

Nyack Diary

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May
1907 While preaching on Daniel, it came to me, like him, to set apart a time for prayer and fasting that God would specially bless the work entrusted to me and give me a special anointing of the Holy Ghost. I was the more led to do this in view of the approaching Council, May 29, and the special movement of the Holy Spirit abroad today, that God would show His will about it, and give to me all He has for me - and also for the work.

After one week of waiting on God I could not stop, but continued two, three, and up to the Council, and indeed with slight interruptions ever since.

I noted first a quiet but real quickening in my own soul, and great blessing in the Council. God kept us united, and at the close manifested Himself in some of the meetings in a very unusual way. There were several cases of the Gift of Tongues and other extraordinary manifestations, some of which were certainly genuine, while others appeared to partake somewhat of the individual peculiarities and eccentricities of the subjects; so that I saw not only the working of the Spirit, but also a very distinct human element, not always edifying or profitable. And God led me to discern and hold quietly to the divine order for the gifts of the Spirit in I Cor. 12-14. At the same time I could not question the reality of the gifts, and I was led to pray much about it and for God's highest will and glory in connection with it.

June
1907 While attending the Ind. (?) Convention, on Saturday night, June 15, I was much in prayer and was reminded of God's meeting with me in this place in a remarkable way in 1881 and before and giving me a special message in 2 Kings 13:18-19. I again claimed it, and with it all His best will for me. I smote with all the arrows and asked in faith that nothing less than His perfect and mighty fulness might come into my life, and so testified on Sabbath morning, June 16 in the meeting.

I had come to this Conv. With much concern for the unity of our work. It was the first of the summer conventions and in a sense a sort of earnest of the others. The work here had been much split over the Tongues, and I had prayed much about it. God answered graciously and gave much blessing.

July 28
Sunday On the closing Saturday of the nyack Convention I received, as I united in the aftermeeting a distinct touch of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit - a kind of breaking through, accompanied by a sense of awe and a lighting up through my inmost being and I all broken open. I welcomed it and felt disappointed when the meeting was abruptly closed by the leader, for I was conscious of a peculiar power resting upon us all and continuing to fill me. I carried it home with me, and for several days the deep sense remained as a sort of "weight of love," in addition to the ordinary and quiet sense of God I have felt so long.

August 9 On this Friday afternoon I retired, as I have done for so many years, to the place in the woods where God healed me in August 1881 and renewed my covenant of healing again as I have done every year since. At the same time I pressed upon Him a new claim for a Mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost in His complete Pentecostal fulness embracing all the gifts and graces of the Spirit for my special need at this time and for the new conditions and needs of my life and work. He met me as I lay upon my face before Him with a distinct illumination, and then as the Presence began to fade and I cried out to Him to stay, He bade me believe and take it all by simple faith as I had taken my healing 26 years before. I did so, and was enabled definitely to believe and claim it all and rest in Him.

Then He gave me distinctly Is. 49:8, "In an acceptable time have I heard thee, &c."; also Acts 1:5, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." I knew that I had been baptized with the Holy Ghost before but I was made to understand that God had a deeper and fuller baptism for me and all that day and evening I was as sure of the Coming of His Spirit to me in great power as if I had already received the most wonderful manifestation of His presence.

I was accustomed at O. Orchard to spend many hours every night waiting upon Him and praying about the meetings, and He often rested upon me in mighty realization and wondrously guided and blessed the work, but I felt there was MORE.

Aug. 22 While waiting on God on my lawn at night as I have often done this summer, I had a special season of mighty prayer, in which God revealed to me the NAME of JESUS in special power and enabled me to plead it within the veil for an hour or more until it seemed to bear down every barrier and to command all that I could ask. He also let me plead at great length Jer. 33:3 in the fulness of its meaning as God saw it, and to ask for "great and mighty things which I KNEW NOT." An utterly new revelation of His power and glory. He has let me know something of Himself, and for 26 years Christ has been in my bodily senses and members, but He has much more.

Aug. 28 While waiting upon the Lord on my verandah, late at night, I ventured to ask Him for a special token of His giving me Matt. 6:17-18 and soon after He did give it in the form I had asked, viz., a very mighty and continued resting of the Spirit down upon my body until it was almost overpowering and continued during much of the night. I accepted it and told Him I would take the promise in simple faith and not hesitate to believe that it was all for me. I had been timid at times about dictating to the Holy Spirit who is sovereign in the bestowal of His gifts, but now I fully take all that is promised in HIS NAME.

Aug. 23,27, Three remarkable seasons of prayer, fellowship, & blessing and Phil. 3 given afterwards at night in a most marked way so that I was

30-Thu, compelled to give up my previous message for the following Sabbath
Tues, and take this for the following Sabbaths, Sept. 1, 8. Again Sept. 3, 4, 5, after
much conflict, great deliverance and rest given and clear
Fri. light.

One afternoon it seemed as if heaven was opened and I was permitted to see myself seated with Christ in the heavenlies within the veil and having the right to use His Name in victorious faith and prayer even as He. I can never forget this sense of "the heavenlies" and my place of right and power and acceptance there. Eph. I II.

Sept. 5 Today the words Zech. 9:12 were distinctly given. The stronghold in the Name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost. Lord show me
Thursday what the "Double" means, all Thy estimate of it, the Double portion of the Spirit. Double all Thou hast ever done for me. Give me Elisha's blessing, the first born's portion - all Thy gifts and all Thy graces.

At night in my quiet sanctuary God came, and after a great conflict gave me a great deliverance and perfect rest and blessing.

Today and tomorrow set apart in fasting and prayer and wholly given up to God in waiting upon Him as far as other duties allowed.

Sept. 6 As I continued waiting on God today and spending the forenoon in the woods, God gave me clearly Acts 12:16, "Peter continued knocking."
Friday It has meant much to me. God would keep me still knocking. It is the third degree of prayer - the prayer that overcomes and opens. Along with it goes closely Ps. 123 and Is. 62:1, with the same lesson, in evening prayer. Later in the evening there came such a resting down of God's power for an hour or more at Prayer.

Sept. 8 Sabbath preached Ph. III and on way have such a revelation of Christ as I read last chapter of Luke & John & Rev. I, IV-VIII. The Lamb. To
Sunday think that He, amid the glories of the Throne, should so come to me!!

Sept. 9 Left today for a few days quiet in Hamilton where I was ordained 48 years ago, September 12.
Monday

Sept. 13 Am giving these days to wait on God and asking Him to meet me and ordain me anew. He gave me today distinctly Nahum 1/15 for this
Thursday season and I am claiming it. Also Jno. 15/16 and 17/23. I go to wait on Him for all. On the way He woke me on the train at night for an hour of prayer and as I pleaded the Name of Jesus within the veil there was such a giving way of the barriers and such a coming in of God. Praise to His Holy Name!

Sept. 10 Arrived in Hamilton, spent the afternoon on my face in deep prayer in the Spirit. The Lord gave me Joel 2/26-8 for these days of waiting.

Tuesday

Sept. 12 Spent yesterday much in prayer and today wholly in fasting and prayer. Ordination anniversary — The Lord provided an altar - Left a Memorial

Thursday Stone of record. God's eye will be upon it always. "Covt. - Witness Pent. HSP Anniversary. God" –

At 3-5 special service in memory 1865. Asked God to accept my offering and ordain me anew. The Spirit came with a baptism of holy laughter for an hour or more and I am waiting for all He has yet to give and manifest.

Sept. 13 Awoke with deep burden of prayer, especially for M. The anniversary of much blessing in a season of prayer for her at 10-11 and a baptism of

Friday divine love and power. In the afternoon and evening a new burden came over me and as I prayed a general heal, a distinct sense of warmth - at times a penetrating fire - filled my whole body. I would have called it fever but God showed me most plainly that it was the Holy Ghost. It continued for about 6 hours even when I was not praying. I got alone with God much of the time and on my face opened all my being to Him to fill.

Left Hamilton at 7 P.M. thanking Him that He had answered prayer and begun to ordain me in a new way and new power.

In the train I retired at 8 & continued in prayer till 10 or 11 with an increasing sense of God's nearness.

As I prayed in the Name of Jesus that He would let me lose nothing of His blessing, the Spirit came in me and moved sensibly and at last settled down within me with a mighty sense of rest, reality, & Joy and Ps. 134

Sept. 14 Returned with a great spiritual blessing. Woke after a night in which the Spirit had rested on me with glorious peace. The only word that

Saturday expressed it was "The Lord in the midst of thee is mighty. He will rest in His love. He will rejoice over thee with singing."

At the same time there was a deep sense of much more to come and that my heart could not be satisfied without all the fulness of His power. The prayer went up spontaneously for all His fulness and power and the promise repeated itself over and over again, "Ask in my Name. Ask -- rec. that your joy may be full."

At night an awful weight came over me and a deep conflict, but I think it was the enemy and as I kept abiding in Jesus there was peace.

1912

Oct. 6 Five years have passed since these Mem. were written. Much has come and gone. God has been ever with me and wrought for me.

Sunday No extraordinary manifestation of the Spirit in tongues or similar gifts has come. Many of my friends have received such manifestations, but mine has still been a life of fellowship and service. At all times my spirit has been open

to God for anything He might be pleased to reveal or bestow. But He has met me still with the old touch and spiritual sense, and in distinct and marked answers to believing prayer in my practical life.

Three years ago He permitted me to go to South America and brought me through great dangers. Two years ago He gave me great blessing in England. This year I spent my ordination Anniversary at Nyack in a very solemn season of waiting on Him and He met me. He bade me ask the Double Portion and showed me that I was to receive it as Elisha by faith and realize it in actual manifestation of God in my life and work. I fully believed for it and ever since have found Him in a new and gracious way.

First in my preaching and teaching. Have had a new vision of truth and a new unction in preaching the last three weeks, also in teaching my classes at Nyack.

Next in deliverance and blessing. Prayer answered in a dangerous fall, also in regard to money. Have now several hard places which only the God of Elisha can meet.

1. The new Inst. Bldg. Rec'd \$20,000. All have failed. He must help –
2. The work at D St. We are losing 500 a mo. & already 14,000 in arrears - I have been simply a silent and helpless partner and sufferer in it. He has loaned \$3000 through prayer but some complete reconstruction is necessary. Am asking Him to give it.
3. My own business affairs heavily burdened by debt. Lord enable pay all He will.
3. Our missionary work needs increased funds much.
4. Possible visit to England after July.
5. Am under a heavy burden of prayer these days and nights

Dec. 14 Have read with deep interest these memorials. This year has been unparalleled in suffering and testing, and in answered prayer. At

1916 present I need God as never before. I am older and need new life &c.
Sunday There are new forces and spirits in the work and things are harder.
But God has done for me wondrous things this year in financial help,
physical strength, and victory over the enemy in men and angels. I
never so needed Him. I am taking Him now in Jesus' Name for
deliverance from a difficult financial burden so that I shall be set free
from financial obligations that tie me up in my freedom and keep me in
debt. Jesus will see me through. Also prayer for Council, summer
conventions and my way plain. Also my head, heart, & life.
God has wrought miracles of providence for me. Rest. D. Sale lands
Nyack. Rent of 260. New Rest. Leonard St. Inc. A. Pr. Co. Sale 692
8th Ave. Leg. And deliverance C B & Mrs. M. - Praise. Also Howard.
But O Lord help now in great need upon me. And give me fulness
Spirit to overcome and all situations around me..

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