

that strong one who is to be driven from his usurped possession. But it is a high privilege to which we are called, when it is given to us not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake. He will uphold those who submit to his authority, and faithfully follow out the instructions of his Word; and, notwithstanding the opposition that he meets with, he shall bring forth judgment unto victory—he shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.

But, Fathers and Brethren, we have also to remember the responsibility under which we act. They especially must be holy who bear the vessels of the sanctuary—who would take part in the management of the affairs of Christ's house. His zeal of God's house is not less now than when he drove out the buyers and sellers from the temple at Jerusalem; or when his anger burned against Nadab and Abihu, who presumed to burn the incense of the sanctuary with strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. Let us in the first place take heed to ourselves, and then we shall enjoy God's blessing in taking heed to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood.

And do you, my friends, a portion of the flock thus committed to our care, also keep in view the object of a Church organization. It is for the edifying of the body of Christ. Be not satisfied with any thing short of a personal interest in the Saviour. Let your prayers ascend for spiritual blessings in behalf of yourselves, your pastors, and the whole flock; and thus striving together, speaking the truth in love, we shall "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."