

to see multitudes turning to the Lord while prayer is silent? We are surrounded with objects of sympathy in the same congregations where we worship, in the pews where we sit, in the towns or cities where we dwell, are those who are unenlightened—unsaved. Their salvation is not an impossibility. God's power is able to reach the utmost case. We go not forth as a forlorn hope, like the Patagonian Missionaries, who a few years since were starved to death on a desolate and inhospitable shore; but are called to action and to prayer amid the excitement and flush of victory, in a year when the churches of a neighboring land count two hundred thousand sons and daughters born from on high. Let us plead with God that He be not a stranger in the land.

Power with man. The living action of a living church will have power with men. It is a mistake to leave the work of saving souls to official hands. All God's people are priests: they have holy garments to wear, and holy work to do. Of means towards a revival, we confess that we have great faith in united, prayerful, and persevering effort on the part of all the children of God. A review of how much we owe to our Lord will convince that we should be earnest and bold in his cause—not ashamed to speak for him—ready to seize the convenient opportunity of affectionately urging his claims—and watching for moments when the heaven-sent message may fall like healing balm into the smitten heart. When it is meat and drink to do the will of our Father in heaven, effort to do good will not be lacking. Nor can the professing Christian shut himself out from a sphere of influence, even if he would. He is compassed with a cloud of witnesses. Many who never read their Bibles read the lives of church members. Circles of influence are ever widening around them. Mere talk is at a discount with the world as well as with God. The life is the test of consistency—the life in the marketplace, the life in the family, along with the life in the church. Build as you may the outer walls of a temple, if it is occupied by a devil, it is no house of God. Profession is belied, if the rites of mammon engage the life. Faith may be orthodox, but if it is petrified to a stone—without heart—it is dead—being alone. A religion that has no hold on the lives of its professors, fails to have power with men. On the other hand, a holy energy centres in consistency. See this illustrated in the life of Jesus. That power has come down through these long centuries. We have the recent testimony of the author of “the purgatory of suicides,” that in the darkest hour of his scepticism, he never ceased to admire the character of Christ. The follower of Jesus has power with man in proportion to his likeness to his Master. Those who are earnest then to spread the honour of Christ, in promoting a revival of vital godliness, must obtain the confidence of their fellow men; and by ceaseless activities in all the fields of Christian usefulness, strive to bring them to the cross of Christ.

“A world is perishing;

And can it be that we who have the means
Which God hath blessed in every age to save,
Shall let it die? Awake ye men of God!

Be true to Christ, be gracious to your race.”