

heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." Christ's disciples should act consistently with their professions. There should be a perfect harmony between what they profess to be and what they are. Let creed and conduct be agreed, "live as becometh the Gospel of Christ." The discrepancy between the creed and the conduct of Christendom is at once amongst its greatest crimes and curses. Look into our own country as an example, and what do we see? The millions by profession calling Christ "Master and Lord," and yet in daily life denying His doctrines and disobeying His will. He denounces war, they practise it; He denounces worldliness, they practise it; He denounces selfishness, they practise it; He denounces subjection to the flesh, they practise it. Thus—

"With lip they call Him master,
In life oppose His word.
They every day deny Him,
And yet they call Him Lord.

"No more is their religion,
Like His, in soul or deed,
Than painted grain on canvas
Is like the living seed."

By encouragement. Ye servants of God who have another spirit in you, go on from strength to strength. The prize is before you—angels are waiting to bind the laurels about your brows. Fear not! Those who profess to know (but their works deny them) will call you legalist and puritan, and will do all they can to oppose you. But God is for you; therefore, my beloved brethren, fear not. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" He is faithful who hath promised to keep you unto the end. The