

Smith Wigglesworth: The Active Life of The Spirit-filled Believer, Part 2



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Holy, Overcoming, Conquerors

We may be chastised by God, but it only because He wants us to have His Holiness.

We may have any amount of correction, but it will only be the touch of the Lord to bring us nearer to Him, that we be at all times more than conquerors.

I want you to clearly see that the day will come when the Evil One will have great power. And you can imagine that, just as that day draws near, the believer is more greatly insulated with divine revelation, and more power.

You will find the saints will become *more* holy, and will have *more* liberty, and *more* power.

As Satan is having power, the saints will have **greater** power.

And just as the day comes for the saints to be caught away, we shall have mighty power on all lines, and the last great power will take us out of the world.

No Defeat

Know this fact: That God is always revealing Himself on every line and thought, to keep the believer at such a standard of victory, that he is in the place where he never need be defeated.

There is nothing helping me so much in these days as the fact that God is loosing me.

It is a great thing to know that God is loosing you from the world, loosing you from a thousand things.

You have to have the mind of God on all things.

If you don't, you will stop His working.

I had to learn that as I was on the water en route to Australia.

We stopped at a place called Aden [See footnote 1] where they were selling all kinds of ware. Amongst other things were some beautiful rugs and feathers, Ostrich feathers in great quantities, but I had no room for them at all.



A contemporary hand-tinted postcard of the quayside where Smith's ship docked in Port Aden.

However, there was a gentleman in First Class who wanted feathers, and it appears he had bought one lot, and the next lot put up, was too big. He did not want so many.

He said to me, "Will you join me?"

I knew I didn't want feathers, for I had no room, nor use for them, and wouldn't know what to do with them if I got them.

However, he pleaded with me to join him. I perceived it was the Spirit, as clearly as anything, and I said, "Yes, I will."

So the feathers were knocked down for three pounds. [2]

Then I found the man had no money with him. He had plenty, but of course it was on the boat.

I perceived it was the Spirit again, so it fell to my lot to pay for the feathers.



White Ostrich feathers decorating a 1920's lady's straw boater.

He said to me, "I will bring the money, and give it to one of the ship's stewards."

I replied, "No, that is not business. I am known all over the ship. You seek me out."

The man came, and brought the money. I said, "God wants me to talk to you. Now sit down."

So he sat down, and in ten minutes' time the whole of his life was unHINGED, unravelled, broken up; so broken that like a great big baby he wept, and cried for salvation.

It was "feathers" that did it.

[1] **Aden** was part of the British Empire at the time, and is now called Yemen.

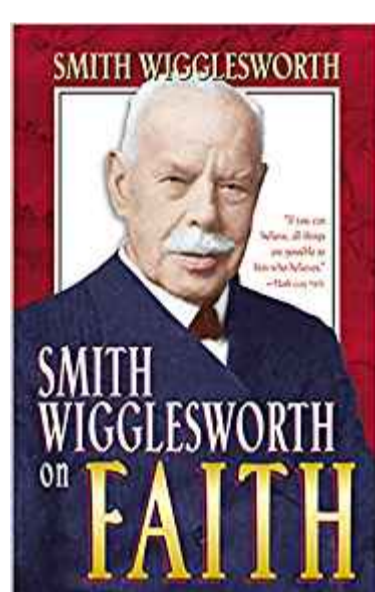
[2] **Ostrich feathers** were hawked and auctioned to passengers by local Arabs on the quayside. Three pounds sterling then bought a large bundle; used by milliners to adorn ladies' hats.

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