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Prayer Meeting Address by Mr. J. Delves on Monday evening 2.8.76
Hymns 758, 746 Reading: Acts 4.31-33 (Also Psalm 1)

What I have read follows something very remarkable and that is "when they had prayed". This has struck me rather - who can tell - perhaps in your case or mine - what may have taken place after we have prayed. This does not mean that we may always get answers to our wishes but the Lord answers prayer according to His divine purpose for good and sometimes this can be through trial and affliction and various things, for it is said that "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction".

The second point is that the place was shaken where they were assembled together. The place was shaken. This was an evidence of the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in an extraordinary way for they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. What a remarkable meeting it must have been, and what a prayer meeting this would be if we were all filled with the Holy Ghost, but in our humble way of gathering together this is one great need, for the Holy Spirit to indite our hearts and direct us in our feeble supplications before the throne of grace.

The third point is a witnessing. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost" and it does not say they went off and said no more about it, don't tell anyone else, keep it a secret, but "they spake the Word of God with boldness". There was a witnessing to the truth they had been favoured to experience, and the precious doctrine that they were enabled to proclaim. O may the Lord grant it to us. O what a wonderful prayer meeting it is when the Holy Ghost is there, whether few or many. It may be said we never get nearer to heaven than when we get access in prayer. I am glad to be with you this evening. May the Lord bless our little gathering together and those who engage in prayer. Amen.