

CHAPTER 6. MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD

*Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. **Deuteronomy 33:1***

The man of God! How much this name means! A man who comes from God, chosen and sent by Him. A man who walks with God, lives in His fellowship, and carries the mark of His presence. A man who lives for God and His will; whose whole being is pervaded and ruled by the glory of God; who involuntarily and unceasingly leads men to think of God. A man in whose heart and life God has taken the right place as the All in All, and who has only one desire, that He should have that place throughout the world.

Such men and women of God are what the world needs; such are what God seeks, that He may fill them with Himself, and send them into the world to help others to know Him. Moses was such a man, so distinctly that men naturally spoke of him like this – Moses, the man of God! Every servant of God should aim to be such a man – a living witness and proof of what God is to him in heaven, and is to him on earth, and what He claims to be in everyone.

In a previous chapter we spoke of *communion with God* as what man had been created for, as the privilege of daily life, as what was to be our first care in the morning watch. What was said there had chiefly referenced to our personal need, and the power of a godly happy life influencing others. The name, Moses, the man of God. And the thought of man being so closely and manifestly linked to God that other people instinctively gave this as his chief characteristic – the man of God! This leads us even further: It brings us out into public life, it suggests the idea of the impression we make upon other people and the power we can have of so carrying the mark of God's holy presence with us, that when they see us or think of us, the name shall at once suggest itself – **The Man of God.**

These are the men and women the world needs, and God requires. And why? Because the world, by sin, has fallen away from God. Because in Christ the world has been redeemed for God. And because God chose to show humans what they ought to be, of awakening and calling and helping them, through men and women of God, in whom His life, His Spirit and His power are working. Humans was created for God, that God might live and dwell and work and show forth His glory in them and through them. God was to be their all in all. The indwelling of God was to be as natural and delightful as it is true, strange, and incomprehensible. When the redemption of Christ was completed in the descent of God the Holy Spirit into the hearts of people, this indwelling was restored. God regained possession of His

home. And where a person **gives himself wholly up to the presence of the Holy Spirit**, not only as a power working in him, but as **God dwelling in Him** (**Joh.14:16,20,23; 1 Joh.4**) he may become, in the deepest meaning of the word, a **Man of God!**

Paul tells us that it is through the power of the Holy Scripture that *"the man of God is complete."* This suggests that with some life is imperfect and needs to be made perfect. *"Every Scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for teaching (doctrine), for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that **the man of God may be complete**, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* (**2 Tim.3:16-17**).

Oh, for the grace to be truly a man or woman of God! A person that knows and proves these three things: God is all; God claims all; God works all. A person that has seen the place God has in His universe and in people – He is the **All in All!** A person who has understood that God **asks and must have all**, and who only lives to give God His due and His glory! A person who has discovered the great secret that **God works all**, and seeks, like the Son of God, to live in the unceasing blessed dependence that the Father in Him speaks the words and does the work.

Brothers and sisters! Seek to be a man or woman of God! Let God in the morning watch be your all. Let God during the day be your all. And let your life be devoted to one thing, to bring men to God, and God to men, so that in His Church, and in the world, God may have the place due to Him.

"If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven." (**2 Kings 1:10**). This was Elijah's answer when the captain called to him to come down from the mountain. The true God is the God who answers by fire. And the true man or woman of God is they who knows how to call down the fire, because they have power with the God of heaven. Whether the fire be that of judgment or of the Holy Spirit, the work of the man or woman of God is to bring fire down to earth. What the world needs is people of God who knows God's power, and his power with God.

Believe that it is in the secret prayer habit of daily life that we learn to know our God, and His fire, and our power with Him. Oh, to know what it is to be a man or woman of God, and what it implies.

In Elijah, as in Moses, we see how it just means a separation from every other interest, an entire identification with the honour of God, no longer a man of the world, but a **man or woman of God**.

There is a secret feeling that all this may bring more strain and sacrifice, difficulty, and danger, than we are ready for. This is only true as long as we have not seen how

absolute God's claim is, how unutterably blessed it is to yield to Him, and how certain that God Himself will work it in us.

Go back and look at Moses, the man of prayer, Moses, the man of the Word, and see how, out of these three grew – Moses, the man of God. See the same in the life of Elijah – the harmony between our hearing God's Word and Him hearing our words, and the way in which it becomes Divinely possible to be and live – **men and women of God**. And then study the application of it.

Prayer: Father God, I want You to be my All in All. I want You to be my all in my quiet time, and in my whole day. I want to know You as the God of heaven. May it be said that my life reflects that I am a man or woman of God.