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*Foreword*

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THE chapters which follow in this volume reveal Gipsy Smith. They discover his mind and heart processes in a way that is both accurate and unusual.

It was my good fortune to be on the platform just behind the evangelist while he was delivering the addresses which are the make-up of this book, and not only hear them all, but, as Chairman of the Executive Committee conducting the campaign, to have in hand the details connected with their delivery.

They were Gipsy's noonday addresses delivered in Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, Tennessee, on the week-days, Saturdays excepted, from February 12th to March 12th, 1922. The auditorium has a seating capacity of five thousand, but the crowds were so great that the building was not only packed at the noon as well as the night hours, but vast numbers were turned away unable even to get inside the building.

The sensational feature of these addresses, however, apart from the spiritual results of the message, was not in the crowds attracted, but in the wonderful versatility and swift mind and heart reaction of the speaker.

The plan used at the noon hour was this: Each day a local pastor was teamed with the evangelist. The local pastor occupied the first ten minutes, speaking on

some passage of his own selection from the Bible. Gipsy was not only in complete ignorance of what the local pastor was to speak about, but also of his identity until a moment before he arose to speak, when I gave the evangelist the pastor's name, and he was presented by Gipsy to the audience. Thus without any previous special preparation, without any time in which to form an outline or assemble thoughts save the ten minutes of the first speaker's address, in entire ignorance of what the theme was to be, the marvellous addresses in this volume were delivered. AND THEY WERE INVARIABLY ON THE THEME AND THE SCRIPTURE PRESENTED BY THE LOCAL PASTOR.

Gipsy's address followed the first speaker's, not in a general way, not in a few introductory sentences switching into a digression, but closely and logically, so far as the central theme was concerned.

For this reason, these chapters in a striking way reveal the man. He has the resourcefulness of the greatest of preachers. With a mental grasp swift, accurate and original; with a command of simple words full of colour and action; with a delivery free of all tricks and affectation; with an eloquence sweeping from tears to smiles, mastering the mind, fusing the passions, capturing the will, Gipsy Smith reached in these impromptu addresses at Nashville a height of pulpit power the writer has not known surpassed.

To find satisfying explanation, one needs to go back to Pentecost.

JAMES I. VANCE.

*Nashville, Tennessee.*

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*My people shall be called by My name*

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2 Chron. vii. 14.—*If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways ; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

“ My people shall be called by My name.”

The promise is to “ My people.” Don’t you forget that word. The promise is not to any people—only to the people who can legitimately be called “ My people.”

So this morning I ask you to look into your hearts and find out if you really, and truly, and wholly have surrendered and obeyed, and by faith in Jesus Christ can honestly say you belong to God.

I am not talking in the general sense, because in the general sense everything belongs to Him, but I am talking of whom the Bible spoke—“ My people.”

Now do you belong to Him ?

Many came to Jesus and said to Him, “ In Thy name we have cast out devils, and in Thy name have done many wonderful works.” But Jesus said to them, “ I never knew you—you don’t belong to Me.”

Which crowd do you belong to ? To the separated few working for God, those that have yielded themselves as servants to God—who have come out from the world, and have learned the wonderful joy of complete fellowship with Him ?

“ My people ”—these words were spoken to My

people. If My people ask, if My people believe, if My people meet the conditions—then it is that they may expect an answer when God says “My.”

Do you remember one day when Jesus was teaching and healing, and His mother and brothers came to see Him? The crowd was so great that they couldn't get into the house where He was. They were impatient with Him—they had not learned to follow Him. Messengers brought Him word that His mother and His brothers were waiting for Him on the outside.

Jesus answered them, “Who is My mother? Who are My sisters? Who are My brothers? All that do the will of My Father which is in heaven. The same is My mother, My sister and My brother.”

“My people”—if you are doing the will of God intelligently, if you are obeying God's commandments, then you can ask things of God, and you will get them.

The Lord will not hear any who have not done His will—they do not know how to ask—they ask amiss. The man who is out of harmony with God can't ask the right things in the right way. If you want to get the right things, first of all, get right yourself. Begin with yourself. Begin with the person who wears your clothes. Begin with the person who is sitting where you are sitting.

“If My people seek, if My people ask, if My people knock they shall find. They shall see—to them will the door be opened.”

The promise is made to the specific one—to the obedient, and God knows better than to answer some prayers that some people offer. I know of cases where they seem to be praying for revivals. They ask for things, and if the Lord answered their prayers they wouldn't know what to do with the things when they