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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN  
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)  
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### ACCOUNT #072

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I was converted to Christ about ten years ago, and after my conversion I enjoyed the love of Jesus for some months, as most young converts do. At the time of my conversion I had a small farm, and, after looking the matter all over, I concluded I had enough of this world; so I told the Lord that whatever he gave me more than a living, I would devote to benevolent objects. This promise, by his grace, I have kept.

But all this time I had not learned to trust Christ as a Saviour from all sin. In spite of all my efforts to the contrary, I would at times get angry, and consequently lose my religious enjoyment -- not thinking of my dear Jesus for half a day at a time. I did not take time to read the Bible as I should, and my poor soul was starved. My work drove the body and starved the soul.

I was looking forward to death as the dear friend that should deliver me from the power of sin. But while attending the anniversaries in St. Louis, in May, 1865, I learned, from the experience of others, that Jesus could save from all sin now. I searched the Bible, and found that it confirmed the precious truth. I went home from the meetings and emptied my heart all out, and thought I would pick its contents all over -- select the good, and throw the bad away. I found it to be all bad, but I knew the precious Jesus could cleanse and sanctify it all. I brought all to him, as the altar that sanctifieth the gift, and then I knew that he was able to save to the uttermost.

From that time until now, Jesus has kept me in perfect peace, because my mind is stayed on him. Many times the night has been dark and stormy, but, with "Christ in the vessel," it has been all peace within my soul. He is my constant companion. I go to bed with him, and wake up with him. He is always at hand to help or give counsel in trouble. He is my present and perfect Saviour, and his blood cleanseth me from all sin. To his name be all the glory!

Source: "Experiences of the Higher Christian Life in the Baptist Denomination" by John Q. Adams,  
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& Co. 1870

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