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**HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN**  
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)  
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## **HUDSON TAYLOR**

The story of Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission comprises one of the thrilling romances in modern missionary endeavor. In the year 1869, three years after the missionaries had begun their great work in the interior of China, a great epoch in spiritual experience came to Hudson Taylor and a number of his missionaries. If any group on earth had entered the fulness of the sanctified life it would seem that this group had. They were living by faith in a missionary field that others had refused to enter. They had had many conversions, and were witnessing remarkable answers to prayer day by day. But the missionaries themselves, including Hudson Taylor, their leader, faced an internal strife in their own personal Christian experiences. It was about this time that a series of articles was published in a religious journal known as the Revival -- later named The Christian -- on the subject: "The Way of Holiness." These articles fell into the hands of the missionaries, and they read them with much interest. A statement in one of the articles said: "Surely the words 'For me to live is Christ' cannot mean less than habitual victory over sin." A testimony in one of these articles said: " 'Purifying their hearts by faith': how my soul leaps up at those words, seeing in a moment the possibility of deliverance! 'If then it is by faith,' I exclaim, 'I will trust Jesus for a pure heart, and now!' "

It was Mr. McCarthy, a member of the missionary band, who first came to the place in Christian experience where he could give the above testimony. Soon after this he met Hudson Taylor, his leader, and said: "I do wish I could have a talk with you now about the way of holiness." And Mr. McCarthy did talk to Hudson Taylor about this way. A little later, while absent from Mr. McCarthy in another city, Hudson Taylor was reading a letter he had received from him upon this same subject. The light broke upon his soul, which he describes in these words: "As I read I saw it all. I looked to Jesus; and when I saw, Oh, how joy flowed!" Soon after this, when Hudson Taylor was calling on one of his patients, Mr. Judd, the patient described the meeting as follows: "When I went to welcome him he was so full of joy that he scarcely knew how to speak to me. He did not even say, 'How do you do?' Walking up and down the room with his hands behind him he exclaimed: 'Oh, Mr. Judd, God has made me a new man! God has made me a new man!'" Later, Mr. Judd gave the following description of what had happened to the great missionary leader, who had forsaken home, friends, and had risked his all for the evangelization of inland

China. "He was a joyous man now," added Mr. Judd, "a bright, happy Christian. He had been a toiling, burdened one before, with latterly not much rest of soul. It was resting in Jesus now, and letting Him do the work -- which makes all the difference! Whenever he spoke in meetings after that, a new power seemed to flow from him, and in the practical things of life a new peace possessed him. Troubles did not worry him as before. He cast everything on God in a new way, and gave more time to prayer. Instead of working late at night, he began to go to bed earlier, rising at five in the morning to give two hours before the work of the day began to Bible study and prayer. Thus his own soul was fed, and from him flowed the living water to others."

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