

third manifest amidst the surrounding darkness. Gideon's men blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers (vii. 19), and the light shone out all about them. It is the same with real witnesses: "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake;" it is God Himself who takes care to break the vessels, "that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" (2 Cor. iv. 11). It does not say: the life of *Christ*, but that of *Jesus*, the life of that Man whose path through this world was one of holiness. We are called to represent down here *the Man Jesus, walking as He walked* (1 John ii. 6), and it is in that that our testimony consists.

There is not a single Christian in the world who cannot be the bearer of these three elements of testimony for God. How is it then that so few are found? It is because these three principles that God requires are lacking. The trumpet must be sounded, the pitchers must be broken, the lamp must not be put under a bushel. Are we taking our ease down here, having all we need in the world, loved and respected of men; have we never had any of the apostle's experiences, tribulations, perplexities, persecution, cast down? Ah! if not, we are wretched for we have nothing. God has not accounted us worthy to bear a single ray of the light of Christ before the world. Happy those who are broken! "Blessed . . . blessed," as the Lord said in Matt. v., adding: "Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven."