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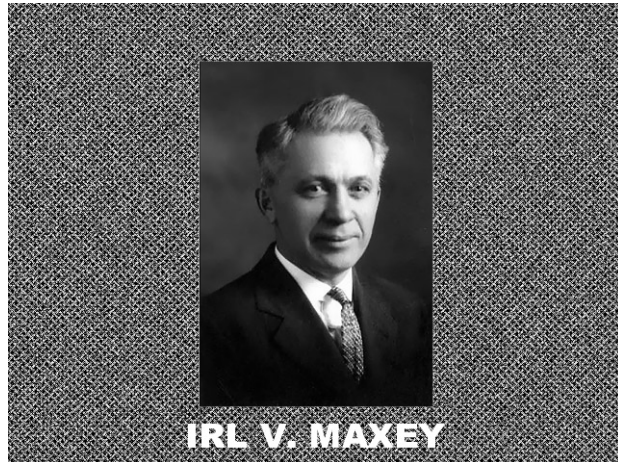
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**THE POWER, PLACE, AND BLESSING OF THE HOLY GHOST  
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## **INTRODUCTION TO THIS FILE**

Papa dated this sermon as January 26, 1912 -- ninety-four years ago this coming Thursday, four days from now. Again, according to my brother, Parker: "From 1911 to near the end of 1913 father pastored in Glenns Ferry, Idaho." Therefore, I take it that the sermon was written in Glenns Ferry, Idaho -- or at least during the time of our father's pastorate there.

Papa wrote no title to this message, nor did he number or name his main points. Therefore, it is I who selected the above title and who inserted the Roman numerals and names -- as fitting the contents of the message. -- Duane V. Maxey, (Ahwatukee) Phoenix, Arizona, January 22, 2006.

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**SERMON TEXT:** -- Mark 1:8 -- "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERMON**

You will find my text this morning in the 8th verse of the first chapter of Mark. For the last two mornings I have spoken to you about the power of the Holy Ghost, and I intend this morning to further this thought on the power of the Holy Ghost with which we are baptized, if we have received Him.

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### **I. THE NOISELESS POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST**

First, we will notice His noiselessness. Some of the most powerful forces of earth are to us noiseless.

The force of gravity that holds the worlds in place, moves on midst the years without the least noise. Our old world whirls through space, turning around every 24 hours, and moving around the sun every year -- and not the least noise ever strikes the tympanum [ear-drum] of our ear. Everything is held in place and only in the resistance of its force is there any noise.

Electricity is a powerful force, and science has begun to realize the merits of its great force. It charges through the small wire, or the great one, without the least indication of its presence. Yet mankind is blessed by this great noiseless power.

The frost, in the stillness of the night or in the quiet morning, exerts a mighty power -- rends rocks and lifts houses.

So likewise, the Holy Ghost is the most powerful force, but works in a quiet, noiseless way. Elijah, when he ran away from Jezebel and hid in the solitudes of Mt. Sinai, was confronted by the Lord. He heard the rushing, mighty wind, but God was not in that. The lightning flashed, and its mighty [thundering] report roared and re-roared in the mountain chasms, until Elijah was afraid, but God was not in that. A mighty earthquake shook the ground, rent the rocks and the hills skipped like rams, but God was not in that.

When these had passed and their echoes died away, Elijah stood there alone, and a voice spoke, so still that it made no noise, so small that it could not be noticed. Yet it was a voice. It spoke, and so powerful, so wonderful was it that the rush of wind, the roar of the thunder, and the shaking of the earthquake, were all forgotten. It grasped his soul with a mighty rush that took him clear back to anoint Elisha and Benhadad! It moved and roared in his soul, till he could stand on the banks of Jordan and, with faith in God, part the waters! It shook him till the earth skipped away and Elijah was alone with God.\*

[\*In the last sentence of the above paragraph, papa evidently refers to Elijah's ascension into heave in a chariot of fire.]

The hundred and twenty were in the upper room, when into the room rushed the mighty power. No one outside knew this, but within their soul there was felt a dynamo of power -- a charge of a mighty army and the torrent of salvation. It loosed their tongues, fired their heart, and cleared their brain. Oh mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, fall on us, even in thy stillness of power!

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## II. THE DESIRED PLACE OF THE HOLY GHOST

Second, we shall speak of His place. We remember the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one. Remember, then, He has always been in the world. Remember, then, He has always wanted to dwell in men's hearts, but men could not understand this till Jesus came and showed us. Then He [the Holy Ghost] was the One Who fired the heart and brain of the prophets: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). The He is the author of the dear Book which we read. He loosened their tongues and used their knowledge and wrote with their hands, as the tongue of a ready writer.

Do you wonder that when He grasps our heart we feel Christ. In the New Testament Peter says, "We were eye witnesses of Christ's majesty" (cf. 2 Peter 1:16). Do you wonder, then, when we read the New Testament, written under the new enlightenment of the Holy Ghost that our hearts melt with conviction -- our

hearts melt with love, and when we have Him in our hearts that the words bear us along in a mighty torrent of salvation. Oh, He is our very life -- our bodies are His temples. Jesus told His disciples that when they were taken up before the Council not to wonder what to say, for the Holy Ghost would give them what to say in that hour. He will give us words if we know His mind.

It is the Holy Ghost in lives that attract. He will attract men through our lives, and also it is not to be wondered at that He repels. Jesus said when He [the Holy Ghost] came He would reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. So we must not be astonished when He comes into our life, that we will be a rebuke to the world. Our lives will reprove their sin -- show them how sinful they are. The children of the devil are clearly in judgment, and we need not feel strange if the world in them hates the Christ in us.

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### III. THE WONDERFUL BLESSING OF THE HOLY GHOST

Last, may I say that He is wonderful in blessing. His first great blessing is comfort. He is called the Comforter. It is the soul rest to have Him stay with us. Ah, let us find this second rest. Long conflict is past, and He is our Leader, for He takes the things of Christ and shows them unto us. He and Christ are one. Hence, we have abiding peace. He is our joy, because no uncleanness dwells here and the cleanness of joy is God-deep, God-full, and eternal joy. Hallelujah!

Ah, come Heavenly Dove, and abide in our hearts, and may we all truly be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE END OF THIS SERMON