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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN

(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts) Compiled by Duane V. Maxey

Vol. I -- Named Accounts

ALBERT ORSBORN

(Salvation Army)

General Albert Orsborn served as the international leader of The Salvation Army in London, England.

My sanctification was a sweet and gracious experience. The work was accomplished in me, by God's Holy Spirit, when in my early teens. Through the influence of a Salvation Army officer's home life, together with the formative effects of the meetings I attended, I was quite susceptible to religious appeals, from a tender age. I cannot remember the time when I did not earnestly covet goodness; yet all the while, evil had a tempting relish for me, and perhaps this was even accentuated by my closely guarded innocence of the world's ways.

God very clearly and convincingly revealed how perilously easy it had become for me to be insincere, and I became careful not to testify beyond my actual experience. This occasioned me many and bitter revelations and not a few confessions, for I failed again and again, in my secret heart experience. Consequently, my testimony was a very guarded and incomplete thing, "sometimes joyful, sometimes sad."

One day, in a flood of light, I saw myself and the "way of holiness," and God sanctified me for Christ's sake -- body, soul, and spirit. With this experience came a new vision of Christ, and power to serve Him...

When I laid aside sin and self and pride, the change was immediate. In my religion came sincerity; in my character, the discovery of weaknesses and the victory to conquer them; in my service, a delight.

Source: "Living Flames of Fire" by Bernie Smith

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