

White Lightning

Goldie and Alvie knew that at times, Carl would talk about topics that were far beyond the capability and knowledge of a young child. They would wonder how Carl knew this information, especially when he would use words that only adults would understand.

Neighbors would regularly visit the Hewitt family. When Carl was about three years old, Carl began hearing the voice from a Spirit person, who would tell Carl information about a visitor. Being so young, Carl would just blurt out what he heard, not realizing that there might be consequences to the words he was uttering. Sometimes, these people would run out of the house as fast as they could. Others would tell Alvie and Goldie, "How does that youngin' know this information?" Alvie could not give an answer, and would therefore remain silent. He was afraid to mention to anyone that he thought the devil was after him.

Another incident happened when Carl was about four years old. He remembered that all of his brothers and sisters were at school, and he was the only child at home. A man came to the Hewitt house driving an old pickup truck. Alvie spoke with everyone who came by. This man said that he was selling fish, which was on ice the back of his pickup truck. Alvie picked Carl up, because Carl was too short to see that high. The man pulled back the canvas that covered the back of the truck, to reveal some old wash tubs filled with ice. Carl saw many different types of fish being chilled on the ice.

As Alvie was putting Carl down, Carl heard a voice say, "Ask how many jars of white lightning, are under those fish." Again Carl didn't think about what he was about to say. He just tugged on the stranger's pants leg, and said, "Hey mister, how many jars of white lightning do you have under those fish?"

A shocked expression came over the stranger's face. Without saying a word, he leaped into his truck and sped away. Alvie was angry with his son, and told him he deserved a spanking for being so rude. Carl began running away from his father, and Alvie tried to catch him, but Carl was running too fast.

Approximately three hours later, one of Alvie's friends came to the house. He said to Alvie, "Did a stranger come by here today trying to sell you fish?"

Alvie replied, "Yes he did."

"Did you hear that he is now in jail. Underneath all the ice keeping the fish cool, he had jars of *white lightning*."

Alvie looked at Carl, with amazement in his eyes.

When Carl would talk about those days, it surprised him that his father did not compare what was happening with his son Carl with what had happened in the Bible. Alvie read the Bible on a daily basis. The Bible records the story where Samuel told Saul that his father's donkeys had returned home.¹ Samuel told Saul that he would meet

¹ 1 Samuel 9:20

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three men going to Bethel. It happened just as Samuel said.² Spirit told Elijah that a widow would provide for him.³ Spirit told Elisha that the price of flour would drastically drop the next day. This prophecy came true the next day.⁴ Jesus told the Samaritan woman that she was living with a man who was not her husband.⁵

It did not occur to Alvie to expand his thinking beyond the dogmas that he was taught, to make these comparisons. He believed the church's teaching that all the miraculous events only happened in Biblical times. Carl understood this Church dogma was incorrect. The psychic events that occurred in Biblical times can still happen today in the presence of a genuine medium.

The Preacher's Sermon

When Carl was four years old, he was sitting in a Baptist Church, next to his father. Alvie gave Carl three pennies to put in the collection basket. In those days, three pennies were actually worth something. This man, someone who had walked into town with a Bible under his arm, got up and read a passage of the Bible. Then he began hammering away about the devil. He proclaimed that it was a sin to go out fishing or cook a meal on Sunday. It was then that Carl heard a Spirit voice that was as clear as the preacher's voice. Carl heard Spirit voices his entire life. The voice said to Carl, "What that preacher is saying is not right." So Carl began tugging on his father's shirt-sleeve and said, "Daddy, what the preacher is saying is not right." Again Carl was only repeating what the voice had told him. Once again, Alvie was upset by what his son had told him.

² 1 Samuel 10:3,9.

³ 1 Kings 17:9.

⁴ 2 King 7:1,16.

⁵ John 4: 16-18.