

demonstrations, such as shouting, laughing, crying, falling in trances, etc. But why should any suspect that the presence of the Spirit of God, who is a God of law and order, would provoke such indecent proceedings as usually accompany these so-called Holy Ghost meetings? No, reader, the Spirit of God is not responsible for these unseemly demonstrations. The presence of the Holy Ghost with any believer is determined by his fruits, and not by noisy demonstrations. See Matt. 7: 15 - 23; Gal. 5: 22 - 26.

6. Do all true Christians have the Spirit of God?

"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8: 9.

### **The Gifts of the Spirit**

7. Concerning what gifts does the Lord desire that we should not be ignorant?

"Concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." I Cor. 12: 1.

8. What are the gifts of the Spirit?

"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; . . . 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." Verses 4 - 10.

NOTE.—God has set in the church these different gifts. They were all recognized in the early church, but during the Dark Ages were largely lost sight of. These gifts are the heritage of the church, and should be enjoyed.

9. Why did the Lord put these gifts in the church?

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4: 11, 12.

10. How long were these gifts to remain in the church?

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Verse 13.

NOTE.—The church will not reach the state here described until the gospel is completed. This being so, we should to-day have in the church all these gifts. The church is imperfect without them.

11. What does Paul admonish each one to do?

"Covet earnestly the best gifts." I Cor. 12: 31.

### **The Gifts of the Spirit to be Revived in the Remnant Church**

12. Will there be a revival of these gifts in the last days?

"It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2: 17.

13. At the time of Christ's coming, how fully will the gifts of the Spirit be enjoyed by the church?

"That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utter-

ance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1: 5-7. Again: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12: 17.

NOTE.—The remnant church, which is waiting and looking for Christ, will come behind in no gift, but will have the testimony of Jesus.

#### 14. What is meant by "the testimony of Jesus"?

"I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19: 10. "And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets." Rev. 22: 8, 9.

NOTE.—Gabriel is the angel of the prophets, the one who reveals to them God's purposes. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Those who have the testimony of Jesus are prophets. To say that the remnant church have the testimony of Jesus is to say that they have the spirit of prophecy; and Paul declares they come behind in no gift. This being so, the remnant church will have recognized prophets. The gift of prophecy, however, does not necessarily signify the foretelling of future events, but is usually confined to the edifying and instruction of the church.

#### 15. What does Christ warn us against in the last days?

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24: 23, 24.

NOTE.—The very fact that there will be false prophets in the last days proves that there will be true ones; for there can be no counterfeits where there is not a genuine. These false prophets will be at the head of vast religious movements, the main cry of which will be the coming of Christ. While they will be correct in predicting the nearness of his coming, yet they will wrongly instruct the people with reference to the manner of his coming, and the events to transpire at his coming. As a result, Satan will counterfeit the coming of Christ in such a manner as to cause himself to be accepted by these false prophets and their followers as the very Christ. This deception will be so strong that none will be able to detect it but the very elect. As a result of this deception, Christ's coming will overtake the world as a thief in the night, they having thought him already here. See 1 Thess. 5: 1-3; 2 Thess. 2: 9-12.

This being so, we can expect when the last days are reached, to find vast religious movements proclaiming the coming of Christ. The leading factor in each of these movements will be one who claims to have the spirit of prophecy. These movements will simply be counterfeits of the genuine message which will be given to the world by the remnant who keep God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus. And inasmuch as the remnant have the spirit of prophecy, the counterfeit messages will claim the same. The conditions here suggested are to-day being fulfilled before the world. Consider the vast movements of this character which have been born during the past few years: and the very fact that these movements now exist, is proof positive that the last

days are reached, and that the true advent message is now being proclaimed to the world.

### **The Test By Which to Detect False Prophets**

16. How may we detect these false prophets?

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8: 20.

NOTE.—This is a sure rule of judgment by which we can detect error. The people who give the last message to the world will be known by their strict adherence to the commandments of God. The false messages will be accompanied by great miracle-working power. These miracles of healing, etc., will be held up before the world as evidence of the genuineness of their message. But let no one be deceived by such means; for because one has power to perform miracles is no evidence that God is with him. By this very means Satan will lead the world captive. Put no trust in miracle-working powers who parade their miracles before the world as evidence that God is with them. See Deut. 13: 1-4; Matt. 7: 21-23; 2 Thess. 2: 9, 10; Rev. 13: 14; 16: 13, 14.

The working of God's Spirit in the world to-day is largely counterfeited by Satan. Men are looking for something demonstrative and sensational in character, and Satan stands ever ready to supply them. But remember, dear reader, that God does not work in a sensational way. The last message of mercy will be peculiar, in the sense that it will convict people of sin, and as a result will be hated and spoken against. The Holy Ghost never instructs or leads the people contrary to the testimony of God as found in the ten commandments. By this rule the honest in heart will be able to judge between the false and the genuine. "He that will do his will shall know of the doctrine."



### CHAPTER XXVI.

### **The Law and the Gospel**

1. What is sin?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3: 4.

2. How many have sinned?

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom 3: 23.

3. By saying "all have sinned," does it mean Jews and Gentiles alike?

"What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Rom. 3: 9-19.

NOTE.—Sin being the transgression of the law, and all the world having sinned, it is evident that the law of which sin is the transgression, is the moral standard for the entire world.

4. What law is it that reveals sin?