

Let us say to all that entices us away from this standard, "Get thee behind me, Satan!"

Let us form this determination: "If man has done it I can." But some may think that we cannot attain to this perfection.

We feel ourselves at liberty to take exceptions to some sayings of men. Men have not always been correct. The terms God and the Devil are not exactly what mankind have always thought they were. The terms are traditional and somewhat misleading. We would do wisely to stop and think for ourselves. Let us put our hand directly in God's hand and he will lead us safely through life. We would then be living monuments of his love. Others may see and feel the impress of his love in us. Let us put our hands afresh to the Lord's plow and turn or look not back to past circumstances, for that unfits us for duty.

The purpose of Jesus Christ was to enable man to keep himself in Heaven and to keep hell out of him. We will be able to cultivate this seed of the kingdom in our hearts till it comes to be the tallest tree in the garden, able to shelter and protect the human qualities that may seek shelter in it.

Some think that salvation depends on subscribing to certain doctrines, or on performing some ceremony or rite, but it is simply being true to the dictates of best wisdom in our own souls.

The world needs your work and mine, and none feel more unworthy than the brother who stands before you. I fear there would not have been a sufficient hedge thrown around me to have kept me where I should be if I had not been called into the ministry. You see it was necessary for my self preservation. At the first I hesitated and the voice said, "If thou speakest not when I would have thee to speak, how canst thou expect the power of speech when thou wantest to speak?"

And so I stand before my brother man to-day, pleading that God may help you to banish all undue reasoning

and be enabled to do his requirements, which are your reasonable duty. Our lives and this world were given us, and they are just what we make of them. Let us make life a success and this earth a heaven. By obedience we become true legal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, and the best robes in the Father's house will be for you and for me, not only when we pass beyond this stage but even while here. And these best robes are righteousness, godliness and goodness. Instead of believing that we are saved by the death of Jesus we ought rather to think that we are benefitted by his life. Our prayer should be, "We thank thee, O God, that Jesus lived that we may not die." The glory that was before the world was never was crucified only as man crucifies it in his own soul.

Let us, as Friends, reflect this doctrine of the Inner Light throughout our lives. May we not be ashamed of it, as was one of old of his master, lest we, too, be found weeping bitterly. God will not demand of us any unreasonable requirement, and he will abundantly and richly compensate us for every sacrifice. If there was no *hereafter* there is sufficient compensation, even in this life. But there is no *if* about it. God has given us an immortal nature that has brought the stamp of heaven and of eternity along with it, and it gives us a foretaste of the enjoyments that are in store for us.

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