


EXCERPTS FROM

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The title 'THE LINK' is rendered in a stylized, purple, hatched font. The letters are arranged in a descending staircase pattern from top-left to bottom-right. The 'T' is at the top left, followed by 'H', 'E', 'L', 'I', 'N', and 'K' at the bottom right. Each letter is filled with diagonal hatching lines.

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I suppose if there is one thing which we as Christians feel more than another in these days, it is our total inadequacy, our inability to communicate, and to effectively bring to the world the message which has been entrusted to us. On every hand in the church we see barrenness, defeat, frustration. We must all agree that the stream of vital Christianity runs very low indeed. But why the trickle, why not a flood? What did the early church possess which we do not? - nothing but the POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Today we tend to lay stress on publicity, entertainment, projects, stunts and oftentimes are at our wits end to know what to invent next, but in the Acts people were drawn together not by sounds from men, but by sounds from heaven. Acts ch. 2 v. 6. When it was noised abroad, multitudes came together. Someone has said that at Pentecost, God set the church in Jerusalem on fire and the whole city came out to see it burn. But how apt we are to say, yes, but that was back in the days of the apostles, things are totally different today - are they? Man and his basic thinking does not change. God changes not, His Word is unalterable. The Holy Ghost is still with us, but where is the power? Is it not so often that the channels

are blocked? Are we not so often bogged down and choked with material things? Do not our appetites sometimes seek satisfaction in the world? Are we dwelling on petty things? Fostering a spirit of bitterness or envy? Is there a genuine desire in our hearts to get to grips with reality? May God give us a revelation of our individual desperate need, a real hunger and thirst after RIGHTEOUSNESS, that we might be vessels unto honour, conductors of Holy Ghost power.

"Just a channel full of blessing,
To the thirsty hearts around,
To tell out Thy full salvation,
All Thy loving message sound.

Emptied that Thou shouldst fill me,
A clean vessel in Thy hand,
With no power but as Thou givest,
Graciously with each command.

Jesus fill now with Thy Spirit,
Hearts that full surrender know,
That the streams of Living water
From our inner man may flow.

Channels only blessed Master,
But with all Thy wondrous power
Flowing through us Thou canst use us,
Every day and every hour."

Dr John Owen speaking of John Bunyan to Charles II said "I would

willingly exchange all my learning,
for the tinker's power of touching
men's hearts". Whilst the poet
Browning exclaimed "'Tis my belief GOD
SPOKE, no tinker has such power". Oh
that this power might be evidenced in
us as individuals, and in our
corporate witness at North Road.

To our sick and shut-in members
we send out Christian love and
greetings, and an assurance that
whilst we miss so much your company
these days, yet we continually have
you before us in prayer, that you
might know in a very real sense His
presence and peace. We too are
confident that as we come together for
worship and service, that your hearts
are towards us. May His grace be upon
you.

W.H.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

In conjunction with other Christians in the town and district we shall commence open air services on the Quay on Sunday, July 4th at 8 p.m. continuing up to and including September 5th. Let us really put our backs into this, and give it maximum support and those of you who are unable to attend with us, will you set aside this time and pray, as we seek to carry out the Lord's commission to "GO - AND - PREACH".