

priests don't sometimes go mad with the burdens laid upon you." And yet out of the loneliness we hear a cry that helps and stimulates. "Ye have left me alone, and yet I am not alone for the Father is with me." Christ knew the solitariness of the priesthood. But He also knew the source of strength. It was the continual sense of the Father's presence, the frequent communions with the Unseen God that kept Him strong through all the hours of His loneliness.

And what shall be the secret of the priest's power, but the promise of the Christ, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world?" If it were not for that assurance, how often he would fail! For there are many, many times when he must do battle alone, "and of the people there are none with him." There are dangers which threaten and he alone realizes them; there are grievous sins rampant and he alone has the courage to speak out. My friends, there is a lonely watchman upon the walls of this city just now who is crying out his warning as he sees the giantess of impurity stretching forth her filthy, slimy hands and laying them upon some of our homes, and it is surely the people's duty to hear that cry and heed it.

But the watchman is not only alone, he also stands in a position of prominence. All the eyes in the city are upon him. The live-long day his figure marks the sky. There are those who look to him for protection; there are those upon the plain who dread his vigilance and eagerly watch for any moment of relaxation in his duty. His very position invites criticism. Isn't all this true with regard to the spiritual watchman? He is always in the light. Every movement is watched and the slightest dereliction of duty is censured. Ofttimes the priest is inclined to resent the censure and the adverse criticism, but it is all involved in the prominence of his office. There