"God, Have Your Way!"

Scripture reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

I have noticed that some of us go to God in prayer and say, "Oh, God, I'm so poor and needy. Lord, God, such and such a person did me so and so. Oh, God, they talk about me. They do this and that and the other." You are complaining to God everything that God knows already! What God wants to know is what you want to do about that!

So you go to God and say, "Father, You and I have a blood covenant and I want to see righteousness come forth in me!" Oh, God is so glad to hear that! He is going to give you every opportunity to be righteous. That means He will let the trouble come down on you. He will let the devil loose on you. Yes! He said, "All right, you are strong enough." Let the devil loose on you, sit down and watch how you handle the devil. Amen.

Hebrews 12:1 says that the brethren who have gone on before are a cloud of witnesses watching us and seeing how we run the race. What does that mean? That means that there are certain things happening to you because God wants to find somebody who He can let those things happen to in order to give an object lesson to those who have gone on before who did not overcome! Let me give you an example: you have a temptation to drink. Some of you hide it, of course. You have a temptation to drink and every now and then you go take a little sip. The angel of God is watching you. He wants you to overcome that spirit because Tom Stokes (or whoever) who is in heaven did not overcome the spirit. I know mighty men of God, who never overcame the spirit of drinking. For example, Brother Allen. I knew him personally. I worked with him, and he couldn't stop drinking. The man was one of the most powerful men you have ever seen. He would come in and command the devils out of people! They brought to him a mad man, chained, and he just commanded the devil out of him. It was because God gave him the gift and he practiced, he knew what he was doing. God would not take the gift away from him. He had the faith yet; God gave him the faith. He should have used it on his own behalf.

Brethren, use the faith you have been given to overcome the spirits in your life. You see, first, you have to believe. But then, you have to go forward. You say, "I am going to do it. I am going to let God have His way."

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Thought for today: Go to God and say, "Father, You and I have a blood covenant and I want to see righteousness come forth in me!"