

most reprehensible, should we in anywise *slight* it, or treat it with *indifference and contempt*.

But, my brethren, so far as *you, as a body*, are concerned, I have no reason to ask you whether you consider the authority which I have this day quoted, *as valid*, or otherwise. I know that as professing members of Christ's Catholic or Universal Church, you hold the Bible as the *only guide* for your conduct; and that you believe that "whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not required of any man that it should be believed as an article of Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." Yet, there are others, in this, as well as in the land of our fathers—I regret to say *many* others—who differ from us on this subject of the first importance; many who, while they *profess* to hold the Bible as God's revelation, and to attach to it the highest importance; nevertheless, so strain its passages, gloss over many of its most direct injunctions; and so accommodate to themselves whatever they please of its contents, (to suit *their own peculiar creed and discipline*,) that it appears a sort of mockery to appeal to it at all, as *even a portion* of the standard of their belief. And, moreover, my brethren, in addition to all this, the persons to whom I allude, take in numerous *oral traditions*, (the authority of which is *most questionable*,) to form an *addition* to the Bible, and *with* the Bible to *complete* their religious creed.

Now my object in making these remarks, towards the conclusion of my discourse to-day, is to show you, before we separate, that the *duty of loyalty*, as it is clearly laid down in the Bible, *cannot be faithfully held* by those *do not* take that sacred book as the *only* Standard of their religious faith.

The class of Christians to whom I have just alluded denominate themselves the *Church of Rome*; and I am ready to show you that *they cannot, to be true to their creed*, yield to our most gracious Queen the allegiance which the Scriptures demand of her subjects. The Romish creed, lays down that the "*Pope is Supreme*"—that he has *universal* authority (not jurisdiction merely over Rome, but over *all the world*); that he is the suc-