

## *D.L. Moody's Encounter With God*

*H*e writes, "I cannot describe it, I seldom refer to it, it is almost too sacred an experience to name. I can only say God revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand. I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths; and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world; it would be as small as dust in the balance." (Dwight L. Moody) Later, a clergyman told Moody that he could see no relation between him personally and what he was accomplishing...Moody only laughed and replied that he would be very sorry if things were otherwise ("Hearing God" p. 49,50...Dallas Willard).

And, speaking of D.L. Moody, most of you have probably heard the story of how Moody was led to Christ through a shoe salesman, Edward Kimble, when Moody worked in Kimble's store as a youth. As a result of Moody becoming a Christian, and his dynamic preaching, Frederick Meyer who listened to Moody felt called of God to become an evangelist. Through Meyer's preaching Wilbur Chapman received Christ and later became a preacher. Through Chapman's proclamation of the gospel, a famous baseball player, Billy Sunday, came to Christ and later became an evangelist. Through Billy Sunday a prayer group was started, through which an evangelist by the name of Mordecai Hamm felt called of God to begin an evangelistic ministry, and through Hamm's preaching a young man from South Carolina came forward to receive Christ at the conclusion of one of his revival meetings. The young man's name? Billy Graham!—All because one shoe salesman had the courage to share Christ with a young boy.

We never know, do we, the potential impact of just one person sharing his/her faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. May it be an encouragement to all of us to earnestly pray for the in-filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit as we seek to reach others with the good news of salvation.



