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dispensation, that before Christ was made manifest certain things had to take place and God had to send John the Baptist and he had to turn the hearts of the people first from themselves and then their sin and then into the heart of the great Father God. When John came almost his first words to his congregation were: "Now behold, the axe is laid to the root."

How I tried to tell the people that before Christ can come in the revelation of His power to smash sin and tear down the strongholds of Satan and cast out demon powers which are binding governments and nations today, before the Christ in glory and righteousness and truth can be revealed and the vision come to our own hearts the axe has to be laid to the root.

Some folk think this gospel is a milk and water thing and is all right for babies and old men and women, but I have discovered it is worthy of the best that is in any man or any woman. Mark my words -- before the revelation of Christ can come again the axe of God's wonderful truth has got to cut down to the very depths of your heart and mine, and has got to cut out everything unholy and unclean and displeasing to God, and you and I have got to get past a place of being wishy-washy christians. It is up to you and to me to take the right way if it takes our right arm or right eye.

The Lord said to the people of His day when they were wondering how they could enter into the power He Himself had manifested among the people: "If any man will do my will he shall know of the doctrine...etc." You don't need to worry about your doctrine. If you are willing to do the will of God you shall know, but you have no right to know God's mind or will until you are willing to do His will.

John ~~did~~not say the Holy Ghost was coming in with a suave utterance and smooth tongue and pat you on the back and say: "You are doing the best you know how to do and God will see you thru." No! John said: "The Holy Ghost is coming with His flail ( a cat of nine tails) in his hand." And it just about takes that to get the hell out of you and me.

You count yourself a wonderful fellow or a marvelous woman. I don't

thing<sup>g</sup> you are. You are no better than I am, and I know what I am. You talk about it being easy to be a christian! The first thing you have to go thru when you see Jesus is to say: "Yes Lord, you can put the cat of nine tails on me."

"He shall come with His flail in His hands! Where is that threshing floor? You will say, "that is<sup>2</sup> in my neighbor." No! The threshing floor of God is in you. God will take care of your neighbor. Before we can ever see Jesus we have got to go thru this process. "If any many will do the will of God." You say: "I am doing the will of God." But we need to get a little closer to Jesus.

The Apostle says: "We see Jesus."

Most people want to see Him in the Glory on the Throne. But Christ wasn't born to the Glory, first. We say: "Yes, I am willing to do the will of God", and we get our eyes on that magnificent, immortal, eternal, purified Being that John saw. One look of that Apostle upon Christ in all His glory took his life. He collapsed on the streets of the city and he was as dead as he ever was. One glimpse caused the Apostle to die, and after all that is the great end to be attained in you and me. Christianity today is too much alive and kicking --- all kinds of it.

I am not blaming the apostate world one bit for turning away from the church when it beholds the way christians are living it, and in the way christianity is expressed in these days. I am not blaming the world for not wanting anything that seems to be propounded to them as the great and wonderful Spirit of Jesus Christ.

If God's ministers would ever learn a lesson! That the vision of Christ is the greatest thing to attain in their lives. If we will see Jesus in deed and in truth every unholy thing in us will die. You bring the thing that you have in your heart and mind and spirit before God and before that vision of the Blessed and marvelous Christ and if it doesn't strike fire with God the thing will die and become dust and ashes. After all it



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isn't the Spirit of Christ in us that causes contention. It is the thing that isn't Christ. That being true, you can see by the conditions projected on the people in these last days that the great mass of that thing in the preachers of God is not of God.

If Christ was in me and in you every devil could stand around us and egg us on to fight, and the more it did the more we would love one another. If we will catch the vision of Christ our troubles will be ended. I don't mean you will not suffer persecution, but if you do you will never know it. If we will open our heart and see Jesus.

The post-resurrection vision of Christ is wonderful, but look what the Son of God passed thru before He shined like the sun. When John saw Him His face and Being shined as the sun when it shineth in its strength. That kind of sunshine is the greatest anti-disease destroyer that is in this world today. It has in it the ..... ray. If that ray can be focused on the diseased portion it will destroy and turn into a fine white ash the parts diseased and at the same time will allow new flesh to fill the place taken by the disease.

In Hab. I read that "in His hands was the hiding of His power." From His hands there proceeded rays. What do you suppose it was that caused God to put in our bible the laying on of hands. Is it a form? God forbid! There is nothing in the word of God that is merely form. Everything in His word and ministry is life and power. It is no use in laying on hands unless inspired by God. When we lay hands on those that are sick, Jesus said: "they shall be well." It is all Christ Jesus. When Phillip went to Samaria he went and preached JESUS. He had seen Christ nailed to the cross and that is the greatest experience men can have.

On the day of Pentecost God had the people ready at that appointed time to receive the Holy Ghost. Their hearts were in the right attitude and those 120 had stood by the cross and had seen the blood flow from His side and the nails driven in His hands and feet, and they literally died

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with Jesus Christ.

Until you do touch the cross you are never ready for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, and every baptism that comes in any other way is not the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God has a standard and every soul has to touch it. Today you can get almost any kind of a baptism. If you don't want to speak in tongues you can get one without. If you don't want manifestations you can get just what you want. That is what most of the people are getting.

God's baptism will turn you inside out. When you see the Holy Ghost coming in your direction with His cat of nine tails you will know you are in for it. If you don't, you are not God's son. He scourgeth every son.

Don't you want Jesus now? Yes, even tho it takes a Gethsemane and scourging. Even tho it takes a crown of thorns and ~~mocking~~ mocking and spitting and the grave, and grave clothes ---do you still want Him?

That is the route you will take and that is the way you will go. If you want to see Jesus after that fashion God will work a revolution in you and all places will never be the same.

It is JESUS. It is not your mind. IS IS JESUS! Can we see Jesus?

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