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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
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I love holiness; its very name is sweet, but how much more so is the thing itself. One year ago I knew nothing of this full salvation. I believed it to be taught in the Bible, but could not think it was for me at present. It was too high. I must first become better, not considering that this was seeking it by works. O, how many snares the devil lays for unwary souls But my blessed Lord is stronger than the strong man armed; and he sent his children to converse with me, and to urge me to seek the blessing as a specific object, and that now was the accepted time. I listened was encouraged to ask for it -- felt it was for me; and after struggling a few days, I did on the 4th of May, 1845, lay my whole being upon the Christian altar; and reckon myself the Lord's property -- my debt was paid and I was freed. Thus by a simple act of faith I was cleansed. I felt no ecstatic joy, but a heavenly calm, and a peace indescribable. I knew I lived entirely by faith, and I believed God saw it best to try its strength. I felt such a perfect submission to his will, whatever it might be, that I was willing to live all my days entirely by naked faith, if he saw it best. I remained in this position without any farther spiritual illumination a day or two; Satan at the same time presenting the most powerful temptations to make me believe I was deceiving myself. Still I clung to God's word. After he had sufficiently tried my faith, he poured in floods of glory, and made my soul happy as I could live in the body. I was hardly sensible that I was an inhabitant of earth; my spirit was so buoyant that the body seemed no impediment, and I felt as if walking or rather floating in mid air. This state of rapture continued two or three days, and left a settled, abiding peace, an unshaken confidence in God, and a realizing sense of my union with Christ, which I can neither explain nor describe. Suffice it to say, "He is mine and I am his." It must be experienced to be understood. Immediately on my coming into this highway of holiness, my spiritual vision was strengthened, and I clearly discerned the heartlessness of professors of religion, and the idols cherished by them, which caused me to mourn on their account. At the same time I was led to wonder that those who were spiritual had borne with me so long; but above all I wondered at the longsuffering of God, who had spared me while I was withholding from him his own; viz. my undivided heart. O, the blindness of the human mind, and all brought on by sin. How then can it be that any can cling so closely to it? I am led to this train of thought by the remembrance of a

conversation with some professors, who start at the idea of freedom from sin in this life; and yet say they love holiness, and believe it is taught in the Bible; but we must not expect it till death. My heart was pained at their limited views of the atonement, expecting death to accomplish that for them which the blood of Christ fails to do. Yet in the midst of my pity for them, could praise God from a full heart, for showing me a better way. I thank the Lord that he has led me to believe the atonement is as extensive as the fall: else it would not be full. The beauty of this feature captivates my soul. I love to consider man as originally made pure and upright, created in the moral image of God, in righteousness and true holiness; pronounced by his Maker "very good; "though by his fall he forfeited all these, became a rebel against God's government, exposed to his righteous indignation, and deserving nothing but eternal banishment from his presence, yet the bosom of infinite Love, self-moved, devised the glorious plan of salvation; and by the sacrificial death of his Son, the demands of justice were satisfied, and the way opened, not only for our pardon, but for our restoration to pristine purity. In this, I may by some be thought heretical, every view from the sacred volume.

Some who love the doctrine of holiness, are led to stumble at the very term "Christian perfection," confounding it as they do with angelic, or God-like perfection. May the Lord clear the sight of such persons.

My only object in writing these lines is to advance the cause of Christ. Since I have known a full salvation, I am not circumscribed by denominational lines. Praise the Lord, I feel that we are all brethren; for wherever I see the image of Christ, there my affections are attracted; and those who are most like him, are dearest to me.

Source: "The Blessing of Perfect Love"
by D. S. King

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