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Charles F. Parham

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Rev. Charles F. Parham, of "Tongues of Fire" Fame, to Return to Kansas City.

Rev. Charles F. Parham, of Topeka, has decided that, unless the Lord intervenes, he will conduct services tomorrow at 11 am and 7:30 pm at 1675 Madison avenue.

Rev. Mr. Parham is the founder of Bethel college in Topeka, students of which were endowed a short time ago with the Biblical "gift of tongues." He and his students also profess to possess the gift of healing and some other gifts in considerable measure.

Rev. Mr. Parham did not accompany his announcement of his purposes for Sunday with a statement whether or not it is his intention to carry on another protracted effort here. Presumably, this will depend upon the inspiration which he receives.

PARHAM RETURNS.

The Prophet of the "Gift of Tongues"  
Preaches to Small Congregation in Kansas City.

It was the will of God that brought Rev. Charles F. Parham of Kansas to Kansas City yesterday to preach to the people of the little mission at 1675 Madison avenue. At least that is what Dr. Parham, the well known evangelist and believer in the "gift of tongues" announced to his congregation at his opening service yesterday morning. It was by the command of God which he had followed that he come to the city. The little crowd of men and women gathered in the bare and chilly mission room was certainly too small to be encouraging, nevertheless it made up in earnestness what it lacked in numbers, and the work of the evangelist was successful.

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"The Bride of Christ" was the subject of the sermon. Not an old subject, to be sure, but the manner of its treatment was strange and incomprehensible to many. Arguments, prophecies and conclusions were founded upon the twelfth chapter of Revelations and the closing chapter of the Book of Daniel. The language was simple, but the strange interpretation of the Bible teachings was original and puzzling. Much of the sermon was prophetic and many of the things which were predicted will come to pass, according to Dr. Parham, within the ensuing years. Dr. Parham said, in part:

"Russia will get all of China and eventually all of Asia. England will lose her provinces one by one till only the island shall be left. The time is fast coming when nation shall rise against nation and kingdom shall rise against kingdom. God is getting everything out of kingdom that offends and in order to be saved we must believe the whole of the Bible. He who believes only a part is lost.

"The newspapers within the past week have been telling a great deal about the Bible. Russi's attempt to hold Manchuria is but a partial fulfillment of the prophecies of the Revelations."

In another part of his sermon Dr. Parham prophesied that at the close of this century the people will be gathered at the center of Jerusalem, which shall be the great rallying place of religion. "This" said he, "is plainly told in the Book of Revelations. The world is fast drifting toward socialism and anarchy, and at the close of the century families will dwell in one house and there will be public granaries, and men

shall own everything in common."

According to his belief in the gift of tongues, the evangelist used not his own ideas, but the ideas of God, for to him all inspiration is desire.

At the close of the sermon an after service was held, during which the members of the congregation prayed, sang or spoke, as the spirit took possession of their tongues. At times four and five members of the congregation prayed at one time, some praying for inspiration, others already inspired, thanking the Father for what they had received and asking for aid for the brothers and sisters who were silent. At times the great room was silent, for the power apparently comes and goes and returns. It was during one of these pauses that the minister rose to his feet and without even a benediction announced that church was dismissed.

The evening sermon was also preached from the Book of Revelations, previous too which, however, the plans in regard to the renting of the room and the continuance of service was discussed. The minister said: "God has never said, Come to Kansas City, and I cannot come. There is work for me in Topeka and I want to pray that I may succeed, but you must do your work well here in your little church, and when God says 'Come' I will come to you again."