

measure for eternal life—salvation through faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul quotes this passage in another sense, as teaching us that of bounty to our poorer brethren in the Lord, each helping to supply the wants of others, in this instance in temporal matters (2 *Corinthians* viii. 14, 15). So it is our duty to do so in spiritual matters, to help on, counsel, exhort and build up, those who are weaker in faith, knowledge, or experience of temptation, etc., etc., as being all of one body, and each dependent on one another, as so beautifully shown in 1 *Corinthians* xii. Let me urge the reader to study this chapter carefully. It will also be here seen what is called a "schismatic" in God's Word—(verse 25)—a dividing or separation from the *body of Christ*, not a mere separation from this or that church, or sect, established by the governments of men, which is the sense in which it is almost invariably used, generally in the most contemptuous manner.

Verses 19, 20, teach us another lesson. That portion gathered for the day was to be eaten, and so digested; it was not to be kept for another day, for then it bred worms and stank:

What numbers of real Christians there are who gather truth and precept, example and command, from the Word of God, and having gathered it treasure it up in their heads, but never eat it, feed on it, and digest it, and therefore never gain spiritual nourishment from it, but it rather corrupts, hardens, sears their souls and consciences,—it 'breeds worms', and causes unhealthiness of soul. With professing Christians there are numbers who have much knowledge of divine truth, attained by the intellect of man, but it has never been carried out in their lives, and so will only bring upon them the greater condemnation, breeding 'the worm that dieth not', leading them into 'the fire that is not quenched'.