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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Text: Ezekiel 36:25-29. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you."

That is the kind of sprinkling I believe in! ("Good!" "Glory!") It would be a big thing if we even stopped there; but He tells us in the next verses the process by which this is brought about: "A new heart also will. give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." That would be glorious, wouldn't it, if you just stopped there I will never forget the day when that took place with me, when I found that a new heart had come into me, when I found a new spirit possessed me. But I soon found out there was something else in me and then my trouble began. I shouted in a quiet way, because I was a quiet person at that time. I praised the Lord all that day. But I soon found I had something in me contrary to this new heart and trouble began and kept up for about seven years. Then I found the experience of this text: "And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay; no famine upon you." "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations."

I had been converted seven years, but never during that time applied the term "holy" to myself, but the moment I went to the fountain, from the moment I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, people have introduced me as a holiness man, and my denomination have spoken of me as such. I happened to be in a strange town. I went to the depot to take the train. There was a

lady and her husband waiting there, and as I came by she said to her husband: "There is one of them now! There is one of those holiness fellows." I said, "I am. You are correct. I would like to tell you a little of my experience. I told them how God had sanctified me. She turned to her husband and said, I want that washing," and he said he did too. I didn't get this until I got the second experience.

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

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