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John Yelverton says

There are certain sections of this book which are pretty amazing, and the author makes some excellent points; but there are others, especially towards the end, where he is way out in left field and it becomes rather uncomfortable to read.

pamela harrington says

I have the power

Always enjoy Br Moody's writings. I can understand most of it at times it gets to seem as if it's over my head, but if I reread the sentence or two. I will understand. There were questions I had beforehand and they were cleared up for me. Br Moody is a great Pastor has written many books a d sermons .

Jo says

A little gem from DL Moody here on the Holy Spirit. I have consciously been reading more on this subject this year, but had originally got this book on Kindle for free a few months ago. So when I decided to read this, I hadn't realised how relevant it would be to my chosen topic. I've been reading it in parallel with Octavius Winslow's 'The Work of the Holy Spirit', which has been interesting. I am finding Winslow's work richer but Moody's style is more succinct and he covers the matters in substantially less words! It has therefore helped drive home some of the challenges and encouragements to be reading this alongside Winslow. This is the second Moody work I've read this year, and on the basis of what I've read so far I will be picking up more before the year is out!

Mary Batson says

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yoon says

Gripped by this book - particularly where R.A. Torrey listed why God used D.L. Moody so mightily.

1. A Fully Surrendered Man. If God told Moody to jump out the window, Moody would. Without an ounce of hesitation.
2. A Man of Prayer - Moody responded to every seemingly insurmountable obstacle A with prayer. Faith-filled prayer. And God moved.

3. A Deep & Practical Student of the Bible

4. A Humble Man

5. His Entire Freedom from the Love of Money

6. His Consuming Passion for the Salvation of the Lost - this part took a hold of my heart and I could not stop thinking about it. Moody made a resolve to speak to at least one person about their soul EVERY day. If he went to bed without evangelizing to someone, he would get out of bed, get dressed, and charge into the streets, searching for someone to speak to. His zeal for the gospel was so sincere, so pure. He breathed & walked the gravity and urgency of the gospel.

7. Definitely Endued with Power from on High - Moody was praying for an encounter with the Holy Spirit. God answered his prayer as one day, the Holy Spirit hit him so hard that he had to run to a friend's home and lock himself in a room. Moody experienced God's presence so heavily, that he thought he was going to die on the spot from the joy of the Lord.

Mike Panton says

Solid, easy read. Extremely relevant for the church today as we have largely forgotten about the Holy Spirit and our need of Him in the West.

Moody provides many quick and profound illustrations to explain his points. This work was both inspiring and convicting as he touches on our need of the Holy Spirit for sharing the Gospel and in growing the fruit of the Spirit in our own lives.

Jason says

Second time to read through and grab truths of our Biblical Christian faith, and how to make it applicable to my walk with Christ. He gives practical and solid teaching of: Love, Joy, and, Peace. Detailed in their application of Christian living, and he also give the other six fruits of the Holy Spirit as well. His systematic breakdown of the fruits of the Spirit are great. It's a short read, but a great resource to own.

Michael Walker says

A musty work on the power of the Holy Spirit by a great 19th c. preacher.

Lola Glenn says

Very helpful

If you want to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, you will find this book very helpful

Nathan Albright says

[Note: This book was provided free of charge by Aneko Press. All thoughts and opinions are my own.]

Relatively frequently, at least once or twice a month, I get a surprise package, usually without any warning, from this publisher with their books inside. Included in a recent package was this particular book, one of several I have read by this author [1]. I was admittedly puzzled before reading about the subject matter of the book, but upon starting it the subject matter of the book was very clear. That is not to say that I agreed with everything that was in the book, but at the very least one knew exactly where the author was coming from and what his perspective was. Given my own differences with the author concerning my perspective on the subject of the book, I was surprised that I agreed with as much of it as I did, and I can see why this book on the Holy Spirit and its importance to believers and to churches was rereleased, as it has a lot to say to our day and age where it can be justly said that the power of the Spirit appears weak in much of Christendom.

This short book of 125 pages is written about the power of the Holy Spirit. The author begins with the fairly obvious truth that this power comes from God and not from ourselves. The author talks about how some people try to stir themselves up and how the world itself recognizes the power of the Spirit because it longs to be filled from that which is already full, and we cannot help the world without God first filling us. This is something, it should be noted, that is often forgotten when it comes to the social justice efforts of our day.

After this, the author talks about how the Holy Spirit is both power upon us and in us, how we witness about our Lord and Savior through the power of the Spirit as was done by Peter and Stephen and the early Church.

The author talks about the power of the Spirit in operation in our lives and then talks in the last chapter about how this power can be grieved or resisted. It appears that then, as is the case now, there are many who are worried about having committed the unpardonable sin without having committed it. The author's reminder that we should focus on God's glory and not our own is one that many contemporary ministers would do well to emulate.

This book begins in an interesting place, using the almost certainly fraudulent Johanine pericope of John 5:7-8 to attempt to demonstrate the Trinity and defend the Holy Spirit as a being rather than as something else. Therefore, the book set me on edge from the very beginning, considering how abrupt the beginning was. In fact, it is likely that textual criticism about John 5 may have led the author to begin with that passage as a way of turning it back on the audience. There seems to be a fair bit about this book that is at least a little bit combative when it comes to the Holy Spirit and its operations. In many ways, the focus on the Holy Spirit as being power and as being the reality of intimacy with God is something that I well understand and appreciate, and something that I think the author does well to focus on. Ultimately, and thankfully, this is not a book that is a theological study of the Trinity as a doctrine--which would likely have been a terrible read--but is a work about the practical workings of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, and that is certainly a book worthy to be read and meditated over.

[1] See, for example:

<https://edgeinducedcohesion.blog/2017...>

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Tierrance says

Excellent Study aide

Very helpful. This clearly articulated many of the questions I've been turning over in my mind concerning being an effective disciple.

Jeremy Utley says

Spectacular encouragement to seek for the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Lots of practical examples and scriptures to guide the thirsty soul.

Ed Barton says

Plenty of Quotes

There are plenty of good quotes and some insights here. I normally view books of this genre as being designed to get the reader to stop and think as they read - meditating on the words. Unfortunately, there were fewer passages than normal where I stopped and listened with the ear of the heart. It's fine, but was hoping for better.

Vaughn says

Solid Christian reading with a focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit and His availability to work in our lives when we submit.

A few relevant points:

1. We cannot work for God without love.
2. God, through the Holy Spirit, will give encouragement.
3. The Gospel is every bit as powerful today as it was thousands of years ago.
4. The Holy Spirit will fill us with His presence and power when we empty ourselves of pride, vanity, and other worldly attitudes (submit)
5. When God's Spirit is on us, the world looks very empty and we begin to let go of it as we begin to focus on the eternal.
6. When we have God's Spirit on us, we will speak with authority and power.
7. True service to God is marked by waiting to receive His power in His time and way.

Though encouraging and challenging, it does at times leave the reader wanting a bit more. Still - a very highly recommended read.

Rebekah Palmer says

Out of the three Moody books I have reviewed so far (the other two being *A Life for Christ* and *How To Study the Bible*), this one was by far his best.

In 5 chapters, D. L. Moody writes on the Holy Spirit: the power, the Spirit's influence in the Christian, the Spirit's influence in a congregation of Christians, and the hindrances the Holy Spirit finds among Christ followers.

While I don't particularly adhere to Moody's view on Christian liberty (all criticism must cease), I was most edified by this work. The other thing I will mention was Moody's use of the slur "Hottentot" on page 13. I originally had thought this to be from one of Jonathan Swift's imaginary people in the popular 18th century book *Gulliver's Travels*, but upon looking it up it is indeed a derogatory term white European persons used to refer to the Khoikhoi (southwestern Africans). While it wasn't seen as racist back in 1881, it is now in 2017. A footnote revealing this history might be most helpful.
