

are more ready to admit this comparative lack of results than many dear spiritual ministers. They say, when talking with us behind the scenes—"Yes, it is a sad fact. I think I preach the truth. I pray about it. I am anxious for results, but alas! alas! the conversions are but few and far between." And then, not only are those conversions few, but in the mass of instances superficial—we should expect from such a putting of the truth as that we have been reading about, numerous and continual turnings to the Lord as in those days—we should expect men coming out openly from sin and from God-dishonoring courses, businesses, and professions—coming out from fashionable and worldly circles, abjuring the world, and literally and absolutely following the Christ as in those days. That is what we have a right to expect, and yet how comparatively rare they are, so that when people do this, there is quite a commotion, and it is talked about all over the land. Now I say this is universally admitted, and it behooves us to ask before God and with an earnest heart-yearning, desiring to improve this state of things. *Where is the lack, what is the want?*

Now note, secondly, this want is not the truth. Oh! what a great deal of talk we have about the truth, and not any too much. I would not yield to any man or woman in this audience in my love for this Bible. I love this Word, and regard it as the standard of all faith and practice, and our guide to live by; but it is not enough of itself. The *great want* is not the truth, for you see facts