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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN (A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts) Compiled by Duane V. Maxey

Vol. I -- Named Accounts

KRIKOR GAYJIKIAN (While a Student at God's Bible School)

While in my country and my travels through the different towns, I used to hear a great many sermons, but we never had an altar call, as we have in this country. More than that, I was taught and sincerely believed that when one was saved, he had the Holy Spirit. After a time when the people here in this country asked me whether I was sanctified, I answered them that I was. My trouble was, I was looking to the people and saw their lives, and that they were up and down, in and out, in their experiences and I was sure that they were bound, but I was free to testify and do anything for the Lord that He asked me to do. But one day I began to pray like David, "O Lord, search my heart." I was excused from classes and from my work, and spent the time in my room alone praying. During this time the Lord gave me these promises:

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

"If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

"He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his inmost being (R.V.) shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of his spirit, which they who had believed on him should receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given." John 7:38-39.

"Sanctify them in thy truth; thy word is truth." (R.V.) John 17:17.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5:23

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thess 5:24.

"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

After praying from in the morning and fasting, all these promises were given me, and about three o'clock I started into pray and claim the promises, and at 3:05 p. m. the Lord sanctified me in room No. 12, in the boys' dormitory. Previous to this time there was a question came up before me; I was not so sure about the work being done; but then and there the question was taken away. Then I could say with Paul, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified, that the body of sin might be destroyed." Romans 6:6. Then I received perfect love, perfect peace, perfect joy, perfect satisfaction. This was real; no more doubts and fears.

Source: "Martyred Armenia and The Story of My Life" by Kirkor Gayjikian

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