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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Vol. I -- Named Accounts

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

[It may be correctly stated that the material below does not contain an account of the subject's entire sanctification nor a direct testimony to the experience. It is inserted as a matter of interest and evidence that Christians from the earliest times were aware of the need of that "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." And, in some cases their written insights on the subject may indeed have originated from personal experience. -- DVM]

The works of Clement of Alexandria abound in calls to holiness, in instructions to seekers after purity, exhortations to holiness, on holiness as a second work of grace, cleansing from inherent sin, holiness as an actual experience, communion with God, mystic union with God, pure living, perfect love, mystic contemplation, etc.

We will venture just one short quotation: "And the man who turns from among the Gentiles will ask for faith while he that ascends to knowledge will ask for the perfection of love. And the Gnostic (meaning the man who has gained knowledge of God) who has reached the summit, will pray that contemplation may grow and abide, as the common man will for continual good health."

Source: "Objections to Holiness Considered"
by H. A. Baldwin

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