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"I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh" What an exciting generation in which to be alive! Never has the world known so many people in every nation enjoying this promise at the same time. There are millions today across the earth whose lives are being revolutionised by the power of God's Spirit outpoured upon them. We tend to assume that a life overflowing with the Spirit is meant to be the unusual, the exception here and there.

Rather, we need to see it as the Biblical norm for the believer, the expectation of God for every Christian. Sub-standard preaching and living has endured for so long that the people of God have become conditioned to expect a quality of Christian life well below the true measure intended for the redeemed man. In this issue of 'Restoration' we are sharing aspects of the ministry of the Spirit in the life of believer and church. We ask you to read and consider these articles not in a detached or theoretical fashion but as the glorious possibility and desired intention for you and your church.

The Dales Bible Week almost defies description. At times waves of praise and worship seemed to roll over the congregation like the sound of many waters. At other times we knew the awesome silence of God's presence amongst us. The thousands present responded with the leap of faith to the ministry of the Word delivered in such rich anointing of authority and faith. What a tremendous foretaste of the ever increasing multitude who will fill the earth with the song of praise and share in the rule of righteousness. Another Dales Bible Week will be held in Harrogate next summer as a Holy Convocation of ministers and churches.

The blessing that flowed as pastors and people worshipped and fellowshiped together this year indicated to us the direction of God's heart. We look forward to welcoming you and your people next time. For details refer to the back cover of this issue.