

petition that they may go forth in the power of the Spirit, and may be "as workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Nor imagine that it is for our own sakes that we make this demand. We have spoken of ministerial seals: what are these seals but your souls? The question for your own hearts is,—Am I yet sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise? Am I among the sealed ones of God? Until their number be completed, the voice from heaven withholds the destroying angels saying, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." May God include us all in this happy number, while time and opportunity are yet vouchsafed: that when minister and people stand before the throne, "we may be your rejoicing, even as ye also shall be our's, in the day of the Lord Jesus."