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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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That the Bible teaches purity of heart as a necessity for entrance into heaven is readily admitted, but the how of obtaining this pureness of heart has often been overlooked. Often the wisdom of theology has been busily engaged in trying to explain the inner spiritual struggle of the regenerated, and trying to justify it upon the grounds that it must continue as long as life endures, and that real deliverance cannot be had until death.

I shall never cease to praise God that one day I heard that this inner struggle could be removed and that we could serve God with "a pure heart fervently." Even as a sinner I could not get much interested in a message that offered pardon from all my past sins, at the same time offering me no hope that the sin problem could be settled. I not only wanted to be forgiven of the past, I wanted a present deliverance from the presence and power of sin. I heard such a message one day and it gave me great hope. Soon I found Christ in pardon, and a few nights later I came to God in complete consecration and was wholly sanctified.

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin!
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean.
Glory to His name.

Source: "Holiness In Action" by Chester Eugene Shumake

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