

"Modern Man Battles For His Faith".

*Some Facets of Faith*

Scripture--- Acts 2:1-13

Text --- Acts 2:4 *mark 5:36*

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INTRODUCTION

1. A man battling for his faith surrounded by the demands of Natural Science. The Greek of 305 B.C. 20th Century Student- Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel, Tyndall. Finally he becomes like Bertrand Russell (Baillie--P. -155) Henri-Frederic Amiel Robertson of Brighton (Baillie--156) "I feel them in my best and highest moments to be true".
2. A Man Battling for his faith against the inexplicable forces of Providence. Rufus Jones' Story-Young man of unusual talents, literary, business, spiritual, goes to a London Doctor and is told he has a dangerous and subtle disease which will destroy his hearing, sight, and eventually his memory. He was baffled and bewildered.
3. *Moham youth marching off to war - why?*
4. Has the Christian Message an Answer to these problems? We answer with unhesitating power--Yes.

MAIN IDEAS

1. We must learn to distinguish the permanent from the transient powers-values of life.
  - A. Elijah faced a similar problem at Horeb. 1 Kings 19:8-11
    - a. Wind
    - b. Earthquake
    - c. fire
    - d. in a still small voice-God

B. The disciples faced this at Pentecost.

- a. Sound- as of a rushing, mighty wind.
- b. Cloven tongues of fire-sight
- c. A real presence in the hearts of the Apostles.

*Love  
Beauty  
Justice  
Righteousness  
Compassion*

2. Recognize God's Power of Immediate Contact With Our Lives.

A. Kingdom of Heaven is within you  
Christ in MEN

B. The autonomy of Christian Life.  
Paton--New Hebrides--Wellso of water from beneath.

The Christian life has constant the consciousness of being on the threshold of fresh knowledge of God. Polycary--86 years have I loved Christ and he has never wronged me. How can I speak evil of my King and my Savior?

3. Appropriate the Powers emerging from your connection with the Spiritual Universe--KOSMOS

A. The Spiritual Universe is Behind us--Stephen--Paul/

B. The Hope of Infinite Renewal.  
Whittier-"The white wings of the Holy Spirit stoop seen or unseen o'er the heads of all."

### CONCLUSION

Complete story of young intellectual with Robertson of Brighton. Story of young man--London Doctor--A sense of the invading all enveloping love of God filling his life and PEACE.

Mark Rutherford-"The messages of God cannot be read thru the envelope in which they are enclosed" But when like and its seal tear open the envelope its message of God is there.