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I.—THE PREACHER AND THE PREACHING FOR THE PRESENT CRISIS.

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VII. PREACHING FOR IMMEDIATELY EVANGELIZING THE WORLD.

THE preaching that is to have this in view must manifestly be *preaching for awakening and revival*—not for emotional or hysterical revival, nor even for sporadic and local revival of the genuine sort, but for a great awakening, such as the church has never hitherto known, that shall reach and rouse and set to work the church of Christendom for the accomplishment of this one object.

From this point of view, the supreme thing to be emphasized in the preaching of the day, if it is to meet the present needs, fulfil the preacher's commission, and be effective, is that it must be essentially and directly evangelistic, and with constant reference to the present status of that commission. The Gospel must be preached as a regenerating and saving power, of present efficacy for the individual sinner, and for all mankind. Now, if ever, preaching should intelligently and constantly aim at the immediate conversion of sinners and of the world. It should be heartily and intensely Gospel-preaching, in this awakening and saving sense.

Such preaching will doubtless rouse opposition, as it always has in the past; but that opposition will be God's testimony and Satan's testimony to the necessity for it. It will not excuse the preacher from faithfully delivering the message Christ has committed to him.

Preaching the Gospel as a saving and regenerating power, by the stated ministry, for the immediate saving of men, is, as we take it,

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