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## HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN (A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts) Compiled by Duane V. Maxey

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## **NOAH BENJAMIN HERRELL (Nazarene)**

Noah Benjamin Herrell -- "Man of Perpetual Youth" -- was born at Miami, Indiana, March 8, 1877. He came from sturdy Virginia stock and was educated in public schools. As a youth he found Christ as his Saviour and Sanctifier. Very early in life he answered the call to the ministry. His wife, Lillian, who had been ordained by Dr. R. T. Williams, in 1917, was a worthy helpmate and able preacher. They worked together as a blessed team. Their youthful, enthusiastic spirit fit wonderfully into soul-winning promotion.

As an author, N. B. Herrell wrote two books, Christ at the Controls and The Way of Christian Prosperity. Both volumes had wide sale.

Brother Herrell will be remembered as, a strong pulpiteer on all Bible themes, mostly on holiness, and stewardship. He was a valued counselor and friend. But perhaps his, songs will be used and remain with the church more than any other portion of his spirited ministry.

Most of the sixty-one songs written by N. B. Herrell, listed at the Nazarene Publishing House, were born in the heat of the battle as he fought for the worthy cause in his pioneer ministry. Among the outstanding of these are: "The Unveiled Christ," "My Ivory Palace Home," "God Bridged Death's Stream," "Sweeter than Them All," "Jesus Will Stand by Me Then," "Steal Away with Jesus," "It's So," "Forward, Ever Forward," "Jesus the Nazarene," and "The Grand Excursion."

Brother Herrell suffered a heart attack when he was pastor at Arlington, Virginia; this caused his retirement. He went to his "Ivory Palace Home" from Pasadena, California, on Mother's Day, May 10, 1953. Songs of his, composing were sung at the funeral. He was laid to rest near Bud Robinson, C. E. Cornell, A. M. Hills, J. W. Goodwin, and O. J. Nease, fellow ministers.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig said of him:

"Brother Herrell was, amenable to authority. He believed in the leadership of the church, sought its counsels, and promoted the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene. He was one of the most loyal men I have ever known. He was not afraid to tackle hard tasks. In his later years, at the request of the church, he undertook problems beyond the limit of his strength, yet under God was eminently successful."

Source: "Our Pioneer Nazarenes" by C. T. Corbett

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