

Selected Writings of R.G. Spurling
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“Gospel Evening Light”

R.G. Spurling

Come, tell me brother, do you know
The way that Jesus said to go,
And have you to the garden been
In deep contrition like our King?

And are you with Him crucified,
Although your body has not died;
And are you dead to wicked ways
As those that are sleeping in the grave?

And do you understand the cross
That turns sin's pleasures into dross,
And thus upsets the devil's plan
And makes of you a holy man?

The upright part points to the skies,
The other piece across it lies;
Your spirit strives for what is right,
Your flesh would cross it day and night.

Now in the gospel evening light
The cross of Christ does shine so bright,
And taken in our daily life
We follow Christ who is our life.

Then sealed with Pentecostal power,
We love and serve Hime every hour;
The blessed Spirit has control
Both of our body and our soul.

O, brother, if you now refrain
You are sure to miss the "latter rain;"
Be sure you've counted all the cost
and got your blessed Pentecost!

Then never fail to watch and pray

And shout the victory every day,
And glory in the cross of Christ
By which the "world is crucified."

--Gal 6:14

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“For Unity”

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Come one and all, both great and small,
Whom sin has crippled by the fall,
Through faith in Christ you may regain,
Whose blood can wash from every stain.

Cleansed from sin's degrading spot,
Made new again, old things forgot,
Now with out body, mind and soul
We strive to reach the highest goal.

And when we reach Mount Pisgah's top,
And like St. Paul are offered up;
The din of strife, the battle cry,
Will change for that bright home on high.

Come now ye Pentecostal bands,
Strive for unity of heart and hand,
And strive to save poor sinners lost,
And lead them to their Pentecost.

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“The Church”

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For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Isa. 2:3

Beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:47

The Jewish church was organized at Mount Sinai. The gospel church was first established at Zion, or Jerusalem. Zion was as much a visible place as was Sinai. The cloven tongues like as of fire were visible, and as much so as the lightning on Mount Sinai. The first church was established in the wilderness, when Israel heard the commandments of God, accepted the covenant and laws, and the officers were selected and placed in order accordance to God's revealed will. The gospel church had its beginning at Jerusalem, when God set them in the church, "First then recognized as "the church." "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." While the word "fellowship" occurs in two places in the Old Testament, yet in the sense of the union of brethren it belongs to the Church of God only. True there was a spiritual unity or love existing among the disciples from the time of their conversion and call; but this fellowship in which they continued was something new, and kept sacred in the church throughout the New Testament history. It was out of this church fellowship that Diotrephes cast some of the brethren. III John 10.

Now the text says, "Out of Zion shall go forth the law." What law? The law of Christ. The priesthood being changed, there was of necessity a change also of the law. Heb. 7:12. Not an abrogation of the law, but a change of the law. But did not Paul say "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth?" True he did say it; and he also said, "Ye also are become dead to the law *** that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead." Paul also spoke of being without law, but he adds, yet not without law to Christ. In the above verses we get the thought of being married to Christ, and under His law and government.

Israel were God's chosen people, even before they went into Egypt, but we read in Ezekiel 16:8, "I ** entered into a covenant with thee, ** and thou becamest mine." They became the Lord's church. We see the two churches in Hagar and Sarai. Also, in Vashti and Esther. It takes more than merely being a saint, or a child of God, to be the Church of God, and yet there are thousands of holiness people who are claiming to be the church of God, and yet have never taken the covenant of visible unity and fellowship. They are like a woman who has fallen in love with a man, and he in love with her, and in their hearts decide they are married, and without a legal plight of hands or lawful matrimony, she goes about claiming to be his wife, rejoicing because she is free, and yet she has never submitted to his government, and does not do so until she is legally married.

O, beloved saints, do not claim to be the church of God until you are joined together in the gospel fellowship and agreement. Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." God recognizes our work by us being agreed, or unified, or set in order, or established by the keeping of the decrees of the Apostles and elders. Acts 16:4-5.

It grieves our hearts to see the spiritual whoredoms of Babylonian sects on the one hand, and the spiritual fornication on the other, of those who claim to be the church, and yet refuse to take the law, government and rules of the Christ wedlock, which includes the duties of nations and authority. Matt 18:18. Ye saints, when you are called out of spiritual Babylon, do not go into the wilderness of Judea, but stop in Jerusalem and get your Pentecost, and help us rebuild the temple of God and the wall of

Jerusalem out of Apostolic stones. Take God's law and government, put away creeds and false systems, separate yourselves to the New Testament, and be fitly framed together, growing unto a holy temple in the Lord. Eph. 2:21.

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“Christ’s Law”

Eld. R.G. Spurling

The Apostolic chain we sure have found,
With which to link this world around;
In Christian's hearts the links are found,
Where peace and love and joy abound.

Then with the gospel open-ring,
To make this glorious heavenly chain;
Then hook them in those links of love,
That wield with power from above.

Before a council e'er was called,
To frame a creed for Babylon's wall;
the law of love the Church embraced;
No creeds of men could then be traced.

Think of what those councils done!
They broke the laws of God's own Son,
and set the church on men made creed,
And then the dark age did succeed.

O blessed be the gospel light,
That shines away Rome's long dark night,
That brings to view God's blessed law,
Beyond those heaps of wood and straw.

No, half reforming will not do,
But press your way right straight on through,
And for Christ's blessed law contend,
And turn each foe into a friend.

This may be the last for all I know,
I am in the bed and very low.
For Jesus sake I pray take heed.
And build "The Church" that has no creed.

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**“Boy Healed and Baptized with the Holy Ghost--
Listen to the Midnight Cry”**

By R. G. Spurling

The first Sunday in May I visited the church at Jones', Georgia, by request of the pastor. I preached three sermons and held four prayer services, assisted by brother Curtus, of Hayesville, N.C. There were exhortations, messages in tongues and some interpretations and many praises. On Sunday evening, a brother who is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, asked me to his house to pray for and anoint his son who had been sick for five weeks and had received no benefit from physicians who had been waiting on him. We promised him to go after the night service at the church. We arrived at his house near eleven o'clock in the night. I was surprised to see so many gather in the sick room at such a late hour. I was astonished at the father's faith in divine healing, but when I knew he was a brother-in-law to Mrs. Alice Abercumbia who was so miraculously healed some months ago, I then understood it. On entering the room I went to the bed where the sick boy lay and saw him thin, pale and weak. We sang a few songs, prayed a few prayers, during which time I anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord. He had been previously saved, so he was healed and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues. His clothes were put on him and he walked the floor for more than an hour, praising God, talking in tongues and embracing his friends, while the saints that were there shouted and laughed and cried and glorified God for what He had done. About two o'clock we retired for a little rest. I received a letter yesterday from R.R. Jones stating that the boy is up, still going where he pleases, praying in public and speaking in other tongues. And that they had been having a good meeting and the boy's father had been sanctified. It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing in these last days. We are sure nearing the end of the Gospel Age. You say "Brother Spurling, how do you know we are near the end of the Gospel Age?" Because when the Tower of Babel was built as high as God was willing for it to be, those who had been working as long and faithful began suddenly to speak in an unknown tongue. So they left off building the Tower. And today our towers (nominal churches) that we have carried brick and mortar to build have no more use for us when we speak with other tongues, so they will soon leave off to build. Again, when Nebuchadnezzar had conquered the world and formed a universal empire and left it to Belshazzar, and when God saw fit to break down this

kingdom, there appeared a handwriting on the wall in a language no man on earth knew, for he was king over all and he searched in vain for a man to read it, except Daniel who gave the interpretation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus Babylon's great empire's fall was predicted in an unknown tongue or language. Then when the Jewish Church was rejected and ready to vanish and pass away as a nation, the prophecy of speaking to them in other tongues was fulfilled and for all this they would not hear. Now God is speaking again in other tongues to the nominal churches of today and they are rejecting the counsel of God against themselves, not being baptized with the Holy Ghost. Truly it is as the poet sang:

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps on the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never ending skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

Dear brethren listen for the midnight cry. Stand at the telephone of heaven, do not hang up the receiver, catch every message that comes your way. Stand like Israel did on the night of the Passover in Egypt with their shoes on their feet and their staffs in their hands, till Jesus comes.

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“A Dream”

To the Evangel readers:

Through the goodness of God I am still alive and expect to meet many of the dear ones at the Assembly.

The prophet said when the Holy Ghost came that the old men should dream dreams. In the beginning of the year 1912, and in a dream I saw a large rooster standing in the south. He advanced north over the U.S. Then there appeared an innumerable body of large black fowls flying in great haste going south

west, and out of the center issued black smoke as of a great and mighty engine; and they disappeared as if they were over the sea.

This is the interpretation:

The rooster with a large white banner going north represented a Democratic victory in the same year.

The black fowls flying in haste showed a terrible war during the administration. So I was expecting it. Praise God.

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