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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
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Early in the spring, 1899, I began my second revival at Mount Nebo. In various ways I had been greatly tried, and more and more felt the need of a deeper work of grace. At times I believed that I was sanctified because I preached with the unction of the Holy Spirit, but doubts would arise. I could not point definitely to any time or place that I had received, by a clear witness of the Spirit this second work of grace. Although at times, I would have a great spiritual uplift and encouragement, and though I still preached with liberty, yet spiritual darkness hung over me as a great pall at times, and my soul longed to be filled with the perfect love of God, so I began to seek it definitely, promising the Lord I would do anything he showed me. I was strongly impressed that I should go to the altar and seek it with others. At first I protested that it would cause the people, especially the new converts, to lose faith in me and so make abortive all my spiritual work in the church inasmuch as I had definitely preached it. Now the spiritual gloom settled over me like midnight. Then I said, "I will go to the altar though my name be cast out as evil." After I had preached, I went to the altar. I was there only a few moments in silent prayer when I was prompted of the Spirit to stand up and tell what I was seeking. I now cared nothing for what men should say, only that I might be wholly sanctified. Arising and facing the large audience, I said, "Men and Brethren----" but at that moment a great peace filled my soul, and I could say no more. It was the peace of God. Although at the time I did not comprehend what had happened and thought the darkness would return. But it did not, for the presence of the Holy Spirit abode, filling my heart with joy and gladness.

Source: "Tears And Triumphs" by John William Harris

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