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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Vol. II -- Unnamed Accounts

ACCOUNT #077

A JUDGE WHO GOT CONVERTED AND SANCTIFIED -- AT HOME

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From a message by Aura Smith in 1901:

Beloved, we are a little Assembly of holiness people here, and, we should spread the glad tidings of deliverance wherever we go. There are men and women that will never be saved in the world until somebody brings to them the gospel of full salvation. ("Amen!")

I was holding a meeting a few years ago when I said to a judge: "Judge, are you a Christian?" "No sir. I am not. I am a long ways from being a Christian. My judgment approves the logic of your preaching, but I don't have it. I cannot live it, and I don't try." "I know you can't, judge." "Then why do you want me to try -- ?" "I don't want you to try." He looked at me astonished. "Judge, why can't you live it ?" "It is the old Adam in me, that is the reason." "Suppose the Lord takes that out?" "If He should I could live as you preach." "I am going to ask you to come to God to get rid of the old Adam." The next night he stayed at home with the children. He said, "I don't see why God can't convert me here as well as in the meeting." When his wife came home he asked: "Who was converted?" She asked why he was so much interested. "The Lord converted me while you were in the meeting." When the next night came, he again said that he would stay home. He said: "Smith says after you are converted, the next step is to get sanctified and get rid of the old Adam. God converted me here last night, why can't he sanctify me?" He got down and plead with God, and his wife came home and found him shouting. She said: "What has happened?" "The Lord has sanctified me!" There are multitudes of men and women like that. They don't want to start until they can make a success of it. They have their minds on holiness, and, if you can make them see that they will begin a Christian life.

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Source: "Echoes of the General Holiness Assembly" by S. B. Shaw

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