SHALL WE REJECT JESUS' LAST WORDS?

Many of the dear holiness people are rejecting the last words of Jesus in the last chapter of Mark, beginning at the fifteenth verse:

"And He said onto them: Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Why do they reject these verses? Because Dr. Godbey, in his commentary and translation, has left them out. Why did he leave them out? Because they were not in the Sinaitic manuscript from which he translate'. It was a manuscript found in later years in a mission on Mount Sinai. The man who found the manuscript, a German by the name of Tischendorf, said that some sheets of it had already been thrown into a receptacle for kindling wood. In this or some other way, a part may have been lost from that manuscript.

However this may be, we feel sure that these are the words of Jesus. The writer herself, being a great admirer of Bro. Godbey, was for some time influenced by his views in regard to the last words of our Lord as given above. But since being in these Holy Ghost meetings, and hearing these same words given again and again by the Spirit in unknown tongues and interpreted, all doubt has been swept away in regard to them. Besides they are proved true before our eyes. We have thrown all doubts to the winds and taken to our hearts the whole word of Jesus. Dear friends, do not let any man riddle your Bible for you or cut out any part of it. You need the whole. Hallelujah for the Word.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY GHOST.

We are now hearing from individuals, and companies who are definitely waiting on God for their personal Pentecost. Some have been stimulated in seeking by hearing of God's visitation in Los Angeles. We join hands with all such hungry seekers and meet you at the throne. Some are expecting to come this way. We expect the Lord to speedily prepare such to go out into the field. Calls are coming from every direction for workers who are filled with the Spirit and have the Bible evidence. We are expecting the Lord to send out workers all over the country carrying this Gospel.

Before another issue of this paper, we look for Bro. Parham in Los Angeles, a brother who is full of divine love and whom the Lord raised up five years ago to spread this truth. He, with other workers, will hold union revival meetings in Los Angeles and then expects to go on to other towns and cities, and will appoint workers to fill the calls that shall come in. So begin to pray right away for a revival in your neighborhood or town or city. Perhaps you need one in your own closet or at your family altar first. But expect great things from God. Begin to prepare for a revival and a great and deep revival, too, and believe for it. It may cost you money and it may cost you humbling processes, but prepare for the Lord's coming.

LETTER FROM BRO. JOHNSON.

New York City, Aug. 31st.

Peace be unto you. I am, God willing, going to leave New York in a few days for Palestine and Jerusalem. I am going via Gibraltar, Spain. God is working mightily. I would like to say good-bye to you before I leave this land, it may be never to return in this life.

I have been working for my Master all the way along, and God's hand is with me. He has saved a few and many have been blest. Some have received the Holy Ghost. I give all glory to God for it. Please pray for me. I would like for God to send me a brother to help me in Palestine. I am still hungry for more of Jesus. He is so good to me. The Lord has been giving me more freedom and power than I ever had before. I now speak eleven or twelve languages.

Sweet peace and love is in my heart toward every man. Pray that God will keep me humble. I want to use the gifts to the glory of God. Tell Bro. Seymour that I am one with him and all the other saints in Los Angeles. I love my dear Bro. Seymour so much. He has been a good help to me. May God bless him in his work.

My love to all the saints. I want the whole assembly to pray for me that God may have His whole way with me in this life. My heart goes out for the Jews and every lost soul in this world. God is my refuge and He will never leave me nor forsake me.

Andrew Johnson.

Address Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Gibraltar, Spain.

Sister Florence Crawford says: "There is no spot on earth so dear to me as this place; but I must go out and tell this story. Souls are perishing far and near. The Lord told me yesterday to go into all the world and preach His Gospel. 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand,' and 'Behold, I come quickly.' What He says to us, He says to every baptized soul. He wants us to go out into the highways and hedges and declare this Gospel. He has anointed me to tell the story of Jesus and I can go alone for Jesus is with me. O, glory to God!"

PENTECOSTAL SCENES.

At Brunner, Texas, in August, a wonderful meeting was held by the Apostolic Faith people. Fifty, seventy-five, and one hundred seekers at a service crowded the altars for two whole weeks. The sixty-foot altar was doubled half way back, then trebled, until the whole front half of the Tabernacle was occupied with the great altar service. Think of one hundred seekers and twice as many faithful Christians assisting, all praying before God. Glory to His great name! Then see them rise with shining faces and Pentecostal power.

CAME THREE HUNDRED MILES.

Some have come long distances to see the Pentecost in Los Angeles. An Armenian brother, who came three hundred miles, said, "I am like the queen of Sheba who went to see the glory of Solomon; only when I heard about these meetings, I did not come so far, I came only 300 miles to see if this was true. And now I am well satisfied that I see the wonderful works of God. If these people who have only a few drops from God are crazy, what will it be when the shower comes. The shower follows the drops."

UNITED TO JESUS.

Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." The Lord showed me that this yoke was the covenant of the new testament in His blood, and we put this yoke on when we are baptized with the Holy Ghost. This covenant is a marriage covenant. We are married, not for one day or year or life, but eternally married. When I get married to my wife it was settled for this life. So when I got married to Jesus Christ, it was settled forever. Hallelujah! Jesus and I are united. He baptized me with love.

THE WORK IN VIRGINIA.

907 Glasken St., Portsmouth, Va.

We had a glorious meeting last night. It was the sixth night and we have six speaking in tongues. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is working with His believing children, but there is much to be done here. There is a band of saints that do not read the Bible like saints. They say the Bible is for unbelievers so they do not read it at all. O for some one to help. Won't you come and help if you can, and as soon as you can?

God is making a short work in the earth today. He is soon coming to earth again. He said we should not get over the cities until the Son of Man should come, so we have not much time to lose. Remember me to all of the saints. Tell them to pray for me much. I can't write to all, so you remember me to all as one. Ask them to pray for the work in Virginia. It is much needed. I don't know how long the Lord is going to keep me here. There is so much to be done.

I did not come through Danville, but I am going there as soon as I can get off from this place. I came through New Orleans and changed cars there, and laid hands on two sick, and sowed seed on the way from Houston here.—Lucy Farrow.

A later report is that twenty have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in Portsmouth.

CHINESE WANT THE GOSPEL OF THE BIBLE.

A dear friend went to China as a surgical missionary, preaching the Gospel and cutting up people. She has been in China eight years and only has a little of the language. (Cannot God, who confounded the people at the tower of Babel, and caused all nations at Jerusalem to hear in their own tongue, give a language?) She writes that the Chinese are smart people, and some of them had been reading the Bible and came to her with the open Book, saying, "When you do what your God tells you, then we will believe in your God. Here He says, 'These signs shall follow them that believe, * * they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.' And here you come with your knives cutting us up, and with your pill bags. Why don't you do what your God tells you to do?" What do these things mean? They mean that if we go as representatives of our Lord, we must go with the equipment He gives. The heathen want the whole Gospel.

LITTLE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST.

A number of children have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. A sister at Hermon has been holding a daily children's meeting and three children have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. One Sunday night also at Azusa Street Mission three little girls, sisters, were baptized with the Holy Ghost and each of them spoke in tongues, and different languages. It was touching to see how they went to praying for others at the altar. They had to leave with their mother for Canada and expect to cross the ocean from there, but before they left the Lord gave them their Pentecost. A number of children have been clearly saved and sanctified in the Sunday afternoon children's meeting, led by the boy preacher, Clayborn, on Sunday afternoons and some have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and God is using their testimonies.

Apostolic power will mean apostolic persecution. Hell with all its power will be turned loose. It behooves us to get a spiritual backbone, spiritual stamina and stick-to-it-iveness that will enable us to stand in these last days against all the forces of the enemy. Jesus came to destroy all the works of the devil, and He said He would give us power, the Holy Ghost coming upon us, the same power that He had.

THE POLISHING PROCESS.

Several years ago, when I was very hungry, seeking God in all His fullness, I shut myself away in my closet one day, and the Lord gave me a wonderful revelation. As I was kneeling before my Maker, beseeching Him to show me all He expected me to be, right before my eyes I saw this wonderful vision. There appeared a man with a large, long, knotty, but straight log. The man had an axe. Did you ever see anybody score timber? He was scoring the log, and it seemed to me the axe went clear to the bit. And every time he scored, it hurt me. He scored it on four sides and then took the broad axe and whacked off the knots. Then he took a plane and with an adz he made it pretty smooth. Then he raised it in the air, and taking a great plane, turned to me and said: "This is the plane of the Holy Ghost," and he ran the plane up and down, till I could see the image of the man perfectly reflected in the face of the log, as in a mirror. He did this to all four sides. Then turning to me, he said: "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee."

That is what God wants to do with us. He wants to take all the bumps, all the barnacles off. We have only begun to lay ourselves on the anvil of God's truth. The hammer is being applied to us. He may have to throw us back in the smelter several times. Let us stay in the fire till there is no more dross in us. Sometimes we think God has done all He needs to do; but something comes up that we do not like, and the old man can get up and hobble off on a pretty good skin.

Several weeks ago, I thought surely the last stroke is put in, and now I am done to the world. But it was not very long till I found out there was a little self there. I was holding a meeting in a little village. We had to move a kitchen stove, and there was no way but for me to get on top of that cook stove and ride behind an old mule team, and I found Sister Hall had a little life in her yet. Thank God, I am dead to that thing now.

Let us stay on the anvil of God, till we reflect the image of the Master. There is a place where we can get, that God Almighty will say: "Thou art all fair, my love, there is no spot in thee."—Mrs. Anna Hall.

A MESSAGE CONCERNING HIS COMING.

A young sister, Miss Lillian Keyes, daughter of Dr. Keyes, of this city, speaks and sings in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. She also interprets, and the following interpretation was also corroborated by Sister S. K. Mead, twenty years a missionary in Africa. Sister Mead arose and said that the language spoken was their dialect in Africa, a beautiful language, but one that is very difficult for English-speaking people to acquire, but the Holy Ghost, through the young lady, had given the perfect accent. The message interpreted was as follows:

"Jesus is coming again,
Coming again so soon,
And we shall meet Him then.

"Prepare your hearts now, for the Lord is coming soon, and ye know not the hour. If you are not prepared, you will not go with Jesus. He sees each heart, and wants to prepare them for His coming. Seek Him now, for some day it will be too late.

"The Lord says: 'I will bless all those that seek me with all their hearts, for God is no respector of persons. The Love of God is so great.' He says, 'Come unto me; come unto me, and I will give you rest. I will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and all those that seek me diligently.'

"O, Jesus is such a wonderful Savior. He is coming soon and all must have their hearts ready. O, Jesus is so sweet. He says: 'Watch and be ready when I come.' O, He is coming so soon."

Our sister also speaks two Chinese dialects. She speaks to the Chinese as she passes them on the street, or as they come to the house, and they listen in astonishment and say she is telling them about God.

ONE CHURCH.

At a recent church trial, a brother made the remark that he little thought when he was seeking more of God it would mean for him to be turned out of the Holiness church. This brings to mind the old lady who was turned out of the church, and as she walked down the hill, she said: "Yonder is the meeting house, here goes the church."

They may turn you out of church houses and organizations of men, but not out of the one church. Thank God, that church book is kept in heaven. Jesus said: "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

One of the Holiness leaders said that the church had always taught sanctification as the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and they could not afford to give it up. Besides he would have to burn his books and sermons. Brother, on that great day of judgment, how much will those books and sermons weigh as compared to God's word?

At first the Holiness leaders approved of the work at the Mission, but at their camp meeting, they doubled against the Pentecostal baptism as distinct from sanctification, and also the speaking in tongues. These were ruled out and not to be mentioned on the camp ground. What might not that meeting have been, if they had let the Holy Ghost have right of way? Eternity alone will reveal the great loss to souls through leaders who would not let the hungry sheep enter into this blessed life of power at the Holy Ghost.

"THIS SAME JESUS."

When the Holy Ghost fell on the one hundred and twenty it was in the morning of the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. Today we are living down in the evening of the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. And as it was in the morning, so it shall be in the evening. This is the last evangelistic call of the day. As John the Baptist was the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," so the voice of warning is going out through the land today to prepare the world for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The angels said to the disciples as He was received up into Heaven, and they stood steadfastly gazing upward: "This same Jesus that was taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." This same Jesus is coming back again to sit in the kingdom of His Father. This same Jesus that wore the crown of thorns and was lifted up between heaven and earth. This same Jesus that hung over yonder on Calvary, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father, is coming back to earth. Is not that enough to ravish your souls, dear ones?

BACK TO PENTECOST.

What mean these salaried preachers over the land that will not preach unless they get so much salary? People have wandered from the old landmarks. The priests had no land of their own. They were to live on the tithes and offerings. The ministers of today have wandered from the old landmarks, therefore they are seeking salary over the land. Get back. You have no time to lose. We must all be up and doing something for perishing souls around us. Do you want to be lost? Do you want the approbation of God? Be a servant to humanity. The loaves and fishes did not multiply in the hands of our blessed Redeemer till He began to give out to the hungry.

God does not need a great theological preacher that can give nothing but theological chips and shavings to people. He can pick up a worm and thresh a mountain. He takes the weak things to confound the mighty. He is picking up pebble stones from the street and polishing them for His work. He is using even the children to preach His Gospel. A young sister, fourteen years old, was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and went out, taking a band of workers with her, and led a revival in which one hundred and ninety souls were saved. Salaried ministers that are selecting the Gospel will have to go out of business. He is sending out those who will go without money and without price. Glory to God for this Apostolic day.

VICTORY.

Thank God for the means with which to get out this second number of the Apostolic Faith. This large issue is paid for in answer to prayer. The last issue of 5,000 was sent all over the United States and the world and was soon exhausted, so that we had to receive a good many requests for papers. This time we publish 10,000. We could have used several thousand more last time, to good advantage. We do not find it at all necessary to advertise the paper, because the news of the work has gone far and wide already. The people are rejoicing to hear of this wonderful outpouring of old time Gospel salvation. And no wonder, they are starving on theological shavings. Never mind what the preachers say or anyone else, go in for Pentecostal salvation.

"ASK WHAT YE WILL."

Sister M. Ella Judy, a teacher in the Blind School of Columbus, Ohio, came to Los Angeles for her summer vacation. She dropped in the Azusa Street Mission soon after her arrival, and felt that God was there. She had been a great sufferer from insomnia and other troubles and was a very hungry soul. In the past she had felt that the Lord gave her the promise that she should be one of His bride. He had said to her, "Ask what ye will," and she had answered: "Thy will be done." Then what joy it was for Him to choose so great a gift for her. Afterward her faith faltered, but God was true.

About an hour before the train left Los Angeles on which she was to go, the Lord, in the little upper room at the mission, graciously baptized her with the Holy Ghost and gave her the Bible evidence. She could not speak the English language for some time. It was taken away and she spoke the language of the Spirit, pointing those about her to Jesus. It was a heavenly spot. Our sister was sealed as one of the bride and she was very happy. We expect to see her back in Los Angeles. The Lord has called her to His work. He has used her in winning souls in the past, and now that she has the Pentecostal endowment, we expect her to be much more used of the Lord.

The Lord put His seal of approval on a the departing of the missionaries for Africa, September 15. For about two hours at the depot, the saints sang, while some wept and rejoiced in the Spirit, and some danced before the Lord. While Sister Wiley was preaching the Gospel to the crowd, one of the officials, being angry, tried to break up the meeting, but the saints began to pray, and were allowed to continue undisturbed for some time, till a brother began to speak in tongues. This seemed to stir the devil and Bro. L. was put out into the street, which resulted in a meeting there. God has wonderfully supplied the means to send the missionaries.