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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Vol. I -- Named Accounts

D. C. VAN SLYKE

[The first paragraph below speaks of the time right after Van Slyke's conversion, and the second paragraph, which about his sanctification, was several years later. Users of this file can read the story of is remarkable conversion and deliverance from the morphine drup habit in hdm0492.]

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After deliverance from Egyptian bondage and the singing of the glad song I found that there was yet much to be done. I had not yet taken the second crossing of the river Jordan or arrived in the Canaan Land experience of holiness nor met the Man with the drawn sword signifying that ahead lay a battle of conquest and much land to be possessed....

As I ponder upon my few years in the ministry, how thankful I am that I dug deep and founded my spiritual house upon the rock. How thankful I am that when digging for the foundation I didn't stop with sand, hardpan or clay but I kept going until I struck solid rock, the fire flew and I knew at last I had arrived. I will never forget when I received the witness to my sanctification and heart cleansing. It was more than a dry faith process with me. When I had done all I could do, and had come to the end of myself, put my all on the promise, sink, swim, live, or die, and arrived on believing ground, then the fire fell and it went through me from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet.

This which happened to me was that spoken of by the prophet Joel:

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh."

This was that spoken of by Jesus:

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

This was that which enabled Paul to say:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, come not with excellency of speech or of wisdom -- but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Rom. 2:1, 4.

This was that which meant not only heart cleansing but power as well. How thankful am I that wife and I both received the blessing.

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Source: "The Wail of a Drug Addict" by D. C. Van Slyke

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