. Perfection of character is a free gift by complete reliance on God. Overcoming every fault and defeat, every sin, every enemy is by strict obedience to the word of God through his grace.

The victory over sin and defects is given by God. The in filling of the attributes of heaven is a work of faith. Therefore I suggest the final work, the work of giving the final warning ,of overcoming the giants of evil, error, the mark of the beast, understanding the prophecies, will not be accomplished by dependence of human power or planning. The ways and methods God will use will leave room for glory to be given to God and not to any human invention. If Israel would refuse to deviate from the instruction he had given them, not one Israelite would have fallen in the wilderness from disease or death.

" The Lord God of heaven is our Leader. He is a leader whom we can safely follow; for He never makes a mistake. Let us honor God and His Son Jesus Christ, through whom He communicates with the world. It was Christ who gave to Moses the instruction that He gave to the children of Israel. It was Christ who delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. Moses and Aaron were the visible leaders of the people. To Moses instruction was given by their invisible Leader, to be repeated to them. **Had Israel obeyed the directions given them by Moses, not one of those who started on the journey from Egypt would in the wilderness have fallen a prey to disease or death.** They were under a safe Guide. Christ had pledged Himself to lead them safely to the promised land if they would follow His guidance. This vast multitude, numbering more than a million people, was under His direct rule. They were His family. In every one of them He was interested" (MS 144, 1903).

Yes brethren, complete dependence upon and obedience to the word of God is the only sure path and certain victory and eventual possession of the promise land. *This is working out of the common order, and contrary to any human planning.* When Israel allowed God to fight for them and they followed His direction - when they sought his word and obeyed it they conquered all enemies *contrary to any human planning.*

That is the message of Righteousness by faith to Israel then and to spiritual Israel now in the end of time.

Now these final words "In the conquest of Gilead and Bashan there were many who recalled the events which nearly forty years before had, in Kadesh, doomed Israel to the long desert wandering. They saw that the report of the spies concerning the Promised Land was in

many respects correct. The cities were walled and very great, and were inhabited by giants, in comparison with whom the Hebrews were mere pygmies. But they could now see that the fatal mistake of their fathers had been in distrusting the power of God. This alone had prevented them from at once entering the goodly land.

When they were at the first preparing to enter Canaan, the undertaking was attended with far less difficulty than now. God had promised His people that if they would obey His voice He would go before them and fight for them; and He would also send hornets to drive out the inhabitants of the land. The fears of the nations had not been generally aroused, and little preparation had been made to oppose their progress. But when the Lord now bade Israel go forward, they must advance against alert and powerful foes, and must contend with large and well-trained armies that had been preparing to resist their approach.

In their contest with Og and Sihon the people were brought to the same test beneath which their fathers had so signally failed. But the trial was now far more severe than when God had commanded Israel to go forward. The difficulties in their way had greatly increased since they refused to advance when bidden to do so in the name of the Lord. It is thus that God still tests His people. And if they fail to endure the trial, He brings them again to the same point, and the second time the trial will come closer, and be more severe than the preceding. This is continued until they bear the test, or, if they are still rebellious, God withdraws His light from them and leaves them in darkness."(PP, 436-437)

"The Hebrews now remembered how once before, when their forces had gone to battle, they had been routed, and thousands slain. But they had then gone in direct opposition to the command of God. They had gone out without Moses, God's appointed leader, without the cloudy pillar, the symbol of the divine presence, and without the ark. But now Moses was with them, strengthening their hearts with words of hope and faith; the Son of God, enshrined in the cloudy pillar, led the way; and the sacred ark accompanied the host. This experience has a lesson for us. The mighty God of Israel is our God. In Him we may trust, and if we obey His requirements He will work for us in as signal a manner as He did for His ancient people. Everyone who seeks to follow the path of duty will at times be assailed by doubt and unbelief. The way will sometimes be so barred by obstacles, apparently insurmountable, as to dishearten those who will yield to discouragement; but God is saying to such, Go forward. Do your duty at any cost. The difficulties that seem so formidable, that fill your soul with dread, will vanish as you move forward in the path of obedience, humbly trusting in God." (PP, 437)

Now I ask again, Is your will submitted to him? Is that thing done? Have you gone over that barrier, and stand where you know that you stand there, and that you know that your will is surrendered to him, for him to use in his way, and they there is no further question about it, and no dissent from it in any way? Now is your will submitted to God for him to use as he pleases and you have no objection to raise at all; you have no thought or inclination to use it your way; you want him to do his way, and that is all you care for? Is that so? Is your will there? [Congregation: "Yes."]

Are any here in whom it is not so? You just go and tell the Lord all about it. Tell him, "Lord, I submit everything to thee; everything goes; nothing stays; I do not retain a single thing; all is gone; everything, will and all, to thee, that thou mayest use it both to will and to do." [Congregation: "Amen."] Brethren, we every one need to do just that, here, each day. The Lord wants to come in here in just the way that that will let him in.

But as long as I reserve some of my will, I will go my way in spite of myself, I can not have God use me fully: He can not come in fully, Christ can not come in fully, unless there is a full submission to him. Let there be some dying here. Let there be some actual dying to self. That is what it means; it means death: and of course people never struggle to die; they struggle to stay alive, if there are any struggles. A T Jones

Yes brethren, again I say, complete dependence upon and obedience to the word of God is the only sure path and certain victory and eventual possession of the promise land. *This is working out of the common order, and contrary to any human planning.*

"It is not always the most learned presentation of God's truth that convicts and converts the

soul. Not by eloquence or logic are men's hearts reached, but by the sweet influences of the Holy Spirit, which operate quietly yet surely in transforming and developing character. It is the still, small voice of the Spirit of God that has power to change the heart."(PK, 169)

That is the message of Righteousness by faith. That is how we are fitted **for the northward turn to canaan**. It takes the presence and power of God and nothing less. **"And Saul said unto David, Go, and Jehovah shall be with thee."**(ARV, 1 Sam 17:37)

"even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."(ARV, Acts 10:38)

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