

patriotism than in the intercessory prayer of Moses for sinning Israel? Where will you find more practical patriotism than in the self-denying, energetic Nehemiah? Where will you find greater depth and tenderness of love for native land than in that grand old patriot prophet Jeremiah? Hear him: "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" The same spirit we recognize in that noble Jewish patriot, the great Apostle of the Gentiles. And, in all reverence be it said of Him who was the perfect man on earth, the Son of God, that we discern the spirit of patriotism as well as of compassion in his tears over the doomed Jerusalem.

This Bible is saturated with patriotism, and they who catch its spirit and expound its meaning must be patriotic. They cannot be indifferent to the welfare and good government of their country.

The prophets were the preachers of their day, and they did not hesitate to put themselves in close connection with the national life. Was there any defection from loyalty? They exposed it. Was there a vice eating like a canker at the heart of the nation's life, they lifted up their voice against it. Were there men or classes of men ready to sell their country for gold or bartering for place the liberties of the nation, they denounced them in no measured terms.

But we the preachers of to-day are not to be like the stout preachers of those olden times. Our voices are to be weak and tuneful, the atmosphere around us so quiet and holy that the great throb of life in good and evil is not to be felt in it. Ours is a sacred calling.