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

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When I was in my twelfth year, the Lord spake peace to my soul, and I remember I wished that all the world could enjoy the happiness I then felt. Though I have never ceased trying to live a Christian life, yet I have had a great struggle with my unsanctified nature, which I confess has often turned me aside from walking in Christ Jesus as I received him. I always strove to overcome sin, but, by neglect of duty and unwatchfulness, failed. Although I hoped to be made holy before death, I did not know that I might enjoy this grace long before my departure.

A little more than six years ago, I heard Rev. C. W. Brooks relate his experience. I wished that I could enjoy the experience of sanctification which he enjoyed, and which he received in answer to prayer. I then began to pray that I might be wholly sanctified, and the Lord heard my prayer, though it seemed as though he "sat as a refiner's fire and fuller's soap," to try me in the crucible and over the fire, and wash me thoroughly from my sin. Yet he granted me my heart's desire. All glory and honor and praise to God for this unspeakable blessing.

I rejoice in this glorious way of holiness. I feel today that I am wholly consecrated to Christ, and believe he will grant me grace sufficient to glorify his name all through life.

Source: "Experiences of the Higher Christian Life in the Baptist Denomination" by John Q. Adams, New York: Sheldon & Company, 500 Broadway. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1870

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