

all retired believing they would soon have the desire of their hearts.

The morning dawned and the sun was blessing the earth with red glittering rays again. Breakfast was ready, prayer was offered, the Lord blessed, and again they were preparing for meeting. Dinner was prepared and packed in a basket. The team was harnessed and the carriage was driven outside the front gate. Walter came skipping down the stairs singing, "I want to be like Jesus in my heart." The song filled the mother's heart with joy, and she breathed a prayer that this would be the day when they would be filled with all the fullness of God. Her heart was panting after God, "the living God."

So she stole away to the closet for a few moments prayer before starting to church. And thus she prayed: "O Lord, according to Thy Word, Thou art able to cleanse from all sin and satisfy every longing of the heart. And now, Holy Father, help me this morning to make the consecration required that I may be filled with all the fullness of God. I hear people say they are ready to meet Jesus, and would be glad to see him. Now, Holy Father, Thou knowest I love thee, but I can't say that I would be glad to see Jesus. Help me to get to the place where I can say amen to the entire will of God."

About this time one of the children came running in and said, "Yonder comes our pastor." She arose from her knees delighted, thinking that her pastor would help her to get the blessing.

THE PASTOR'S EARLY CALL

The pastor had heard that Brother A. and wife were seeking the second blessing, and he came to see about it. Sister A. met him with a smile, and after passing a few words she told him her experience. To her surprise he

laughed her to scorn and said, "How foolish you are, seeking a second blessing." The poor woman's heart sank within her.

Brother A. tried to convince the pastor that they were right, but he didn't pay any attention to him. Then the pastor turned loose on the evangelist and said: "He got too good to stay in the church, and now he is out to see how many churches he can break up. This second blessing doctrine is a new thing gotten up by a few ignorant folks, and all they are trying to do is to tear up churches. Now, Brother A., I am your pastor, and I love you, and I understand the Bible, and I know there is no such doctrine taught as that second blessing preacher is preaching. I have read and prayed over this thing until I have learned something. I was foolish enough to go to the altar and seek the second blessing in a holiness meeting a few years ago. While I was at the altar the Lord showed me that I had better get up from that altar or I would have to give up my church, and He showed me that I must get out and get souls saved and not be seeking a second blessing."

"Well," said Brother A., "how many conversions have you had since you began to preach against the second blessing?"

"Well—well—I—I—well, I have received quite a number into the church, and baptized several, and I write to our church paper."

"Now, pastor, you didn't answer my question. I asked you how many conversions you have had since you began to fight the second blessing."

"Well, I don't believe in demonstrations like the holiness folks. They think we have to shout all over the house to get saved. I think all we have to do in this enlightened age is to accept Christ as our Savior and join the church and do our duty and we are all right."