



# The Flame

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Transformed by Truth: part 1

## The Ol' Gray Mare? Really?

For most of two full days “The Old Gray Mare” became hopelessly corralled in some crevasse of my mind. Even during my interrupted sleep that night, she pranced with delight in and out of the shadows of my increasingly irritated memory. Then as casually as she had come, she was gone.

Thankfully last night I was awakened with a different song. Its words and music burst into my waking moments and even penetrated into my dreams. I know that sometimes I can be a little slow to catch on, but it finally dawned on me that I needed to borrow the words of the boy Samuel while he was living in the Temple, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

And I listened. These are words that have called the Church to the transforming power of truth, a word for the Church in any era, but perhaps with special significance in our time.

### Open my eyes

(Words and music by Clara H. Scott)

Open my eyes, that I may see, Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear, Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.

(Refrain)

Open my mouth, and let me bear, Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare, Love with Thy children thus to share.

For the next few editions of The Flame, we will unpack the secrets to the deep and abiding personal experience of worship found in these words.

### Taking your next step

Declare to the Lord that like Samuel your heart is open. Warm by the fire of truth issue by issue. May this be the plea of your heart:

*“Lord, let my heart be captured by the probing of your Spirit. Free me from any blindness. End my deafness. And awaken within me a persistent passion to bear your truth to those around me.”*