

Those, therefore, who, whenever they announced the glad tidings of salvation to lost sinners, led them by faith first to Jerusalem, and then assured them, on the authority of our Lord Messiah, that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name, to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem," were just the men to stand as heralds of the same faith, of the same transcendent facts. And the audiences who hung with so much delight on the lips of such proclaimers were just the brotherhood to contribute intelligently to carry forward energetically a work so praiseworthy, grand, and glorious. Appeals have been made to them in vain. We would have them, therefore, not only kept informed on the subject, but constantly reminded of the necessity of greater exertions to keep the mission in a healthy and vigorous condition.

But if the *condition* of the brotherhood; the *unity* of sentiment, on a great radical principle; the constant practice of every herald of truth, in fixing attention on the doctrine first announced at Jerusalem; the church in that city the *model* one; and the disciples generally finding in their hearts a chord that always felt the *charm* of these considerations—if, we repeat, all these circumstances were favorable for a missionary effort from that long consecrated spot, how much more fortunate—nay, how much more providential—that such a brother as Dr. Barclay—with a companion and family, all devoted to the service of the Lord, and anxious to engage in the same work—should just at that time be found ready and willing to forego all the comforts, ease, and undue luxuries of a delightful home, and consequently to meet our enterprise! Certainly in all these things we can trace the hand of wisdom infinite. This, then, must be, to all the brotherhood, a favorite mission—one in which every disciple must not only feel an interest, but take a part.

We must again call attention, to another favorite omen of good in this sacred effort. For years before anything was said or done in view of foreign missionary effort, it was, with many of us, a favorite thought, if not a cherished idea, that in order to missionary success, instead of sending an isolated man among pagans and false religionists, a christian family or community should take up their abode with them, that thus the believers in all the relative conditions of life might exemplify the excellencies of christianity. It was, by those who cherished this view of the subject, thought that could the most benighted see christians conducting in the relation of husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, and as members of the congregation of the Lord, constantly showing forth the sacrificial death of God's own Son, and walking constantly in the fear of Jehovah, that the most stupid would see the practical nature of Christianity, would understand its design, and behold it strongly contrasting with all *their* ideas of religion, and thus lead to the truth, to Jesus, and to Heaven.

In brother Barclay's family we see all this. Parents between the ages of *forty and fifty*; beyond the age of mere courage and energy without judgment and discrimination, and below that time when too great cautiousness and fear too often places the good old man only in