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BIRTH OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, OR LATTER RAIN PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT.

On Oct. 15, 1900, we were led to open in Topeka, Kansas, a Bible School which became widely known sometime later as "The College of Bethel." Its unique features and teachings became subjects of the daily papers throughout the land. Its only text-book was the Bible; its only object utter abandonment in obedience to the commandments of Jesus. (However unconventional and impractical this might seem to the world today.) No collections were taken, no solicitation, no board or tuition was charged. No difference was made whether the students had any means to offer or not; but one thing was strictly required—that they should obey and seek to live the commandments and teachings of Jesus. Under these circumstances, day after day, week after week, month after month, God was faithful in supplying all our needs, yea, "no good thing did He withhold from them who walked uprightly." With a people thus given

up to God, who more fully obeyed the commands of Jesus, and in a stricter sense had "all things in common" than any other Bible school in the world, we were enabled to sink deeper into the things of God, and to obtain a more comprehensive view of the heights and depths, lengths and breadths of God's eternal purpose which He purposed through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Nearly all of the students had been religious workers of considerable spiritual growth and attainment. Like many of our readers, they said they had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost a number of years ago, but in spite of this we continued to teach what we believed to be in the Word of God, and in the mind of Jesus—a mighty baptism such as the disciples of old received, to make His saints of today world-wide powers for good, to the end that this gospel might be preached to all the world as a witness; "to remove the covering cast over all the face of the earth," for we believed this to be the will of God, and the accomplishment of the same well pleasing in His sight.

In the closing days of the fall term of 1900, we had our examination on Repentance, Justification, Consecration, Sanctification and Healing. As there yet remained a few days before the opening of the New Year, the students were required to carefully study the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The main object of

this study was to discover the real Bible evidence of this baptism so that we might *know* and obtain it, instead of being confused by the chaotic claims of modern Holy Ghost teachers.

On New Year's night, Miss Agnes N. Ozman of Beatrice, Neb., a missionary lady who attended several Bible schools and had done considerable religious work, one who had mighty anointings and had for years the "anointing that abideth" which she mistook for the baptism, was convinced of her need of a personal Pentecost. A few minutes before midnight, she desired hands laid upon her that she might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. During invocation of hands, prayer was offered and she was filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Upon beholding this marvelous restoration of apostolic power in our midst, all became hungry, earnestly desiring a personal realization of the same in our own lives, remembering that Peter had said, "The promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:39.)

Scarcely eating or sleeping, the school with one accord waited upon God. On the night of the third of January, 1901, we were all assembled in an upper room. A most wonderful power prevailed the atmosphere; suddenly twelve students were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to

speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance; several in the room saw above their heads, cloven tongues of fire, as in the days of old. Thus was the Church militant again permitted to realize the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which has since been given to not only others in the school but to those in other cities and states. (Extract from "A Voice Crying In The Wilderness," published in 1902.)

See last cover page of the August issue of The Apostolic Faith for picture of the College of Bethel, where the Pentecostal baptism was restored.

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